



## Elk Township - Lake County, Michigan

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### ELK TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

February 9,, 2021

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 (2, on Conference call (2)

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

Minute's approval- K. Fickies-motion to approve January 12, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes as printed; B. Myers- seconded; motion carried 5-0-0

#### Board Member Reports:

##### L. Fitz, Supervisor

- ORV meeting January 28, 2021, reported that there are funds from the sale of ORV permits in the amount of approximately \$38,000 that could be used for additional ORV patrolling.
- Working on a letter to Equalization Dept. regarding the issues with preparing the taxes in 2020

##### K. Fickies, Clerk

- Non Periodicals –Nordland and Assoc. for Soil Boring for the SEEFD site \$2,175, previously approved for payment, no action necessary. Pioneer Group ad for Notice to Bidders, \$162, previously approved, no action necessary.
- Budget Amendment request - \$100 from General Funds to 101-336-800, Fire Dept. Extra K. Fickies-motion to approve Budget Amendment, D. Bass-seconded.. Motion carried 4-1-0
- Budget Amendment request - \$200 from General Funds to 101-171-900 Board Printing and Publishing. L. Fitz-motion to approve Budget Amendment, B. Myers-second. Motion carried 5-0-0
- Hall leases, Monday & Thursday Exercise classes have resumed. SEEJBA , Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm, and Monday, February 15, 2021 for award of Bid
- Printer for Clerk previously approved up to \$200. Purchase used 3 months HP OfficeJetPro all in one printer from Jack Fickies for \$75. D. Bass-motion to purchase printer, J. Hankiewicz-seconded, Motion carried 5-0-0
- Request to approve bills paid in January, 2021 B. Myers-motion to approve as printed, D. Bass-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0
- Request to approve Speciality Account bills paid in January 2021 L. Fitz-motion to approve as printed, B. Myers-seconded, Motion carried 5-0-0

##### B. Myers, Treasurer

- Treasurer's report for January 2021. K. Fickies-motion to accept Treasurer's report as printed. J. Hankiewicz-seconded; motion carried 5-0-0.
- Reported that KCI will no longer be combining Eden and Elk Township billing due to complications.



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D. Bass, Trustee

- Received information regarding weekly curbside trash pickup/monthly large item pickup from all three companies. He will present information after the March meeting.

J. Hankiewicz, Trustee

- No Report

Public Comments:

- None

Dignitary Reports:

- County Commissioner-Don Arquette, Parks and Recreation is working on building an ORV training facility on property across from the VFW on M-37 and is requesting a letter of support from Elk Township. L. Fitz will prepare this and have it for the March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. D. Bass-motion to authorize L. Fitz to prepare letter, K. Fickies-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0
- Sheriff-Sheriff report (on file)
- Fire Board- report was delivered to Clerk 2-11-2021, 14 runs (on file)
- SEEJBA Board-L. Fitz read report, Bids will be awarded Monday, February 15, 2021
- Road Commissioner – No report. D. Bass commented that the Road Commission has been doing an outstanding job this winter, it was the consensus of the board. L. Fitz will prepare a letter of appreciation to the Road Commission
- Assessor-L. Fitz read report (on file)
- Ordinance Enforcement Officer – Joyce Durdel, formal court hearing on case (on file)
- Big Bass Lake SAD-D. Bass No report, Elk Township has been incredibly transparent
- Harper Lake SAD-No report
- Road Committee-No report
- Cemetery Committee-J. Hankiewicz – No report
- Emergency Management-No report

Old Business:

- Security System – postponed until April 2021. L. Fitz checked out the Sky Point camera that D. Bass suggested, and the resolution on the one Jack Puff has is not sufficient for our usage.
- Luther Library Little Free Library – L. Fitz has not heard anything as yet.

New Business:

- Year to Date Budget reviewed for General Fund, BBL SAD, Harper Lake SAD, and Road Fund. Budget Amendments have been approved to resolve any issues.
- First review of proposed 2021-2022 Budget reviewed. Suggest reducing Acct. # 101-336-800 Fire Dept Extra to \$400. Suggest we contact Sauble & Eden for additional funds to supplies. It was also suggested that Acct.# 101-528-808 be changed to read Garbage Collection/Large Item Collection,
- L. Fitz read Elk Township Excerpt from Minutes of a Regular Meetings of the Township Board and Resolution to create a new Special Assessment District for Big Bass Lake at a cost of \$32,000 per year L. Fitz-motion to approve order the plans ad estimates, D. Bass-seconded. Roll Call Vote: J. Hankiewicz, yes; B. Myers, yes; D. Bass, yes; L. Fitz, yes; K. Fickies, yes. Motion Carried 5-0-0. K. Fickies-motion to approve Resolution to set a Public Hearing to be held Saturday, April 17, 2021 at 2:00 pm at the



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Township Hall, D. Bass-seconded. Roll Call Vote: B. Myers, yes; L. Fitz, yes; D. Bass, yes; K. Fickies, yes; J. Hankiewicz, yes. Resolution Adopted 5-0-0. Notice

will be mailed to all property owners in said SAD and posted in a publication

- L. Fitz read Notice of Big Bass Lake Special Assessment Hearing; this will be published in a publication as well as mailed to all property owners in said SAD. It was suggested that we add the way to respond will be through United States Postal Service, email to clerk, or via Free Conference Call in number. L. Fitz-motion to approve Notice as revised, J. Hankiewicz-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0
- L. Fitz read Elk Township Resolution #2021-06 Carry forward poverty exemption. L. Fitz-motion to adopt resolution, B. Myers-seconded. Roll Call Vote: L. Fitz, yes, K. Fickies, yes; B. Myers, yes; D. Bass, yes; J. Hankiewicz, yes. Resolution adopted 5-0-0
- L. Fitz read Elk Township Resolution #2021-07, Adopt Poverty Exemption Guidelines and Asset Test. K. Fickies-motion to adopt resolution, B. Myers-seconded. Roll Call Vote: L. Fitz, yes; K. Fickies, yes; B. Myers, yes; D. Bass, yes; J. Hankiewicz, yes. Resolution adopted 5-0-0

### Public Comment:

- Brandy Myers has had request for hard copy of Winter/Spring Newsletter info. This information is now on the web page, but can be printed for distribution to anyone wishing it.

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

Adjourned @ 8:25pm

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Fickies, Clerk

February 9, 2021