



## Elk Township - Lake County, Michigan

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### ELK TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

December 8, 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 (4), on Conference call (3)

Agenda Revisions: Supervisor Report: Christmas Decorations, LCRC Parking Lot. Old Business: Oath of Office. D. Bass-motion to approve agenda as revised, B. Myers-seconded; motion carried 5-0-0

Minute's approval- K. Fickies-motion to approve November 10, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes as printed; J. Hankiewicz- seconded; motion carried 5-0-0

#### Board Member Reports:

##### L. Fitz, Supervisor

- Letter to Lake Co. Clerk regarding ORV use and use of roads. L. Fitz read letter sent
- Christmas Decorations in Hall done by Sharon Puff, Hall looks very festive, thanks to Sharon
- Parking lot damage done again, L. Fitz called Leroy Williams from LCRC and they sent a driver to smooth out damage. Payment for doing so is paid by monies collected from sale of the ORV permits.

##### K. Fickies, Clerk

- Non Periodicals –Irons Tree Service, \$500 for tree trimming at Cemetery.
- Request to approve bills paid in November, L. Fitz-motion to approve as printed, D. Bass-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0
- Hall leases, Monday Exercise, Wednesday Crafters, these have been suspended at this time. Board of Review, December 15<sup>th</sup> 12-3PM
- Correspondence – Note from Bruce & Linda Shepherd to clerk for help with Registration for November election, Luther Newsletter, Lake Co. Emergency Management Newsletter

##### B. Myers, Treasurer

- Treasurer's report for November. L. Fitz-motion to accept Treasurer's report as printed. D. Bass-seconded; motion carried 5-0-0.
- Brandy and Karen will set up time to go to West Shore Bank to close out Money Market account to be transferred to General Account for loan to SEEJBA bills. If not able to get there prior to 1<sup>st</sup> bill due from architect Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>, money will come out of General Account until money can be transferred.
- B. Myers reported on problems with getting correct information for Winter 2020 taxes. She is requesting Don Arquette, County Commissioner to inquire about the problems at their meeting tomorrow to see what can be done to eliminate this issue, and report back to us in January.

##### D. Bass, Trustee

- Thank you to the Board for what they have done during this rough years, tremendous job, much appreciated.



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J. Hankiewicz, Trustee

- No Report

### Public Comments:

- Mary Nugent, Supervisor for Sauble Township (on call) they experienced same issues with 2020 Winter Taxes as well, requested Co. Commissioner also include Sauble Township in his conversation at meeting tomorrow

### Dignitary Reports:

- County Commissioner-Don Arquette gave report (on file).
- Sheriff-Sheriff Rich Martin – No report. Summary of calls (on file)
- Fire Board- Gary Nugent (on call) report November 26 runs report (on file)
- SEEJBA Board-L. Fitz read report. (on file)
- Road Commissioner – No report
- Assessor-L. Fitz referred to report
- Ordinance Enforcement Officer – Joyce Durdel, Proceeding with citations. (on file)
- Big Bass Lake SAD-D. Bass reported the Bass Lake Association board met to discuss the PLM contract . They would like to continue the \$132.00 per parcel assessment amount for the new SAD, would also like to go with a seven (7) year contract. L. Fitz asked D. Bass if he would have the Bass Lake Association prepare an official letter requesting the SAD amount to be \$132 per parcel for the new SAD. D. Bass will do so.
- Harper Lake SAD – Kevin Storeberg, reported on the water quality testing report, weed issues, Starry Stonewart prevalent to the north of the boat ramp. It was suggested that buoys be placed by that area to keep boaters from spreading weeds. D. Bass stated that buoys need to be approved by EGLE
- Road Committee-No report
- Cemetery Committee-J. Hankiewicz everything is done for winter
- Emergency Management-No report

### Old Business:

- Security System – postponed until April 2021
- Fall clean up bill \$850 as negotiated from \$1000. K. Fickies-motion to approve bill, J. Hankiewicz-seconded, discussion: regarding vendors quoting amounts and billing for additional, not acceptable, motion carried 4-1-0. It was strongly suggested that we go out for bids on all contracts next year.
- Oath of Office: K. Fickies, Clerk swore in L. Fitz as Supervisor. L. Fitz swore in Brandy Myers, Treasurer; K. Fickies, Clerk; D. Bass, Trustee; J. Hankiewicz, Trustee; Joyce Durdel, Deputy Clerk; Sharon Puff, Deputy Treasurer. Oaths were signed for filing. L. Fitz will swear in the Board of Review members at their meeting December 15, 2020

### New Business:

- Irons Tree Service \$500 for tree trimming of Oak tree at Cemetery. K. Fickies-motion to pay bill, B. Myers-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0. There are several dead trees that need to be removed, J. Hankiewicz will identify trees so we can get a quote for removal.
- JBA Loan Agreement- L. Fitz read resolution prepared by Thrun Law for the SEEJBA agreeing to make payments to the Architects prior to Bonds being issued and that the SEEJBA will repay the Townships



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for the expenses from the proceeds of the Bonds, if and when issued. L. Fitz-motion to approve resolution to enter into what this resolution explains as read,

B. Myers-seconded, discussion: D. Bass we need to understand that we are entering into an unsecured loan. Roll call vote: J. Hankiewicz, yes; B. Myers, yes; D. Bass, yes; L. Fitz, yes; K. Fickies, yes.

