

**Elk Rapids Township
Special Meeting Minutes, August 7, 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 Dorance Amos at 9:00 am. The meeting was recorded to provide accuracy.

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

Also Present: Attorneys Thad Morgan, Creston Scheel, 8 people signed in as audience.

1. **Meeting Called to Order:** Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Motion to Approve Agenda: Motion/S: Hults/Husband. Vote:** all voting yes, 0 no.
Motion passed. Jensen, Soper are absent.
3. Public Comment: None.
4. **MOTION/S: Husband/Hults: 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 and the Old Town Hall. The matter discussed is exempt from disclosure under Section 12 (1)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act. Roll Call Vote:** All voting yes, 0 no.
MOTION APPROVED.

9:03 AM – Moved to Closed Session Meeting.

9:30 AM – Returned from Closed Session Meeting.

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

5. **Old Town Hall: Motion/S:** Husband/ Amos–Motion to proceed with the Federal litigation regarding the Village Zoning Denial. **Roll Call Vote:** Amos Yes, Husband Yes, Hults Yes, Jensen and Soper are absent.
3YES; 0 NO. **Motion Approved.**
6. **DDA Update:** Amendment change to 2.6 of the TIF agreement: **Motion/S:** Amos/Husband. **Roll Call Vote:** Amos Yes, Husband Yes, Hults Yes, Jensen and Soper are absent. **Motion Approved.**
Motion to accept the DDA Agreement. **Motion/S:** Amos/Husband Roll Call Vote: Husband Yes, Hults Yes, Amos Yes. Jensen and Soper are absent. **Motion Approved.**

Motion/S: Amos/ Husband to appoint Dick Hults as Township representative to the DDA Board. **Vote: All Voting** Yes, 0 no, Jensen and Soper are absent. **Motion Approved.**

7. ZBA and PC Appointments:

- Dietrich Heyde and Zach Amos to the ZBA with terms ending August 2028.
- Shen Smith retiring from Planning commission in September. David Krill to fill the position and Zach Amos reappointed with terms through August 2028.

Motion/S: Hults/ Amos. All voting Yes, 0 No. **Motion Approved.**

Adjourned: 9:35AM

Debbie Husband, Elk Rapids Township Clerk, 231-264-9333
Meeting minutes are subject to approval at the next regular Board Meeting