

Elk Rapids Township Regular Meeting Minutes, April 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 and Trustee Richard Hults.

Absent: Trustee Matt Soper.

Also Present: Sheriff Hoch, Commissioner Hefferan, Chief Williamson, and 3 members signed in as audience.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Public Comments: None at this time.**
3. **Approval of Meeting Agenda: MOTION/S: Jensen/Hults** to approve the agenda as presented. **MOTION APPROVED.**
4. **Consent Agenda:**
 - A. March 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes
 - B. Zoning Report –March 2025
 - C. Treasurers Report
 - D. Paying of the Bills: General Fund- \$46,406.90 Fire Fund - \$67,348.40.

MOTION/S: Hults/Jensen to approve all the items on the Consent Agenda. Roll Call Vote: Hults, Jensen, Amos, and Husband all voting Yes, 0 No (Soper is absent) **MOTION APPROVED.**

5. **Sheriff:** Sheriff Hoch: Accident Report as presented – Discussed drug enforcement of recent activity in the area.

Commission Report: B. Hefferan, reminded that Milton Township Meetings will now be on the 3rd Monday of the Month at 9:00am. Update on ice storm damage, and County opioid funds allocation. The Public Safety Center will be discussed at the next County Board Meeting regarding the Petition being verified for an August Election Ballot proposal.

6. **Ambulance Department:** MMR report was presented.
7. **Fire Department:** Chief Williamson: Presented update on the ISO rating, and will be getting an annual flow rate schedule set up. New truck expected delivery still anticipated August 2025. Jam Session is scheduled for April 26, 2025 at the Amvets. Update on training that has taken place.
8. **Resolution 2025-9** Elk Rapids Township Sewer Use and Rate Use Ordinance **MOTION/S** Hults/Jensen to approve resolution. Roll Call Vote: Jensen, Amos, Husband, and Hults all voting Yes, 0 No. (Soper is absent). **MOTION APPROVED.**
9. **Supervisor Amos** presented a replacement for ZBA appointment, Dietrich Heyde. **MOTION/S:** Husband/Hults, to approve appointment of Dietrich Heyde to the ZBA. All voting Yes, 0 No (Soper is absent). **MOTION APPROVED.**
10. **Black Rocks Technology** –installing new server and computers in May.
11. **Township Board Announcements and correspondence.** Discussion of camera commitment with the Village Police was addressed with Village President Stephenson. Agreement was signed between Village and Township for insurable value of Government Building. Beth Guntviller updated the status of Library stairs, basketballs in Veteran’s Park, sidewalk work on Ames, Trail fundraiser and recycling bin relocation. Water Safety class will be offered again this summer.
12. **Attorney’s Report:** Sewer ordinance update and trespassing signage requirements discussed.
13. **Supervisor Amos** discussed the gathering of the Horse Shows by the Bay on May 28th at 4:00 pm at the Harbor Pavillion. Also, the AXMITAX movement that is surfacing again to eliminate property taxes and how

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it may affect local Law enforcement, fire and ambulance etc., hoping to have voters do their research on the issue.

14. **Dick Hults** – mentioned that the HERTHA document is still not completed. Roof maintenance of the Government Building would need to be discussed. Building seems to be in good condition, this spring a review will be done and a routine maintenance.

Adjourned: 10:18 am

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

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