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### ELK TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

November 10, 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 (on conference call), Treasurer; Dave Bass, Trustee, Jack Hankiewicz, Trustee. Citizens in attendance, 9

Agenda Revisions: Old Business: Fall Clean up Invoice, New Business: PLM 2021 Contract, Thrun Law Joint Representation Waiver & Consent. K. Fickies-motion to approve agenda as revised, J. Hankiewicz-seconded; motion carried 5-0-0

Minute's approval- L. Fitz-motion to approve October 13, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes as printed; D. Bass - seconded; motion carried 5-0-0

Board Member Reports:

L. Fitz, Supervisor

- Fall Clean Up contract – deferred to Old Business

K. Fickies, Clerk

- Non Periodicals –Lake Co. Treasurer – Charge back for 2019 taxes - \$529.38
- Budget Amendment request - \$100 from General Account into 101-275-804, taxpayers charge back. L. Fitz-motion to approve budget amendment, D. Bass-second. Roll call vote: L. Fitz, yes; B. Myers, yes; D. Bass, yes; J. Hankiewicz, yes; K. Fickies, yes. Motion carried 5-0-0
- Request Board approval on bills paid in October 2020. L. Fitz-motion to approve payments J. Hankiewicz-seconded; Roll call vote: D. Bass, yes; B. Myers, yes; J. Hankiewicz, yes; K. Fickies, yes; L. Fitz, yes. Motion carried 5-0-0
- Hall leases, Monday Exercise, Wednesday Crafters, LMWCC 12/6. SEEJBA 12/1
- Correspondence – Luther Newsletter, Conservation Resource Alliance newsletter
- Election results. 938 registered voters, 702 in-person and AV voters, 74.84% voter turnout. L. Fitz, B. Myers, K. Fickies, D. Bass, and J. Hankiewicz all were re-elected.

B. Myers, Treasurer

- Read Treasurer's report for October. L. Fitz read report. K. Fickies-motion to accept Treasurer's report as printed. Bass-seconded; motion carried 5-0-0.

D. Bass, Trustee

- No report

J. Hankiewicz, Trustee

- No Report

Public Comments:

- None

Dignitary Reports:



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- County Commissioner-Don Arquette gave report (on file).
- Sheriff-Sheriff Rich Martin – No report. Summary of calls (on file)
- Fire Board- Gary Nugent read report October 13 runs report (on file)
- SEEJBA Board-Jack Puff read report. Due to legal involvement, Elk Township is not going to “Loan” the JBA the \$29,000, but will make direct payments to the Architect. L. Fitz-motion to rescind October 13, 2020 motion approved by board to “loan” JBA the monies, D. Bass-seconded, Roll call vote: K. Fickies, yes; B. Myers, yes; D. Bass, yes; L. Fitz, yes; J. Hankiewicz, yes. Motion carried 5-0-0
- Road Commissioner – No report
- Assessor-M. Beach gave report. Assessments will go up in 2021 5-6%. Veterans Exemptions new rules for July and December BOR. (on file). B. Myers requested data base to make sure everything is correct for the December taxes.
- Ordinance Enforcement Officer – Joyce Durdel, Three citations issued, filed with court.(on file)
- Big Bass Lake SAD-D. Deferred to Lisa Adams under New Business
- Harper Lake SAD – Kevin Storeberg, weed issues, Starry Stonewart prevalent to the north of the boat ramp.
- Road Committee-No report
- Cemetery Committee-J. Hankiewicz flags will be picked up after Veterans Day, water lines blown out, fall clean up completed, large oak tree has been trimmed
- Emergency Management-No report Storm warning for this evening sent

### Old Business:

- Security System – postponed until April 2021
- Exercise Class request – L. Fitz has been in touch with MTA about the use of the Hall for a business, it could pose a problem of Liability. D. Bass questioned the instructor, Jim Sonsmith, about the fee he charges. Jim Sonsmith will provide copy of his Liability insurance certificate and will no longer charge a fee for services, he will do this on a voluntary basis. He is still requesting the use of the Hall Monday and Thursday evenings from 6pm-7:30pm. L. Fitz-motion to provide resident Jim Sonsmith, use of hall for an Exercise class Mondays and Thursdays from 6pm to 7:30pm on voluntary basis at no charge to participants, as agreed, D. Bass-seconded. Roll call Vote: B. Myers, yes; K. Fickies, yes; D. Bass, yes; J. Hankiewicz, yes; L. Fitz, yes. Motion carried 5-0-0. Sonsmith will sign a new lease agreement.

