

## Elk Rapids Township Special Meeting Minutes, July 21, 2025

The special 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 D. Amos at 1:00 pm. The meeting was recorded to provide accuracy.

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

Also Present: Attorneys Thad Morgan, and Deb Ondersma, John Mach, Jean Derenzy, 3 people signed in as audience.

1. **Meeting Called to Order:** Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Public Comment:** John Mach from the DDA spoke encouraging the Board to move forward to the agreement presented by removing section 1.4. Jean Derenzy from the Chamber of Commerce spoke in favor of the team effort of the Township and the Village making the area more desirable to businesses.
3. **AMEND AGENDA: Motion/S:** Soper/Hults. Amend agenda to include the Deputy Clerk Kayla Vaughn. **Vote:** all voting YES, 0 NO. **MOTION APPROVED.**
4. **MOTION/S:** Jensen/Hults: To include the Deputy Clerk Kayla Vaughn as signatory for the Township. **Roll Call Vote:** Hults YES, Soper YES, Jensen YES, Amos YES, Husband YES. **MOTION APPROVED.**
5. **Cemetery Stump Grinding Bid: Motion/S:** Amos/Soper: To approve the PDK bid for the stump grinding. **Roll Call Vote:** Soper YES, Jensen YES, Amos YES, Husband YES, Hults YES. **MOTION APPROVED.**
6. **MOTION/S: Jensen/Amos: Motion to recess to closed session pursuant to Section 8(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by State or Federal statute, specifically a written legal opinion by legal counsel regarding the Elk Rapids Village Downtown Development Authority. The matter discussed is exempt from disclosure under Section 12 (1)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act. Roll Call Vote:** Jensen YES, Amos YES, Husband YES, Hults YES, Soper YES. **MOTION APPROVED.**

1:15 PM – Moved to Closed Session Meeting.

2:20 PM – Returned from Closed Session Meeting.

**Motion to Return to Open Session: Motion/S:** Soper/Amos – Motion to conclude closed session and return to open session. **Vote:** all voting YES, 0 NO. **Motion Approved.**

**Motion to Amend closed Session** to include pending property tax litigation: **Motion/S:**  
**Jensen/Soper: Vote:**  
all voting YES, 0 NO. **MOTION APPROVED**

**Motion/S:** Jensen/Soper –Motion to authorize the Township Supervisor to execute the Agreement in substantially the form previously approved by the Board with the omission of Section 1.4, with such additional changes as determined to be necessary or advisable by the Township Supervisor in consultation with counsel, provided that the DDA and the Village have returned this agreement to the Township by August 7, 2025. **Roll Call Vote:** Amos YES, Husband YES, Hults YES, Soper YES, Jensen YES.  
All Voting YES; 0 NO. **Motion Approved.**

7. Tax Increment Sharing agreement will be presented to the DDA and the Village for approval.

**Adjourned: 2:30 PM**

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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