Resolution adopted 5-0-0

- L. Fitz summarized Confidential Attorney-Client Privileged Communication regarding Proposed Fire Station Reimbursement Agreement for Sauble, Elk, Eden Township, SEEJBA, and Thrun Law.
- L. Fitz summarized Fire Station Reimbursement Agreement that the SEEJBA agrees to reimburse the townships for funds paid when Bonds issued. If SEEJBA does not issue the Bonds it will not have funds to satisfy the obligations in Paragraph 2, and the township's will not seek repayment of the funds from the SEEJBA. Exhibit A- We will received a Invoicel from Architect in the amount of \$11,600 on 12/25/2020, \$5,800 on 1/25/2021, 2/25/2021 and 3/25/2021. L. Fitz-motion to approve the Fire Station Reimbursement Agreement by roll call vote, B. Myers- seconded, discussion: D. Bass asked if the other townships have signed. Eden has signed, Sauble will sign at their next meeting. Roll call vote: L.. Fitz, yes; B. Myers, yes; D. Bass, yes; J. Hankiewicz, yes; K. Fickies, yes. Motion carried 5-0-0.
- L. Fitz-motion to provide a \$500 stipend for the clerk for extra hours during elections this year due to additional AV Ballots. There is money in the budget for this stipend. B. Myers-seconded, discussion: D. Bass, need to have line item to deal with unexpected expenses, B. Myers, issue from 4 years ago. Roll call vote: L. Fitz, yes; B. Myers, yes; D. Bass, yes; J. Hankiewicz, yes; K. Fickies, abstained. Motion carried 4-0-1
- Lake County Road Commission Brine agreement. The new cost will be \$9,901.33, an increase of \$2,041.86. Discussion about cost and if County could take over the application of brine. K. Fickies-motion to authorize L. Fitz to sign agreement with note under Special Instruction, D. Bass-seconded. Roll call vote: D. Bass, yes; J. Hankiewicz, yes; B. Myers, yes; L. Fitz, yes; K. Fickies, yes. Motion carried 5-0-0
- Big Bass Little Bass Lake/PLM Contract for New SAD. L. Fitz-motion to recognize PLM Land Management Corp. contract dated November 18, 2020 has been received by the board and will be acted upon in the future when we get to phase 4 of the new SAD process, K. Fickies-seconded, discussion: D. Bass it is important that PLM be part of the discussion at that meeting when we dicuss this topic. Motion carried 5-0-0
- Letter from Al's Aerial Spraying for Gypsy Moths. L. Fitz summarized letter and call to owner of company on cost, etc. Also letter from Joyce McDonald regarding other options for Gypsy Moths. It was agreed that we will not cover these costs. We will put out the word of availability
- Board of Review appointment. Cindy Comstock-Pudvay-Chair, Joyce Durdel-Vice Chair, Shelly Myers-member, Jackie McKellar-alternate member, Joann Kucera-alternate member. L. Fitz-motion to approve appointments as printed, B. Myers-seconded. Roll call vote: L. Fitz, yes; B. Myers, yes; D. Bass, yes; J. Hankiewicz, yes; K. Fickies, yes. Motion carried 5-0-0. Board of Review members will be sworn in Tuesday, December 15, 2020. Every two years all members will attend class, this will need to be address in the future.
- K. Fickies-motion to approve payment for Joann Kucera for attending 12/15/2020 meeting to observe as she has not attended training as yet, B. Myers-second, motion carried 5-0-0
- Year to Date Actuals though November 30, 2020 reviewed



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- L. Fitz-motion to approve Clerk to purchase new printer not to exceed \$200, B. Myers-second, Roll call vote: L. Fitz, yes; B. Myers, yes; K. Fickies, yes; D. Bass, yes; J. Hankiewicz, yes; Motion carried 5-0-0

### Public Comment:

- Joyce Durdel regarding aerial spraying, and stipend for clerk
- Kevin Storeberg regarding aerial spraying

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

Adjourned @ 8:56 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Fickies, Clerk  
December 8, 2020