### New Business:

- Fall Cleanup of Township Hall and Cemetery. At the October meeting the Board approved the cleanup cost not to exceed \$700. It took longer than expected and the contractor wanted to know if we would agree to increase the amount to \$1,000 (an increase of \$300). K. Fickies-motion to pay \$1,000 to Bob Meyers for the Fall Cleanup, L. Fitz-seconded. Discussion: Would B. Meyers be willing to compromise on the additional amount? L. Fitz will contact and ask. K. Fickies-rescind original motion to pay \$1,000, L. Fitz-rescind second. Motion carried 5-0-0. K. Fickies-motion to postpone action on payment of bill until December meeting, D. Bass-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0.
- Notice from Lake Co. Clerk regarding the upcoming ORV Ordinance Hearing in February 2021. Discussion about issues with ORV. Problem is that Law Enforcement does not have manpower to



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enforce rules and laws. The Board is not asking at this time to close our roads. L. Fitz will write letter to the Clerk's office stating that we wish to have more Law Enforcement involvement.

- Brine Program 2021 Agreement to brine all roads except those highlighted in pink on attached maps. Agreement subject to the approval of the Board when cost estimates are available. D. Bass-motion to sending Agreement on to LCRC as printed, J. Hankiewicz-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0
- Notice from Lake Co. Treasurer property for Right of First refusal to purchase. L. Fitz-motion that Township is not interested in purchasing any property on the list, D. Bass-seconded, Roll call vote: L. Fitz, yes; B. Myers, yes; K. Fickies, yes; D. Bass, yes; J. Hankiewicz, yes. Motion carried 5-0-0
- Notice from Lake Co. Road Commission Local Roads Policy. No action required.
- Resolution #2020-03: A resolution to display the intent of the Elk Township Board to create a special assessment district for lakefront property owner of Big Bass Lake as requested by the Big Bass-Little Bass Lake Association. L. Fitz read resolution. D. Bass-motion to adopt resolution as printed, J. Hankiewicz-seconded. Roll call vote: L. Fitz, yes; K. Fickies, yes; B. Myers, yes; J. Hankiewicz, yes; D. Bass, yes. Resolution adopted 5-0-0
- Oath of Office since the current board was re-elected, the Oath of Office will be done at the December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Website management. Agreed that Joyce Durdel and Karen Fickies will coordinate and continue to upload information to the website through Jackpine.
- PLM Contract. Lisa Adams explained the changes to the contract for 2021. Three (3) other plans at the same cost of \$28,000. L. Fitz-motion to approve 2021 contract between PLM Lake & Land Management Corp. and Elk Township (BBLSD) for \$28,000, D. Bass-seconded. Roll call vote: K. Fickies, yes; L. Fitz, yes; B. Myers, yes; J. Hankiewicz, yes; D. Bass, yes. Motion carried 5-0-0
- Thrun Law – Joint Representation Waiver and Consent. L. Fitz-motion to approve Waiver and Consent of conflict of Interest between Elk Township and SEEJBA, D. Bass-second. Roll call vote: J. Hankiewicz, yes; B. Myers, yes; K. Fickies, yes; D. Bass, yes; L. Fitz, yes. Motion carried 5-0-0. L. Fitz will sign for Elk Township. Request that we get a completed signed form when signatures are completed.

### Public Comment:

- Kevin Storeberg commented on Fall clean up and costs
- Joyce Durdel reported that the LMWCC Little Manistee River Master Plan has been approved by the State of Michigan and Federal agency.

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

Adjourned @ 8:29 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Fickies, Clerk

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