

## Elk Rapids Township Regular Meeting Minutes, August 11, 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, Creston Scheel and 34 audience members signed in.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance.**
2. **Public Comments:** Several members of the audience spoke in favor of keeping the Old Town Hall public. Letter from Sarah Miller. Sheri Reid Grant offered additional funds to supplement the Hertha offer. Kelly Lark mentioned his new medical transfer service.
3. **Approval of Meeting Agenda MOTION/S: Hults/Jensen** to approve the agenda as presented. **MOTION APPROVED.**
4. **Consent Agenda:**
  - A. July 14, 2025 Meeting Minutes.
  - B. July 21, 2025 Meeting Minutes.
  - C. August 7, 2025 Meeting Minutes.
  - D. Zoning Report.
  - E. Treasurers Report.
  - F. Paying of the Bills.

**MOTION/S:** 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 introduced new deputy Cole. Bill Hefferan mentioned the road commissioner will be retiring in 2026. North Country Community Mental Health is no longer offering their funding. Barnes Park will increase rates for next year.
6. **Ambulance Department:** MMR has a new representative Jeff Hayford.
7. **Fire Department:** Fire Chief Williamson was absent, D. Husband read the report as presented.
8. **Old Township Hall Update:** Dan Stiebel read the offers remaining. 1 new offer, 2 offers revised and 2 offers withdrawn. The Board discussed the offers, expressed concerns of the public expressions toward the Board through emails and internet postings. Board discussed the offers need to be in writing with a commitment of funds.

**MOTION/S: Jensen/Husband:** to accept the Hertha offer along with the contingent offer of \$100,000 from Reid Grant Foundation. **Roll Call Vote:** Soper No, Jensen Yes, Amos No, Husband Yes, Hults No. **MOTION DENIED.**

Time line will be waiting until the September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Reid Grant will be getting in writing the commitment by August 20<sup>th</sup> at Noon, and then last look will be given to HERTHA if they are not the winning bid. August 25<sup>th</sup> there will be a special meeting at 9:00am.

9. **DDA update:** Agreement was approved.
10. **Townline Storage Project: Motion/S:** Soper/Jensen to accept the Planning Commission approval with conditions presented at the July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. **Roll Call Vote:** Jensen Yes, Amos Yes, Husband Yes, Hults Yes, Soper. **MOTION APPROVED.**

11. **Update on North Bayshore Sewer:** The completion of the sewer can be published.

12. **Attorneys Report:** None.

13. **Township Board Announcements and Correspondence** Library millage passed. Lakeshore sewer project update. Voices from Maple Grove. Cairn Highway may have delays while repaving. Litigation has not been filed, and could be dropped if HERTHA is awarded the building.

**Adjourned: 10:45 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