



## Elk Township - Lake County, Michigan

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### ELK TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

October 13, 2020

Lou Fitz, Supervisor, called the meeting to order @ 7:00pm

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance, led by L. Fitz

Roll call, officials present: Lou Fitz, Supervisor; Karen Fickies, Clerk; Brandy Myers, Treasurer; Dave Bass, Trustee; Jack Hankiewicz, Trustee. Citizens in attendance, 8

Agenda Revisions: No revisions. D. Bass-motion to approve agenda as written. J. Hankiewicz-seconded; motion carried 5-0-0

Minute's approval- L. Fitz-motion to approve September 9, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes as printed; K. Fickies- seconded; motion carried 5-0-0

#### Board Member Reports:

L. Fitz, Supervisor

- Make sure to get out and VOTE

K. Fickies, Clerk

- Non Periodicals –None
- Request Board approval on bills paid in September 2020. L. Fitz-motion to approve payments D. Bass-seconded; motion carried 5-0-0
- Hall leases, Monday Exercise, Wednesday Crafters
- Correspondence – None
- MTA update on MDHHS emergency order reinstating face covering mandate and gathering limits.
- November election- appointment of Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law as Poll Challengers for Lake County, possibility of them coming to Elk Township to ensure that the voters' franchise is protected and there are no barriers to disenfranchise voters. Voting straight ticket and options

B. Myers, Treasurer

- Read Treasurer's report for September. K. Fickies-motion to accept Treasurer's report as printed. Bass-seconded; motion carried 5-0-0. Tax payments for July and August 937, for September 861

D. Bass, Trustee

- No report

J. Hankiewicz, Trustee

- No Report

#### Public Comments:

- Clyde Welford, Candidate for Lake County Road Commission
- Floyd Brown, Candidate for Lake County Prosecutor as write in Candidate

#### Dignitary Reports:

- County Commissioner-Don Arquette gave report (on file).



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- Sheriff-Sheriff Rich Martin – 7 ORV crashes, Attempted murder, murder investigation still ongoing, citizen's complaints, drug problem and new program

to address this issue

- Fire Board- L. Fitz read report September 26 runs report (on file)
- SEEJBA Board-Jack Puff to report under New Business
- Road Commissioner – Jessica LaPointe reported on local road program and funds available for use on local road improvements
- Assessor-L. Fitz read report (on file)
- Ordinance Enforcement Officer – Joyce Durdel, two complaints are in last stage of warning before legal action is taken. Four additional complaints forthcoming. Barn on Bass Lake Rd., Building Dept. has given another extension thru April 2021 (on file)
- Big Bass Lake SAD-D. Bass and lake association working with PLM on new 7 year plan for SAD
- Harper Lake SAD – No report
- Road Committee-No report
- Cemetery Committee-Boy Scouts will be removing flags after Veterans Day. J. Hankiewicz to manage winterization water system.
- Emergency Management-No report

### Old Business:

- Security System – 2 new incidents of spinouts in parking lot. Agreed to keep motion postponed until April 2021
- BBL SAD – Received e-mail from MTA legal counsel regarding SAD on property owned by Bass Lake Association asking for exemption of payment. No specific exemption under the law for the association. D. Bass will notify Lisa Adams, President of association of decision, and to pay the \$132 SAD fee.

### New Business:

- Monday Exercise class has requested use of hall for Monday and Thursday evenings. The original Hall Lease agreement was signed January 16, 2015 by a resident that no longer lives in the township. Therefore a new agreement needs to be made and signed by a resident. Discussion regarding if the instructor is charging participants for instruction, therefore it is in question as to if he is running a business using the hall's facilities at no reimbursement to township. Legal advice is needed to determine if it is legal to run a "business" out of a Township facility. L. Fitz will contact MTA. L. Fitz-motion to postpone action until legal opinion is received, B. Myers-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0
- Received request from Lake Co. Equalization to authorize Lake Co. Equalization Director, Casey Guthrie as "Designated Assessor" as required by State of Michigan in the event a township assessor is found to be out of compliance after an AMAR Audit. L. Fitz-motion to authorize L. Fitz to sign required documents, K. Fickies-seconded, Roll Call Vote: D. Bass, yes; J. Hankiewicz, yes, B. Myers, yes; K. Fickies, yes; L. Fitz, yes. motion carried 5-0-0
- Jack Puff, SEEFDJBA read time line for construction of new Central Fire Station starting December 31, 2020 with construction starting about May 1, 2021. J. Puff then requested a loan from Elk Township in the amount of \$29,000 to start moving forward. Additional loan requests will be requested from Eden Township in the amount of \$9,700 and Sauble Township in the amount of \$11,300. Amounts are based



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on Taxable Value of Townships. The loan will be secured by a Promissory Note.

L. Fitz-motion to approve a loan of \$29,000 to SEFDJBA, secured by a

Promissory Note, using funds from the West Shore Bank Money Market in the amount of \$27,639.33 with the balance from the General Funds, B. Myers-seconded. Roll Call Vote: L. Fitz, yes; B. Myers, yes; K. Fickies, yes; J. Hankiewicz, yes; D. Bass, yes. Motion carried 5-0-0.

- Fall Cleanup of Township Hall and Cemetery. Bob Meyers is working on quote on cost. B. Myers-motion to authorize L. Fitz to sign contract with Bob Meyers for fall clean up not to exceed \$700, K. Fickies-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0

### Public Comment:

- Joyce Durdel, commented on loan agreement, exercise class, and video surveillance

B. Myers-motion to adjourn; L. Fitz-seconded; motion carried 5-0-0.

Adjourned @ 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Fickies, Clerk

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