



## Elk Township - Lake County, Michigan

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STATE OF THE TOWNSHIP ADDRESS  
ELK TOWNSHIP, LAKE COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
March 8, 2022

The members of your Township Board are, Officers Karen Fickies, Clerk; Brandy Myers, Treasurer; and I am Lou Fitz, your Supervisor. Your Trustees are Dave Bass and Jack Hankiewicz. We work together during all regular and special meetings of the Township to address the concerns of our residents. It is our job to carry out the role of government at a local level and we can do that because we are close enough to be accessed by our citizens on a regular basis. It is our goal to address your concerns fairly and to the best of our ability according the laws of our great state of Michigan.

Progress on planned goals and necessary business was very successful for the fiscal year April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022. The following items represent a number of the accomplishments your board achieved this year.

### 2021/2022 - Township Board Accomplishments/Actions:

1. The hall and grounds continue to be well-utilized for meetings by various groups such as the Little Manistee Watershed Conservation Council, Irons Area Watershed Partners, Harper and Cool Lake Associations, an exercise class, a town hall meeting with Scott VanSingle, Elk Twp. Board of Review, Lake Co. Township Officers Association, the Sauble-Elk-Eden Joint Building Authority, a few birthday and graduation parties, and more. As you may know, township residents, individuals or groups, may schedule this facility free of charge, by contacting the clerk to make those arrangements. A cleaning fee is held by the clerk and returned if the building is left in a clean and neat condition. Non-residents may also reserve the hall for a fee. It is a pleasure to see our residents make use of this comfortable space to get together. We continue to get many positive comments about our upgraded facility.

2. Reminder: Elk Township has a *Junk and Dilapidated Buildings Ordinance*. The intent of the ordinance is to pursue a safer, cleaner and more scenic place for all. The board has employed an Ordinance Enforcement Officer to achieve this goal. Legal counsel confirmed and approved the wording of the ordinance prior to this action. The Elk Township Board recommends that all resident become familiar with the contents of this ordinance. Copies are available at the Clerk's Office.
3. Sauble, Elk and Eden Townships Joint Building Authority (JBA) members are working on the central fire station for the S.E.E. Fire Department. Good progress is being made and we expect final completion to be achieved by June 1, 2022.
4. Along with our usual on-going and necessary maintenance of our township buildings, we added approximately 2.5 inches of asphalt to our township hall parking lot, a much needed improvement.
5. The re-work on Brooks Rd., Johnson Rd. and 9 Mile Rd. is complete. The township's portion of this project was approximately \$49,500 taken from the Road Fund.

**GOALS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR INCLUDE:**

1. Continue our work on a Township Policy and Procedure Manual in conjunction with updating a township business plan with goals and objectives for the next four years.
2. Additionally, Bass Lake Rd. from 12 Mile Rd. to the Bass Lake Access Site, is scheduled for resurfacing in 2022 by the Lake County Road Commission. The LCRC will also be asphaltting aprons on some of our gravel roads where they meet blacktop roads. With board approval, we will be adding about 4" of road gravel to about three miles of road.
3. The township board hopes to host a special summertime activity for the community at the Elk Township Park. Watch for date and time in the Lake Co. Star, Bulletin Board News and our township marquee.

4.

**- ANNUAL TRASH DAY -**

**WHEN: SATURDAY - JUNE 4, 2022 - 9:00 am to 12 Noon - WHERE: SKINNER PARK in IRONS**

**BRING YOUR TAX STATEMENT AS PROOF OF RESIDENCY-**

**NO LARGE LOADS ACCEPTED - HOUSEHOLD SIZE ONLY**

***Items Accepted: 1) SCRAP METAL 2) TIRES for a fee (to be determined)***

**3) AIR CONDITIONERS & REFRIGERATORS > Tagged 'Freon Removed' ! 4) TRASH**

**NO HAZARDOUS WASTE!**

**Take any hazardous waste to the Lake Co. Hazardous Waste Collection Day held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in October - 9 am - Noon, Wenger Pavilion in Baldwin.**

Some additional updates:

- Our Assessor is in the process of performing required onsite reassessments of all township properties. If you see Michael Beach or his associate, John Beach in your area, please be as cooperative as possible.
- In 2018, the township purchased a copy of computerized aerial photos of Elk Township residents' properties, from Lake Co. Equalization Dept. The aerial photos assist the assessor in doing an accurate and complete analysis of properties. The township also provides copies of the photos to residents for a minimal cost for printing. Contact the township clerk for information.

Lou Fitz,

Elk Township Supervisor