

## **Elk Rapids Township Regular Meeting Minutes, October 14, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Elk Rapids Township Board was held at the Elk Rapids Government Center located at 315 Bridge St., Elk Rapids. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Amos at 9:00 am. The meeting was recorded to provide accuracy.

**Present:** Supervisor Dorance Amos, Clerk Debbie Husband, Treasurer Kelly Jensen, Trustee Richard Hults and Trustee Matt Soper.

**Absent:** None

**Also Present:** Commissioner Hefferan, T. Morgan, 4 audience members signed in.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance.**
2. **Public Comments:** Public comment was made against the addendum to the purchase agreement to keep the Old Town Hall a public community building by Rob Ford.
3. **Approval of Meeting Agenda MOTION/S: Hults/Jensen** to approve the agenda as presented. All voting Yes. No 0. **MOTION APPROVED.**
4. **Consent Agenda:**
  - A. September 8, 2025 Meeting Minutes.
  - B. September 22, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes.
  - C. Zoning Report.
  - D. Treasurers Report.
  - E. Budget Adjustments.
  - F. Paying of the Bills.

**MOTION/S: Soper/Jensen** to Approve the consent agenda. **Roll call Vote:** Hults Yes, Soper Yes, Jensen Yes, Amos Yes, Husband Yes. **MOTION APPROVED.**

5. **Sheriff/Commissioner Report:** Sheriff Hoch gave update on calls and supported the ballot proposal for the new safety building. Commission Hefferan restated the amount of the proposal for \$18 million over 15 years will be paid out of current revenue, that no new taxes will be collected. He requested any positive or negative reviews of the medical examiner be brought to his attention.
6. **Ambulance MMR report:** No report was submitted; updates will occur at the next meeting.
7. **Fire Department:** Fire Chief Williamson gave his report of dispatches which includes the Charles St. structure fire. New truck will be ready for pickup on Friday October 17, 2025. New incident reporting system will be more effective in tracking training hours for the firemen. Antrim County Chiefs meeting included software and inspections items. The firehall will be open for Halloween as it has in the past.
8. **Old Town Hall Update:** Supervisor Amos expressed the addendum that was accepted by HERTHA at the closing was presented to preserve the building, just as the HERTHA Board petitioned the community for. It also supports the lesser amount of money that was accepted from the market value.
9. **Sewer Update:** North Bayshore privately funded sewer has been completed and several have been connected to the system. Soon, the overage of funds paid into the account by the property owners will be refunded once potential expenditures are evaluated. Jean Derenzy presented an opportunity of a large grant of the sewer to extend further into the South of the Township. It would be a 3-phase approach, the first being South Bayshore to 31 and down to the bay on Sunset Shores. The next area would be South Bayshore to Townline Road, and the final phase would be Elk Lake Road. This would include 197 potential connections, not including potential growth. The Township's Master Plan does support future growth in this area.

**MOTION/S:** Hults/Soper. To support Jean Derenzy to communicate grant opportunities for sewer extension to the Village Council for sewer expansion to accommodate future growth. **All Voting YES 0 NO.**  
**MOTION APPROVED.**

10. **Tax Collection Fee:** Treasurer Jensen presented the per parcel collection fee has been static for many years. With the increase of operating expenses, she feels an increase from \$2.50 to \$3.00 to the school for the collection of the summer taxes is warranted. **MOTION/S: Amos/ Husband.** To support the increase of charges to the Elk Rapids School District to \$3.00 per parcel for the collection of summer taxes.  
**Roll call Vote:** Soper Yes, Jensen Yes, Amos Yes, Husband Yes, Hults Yes. **MOTION APPROVED.**
11. **Cemetery Projects:** Survey for tree removal not to exceed \$10,000, and survey for marking access from Welch for watering purposes, and property boundries not to exceed \$1,400. **MOTION/S: Jensen/ Husband.** To move forward on survey and tree removal. **Roll call Vote:** Jensen Yes, Amos Yes, Husband Yes, Hults Yes, Soper Yes. **MOTION APPROVED.**
12. **Attorneys Report:** Attorney Morgan updated that the State Revenue sharing was preserved, however constitutional revenue sharing will be reduced by 6.2% which is approximately \$2,669 for our township.
13. **Township Board Announcements and Correspondence:** Supervisor Amos gave a brief explanation of the current Cairn Highway Road work that was to be completed this year. The Road Commissioner has expressed the project will be completed next spring and the current cost will be honored.

**Adjourned: 10:00 am.**

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Debbie Husband Elk Rapids Township Clerk, 231-264-9333

Meeting minutes are subject to approval at the next regular Board Meeting