

Elk Rapids Township Special Meeting Minutes, September 22, 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 9:00 am. 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: 3 members of the community signed in.

1. **Meeting Called to Order:** Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Public Comment:** Brenda Miller inquired of the Board to be able to get the transfer of deed for HERTHA review before the closing.
3. **AGENDA: Motion/S:** Hults/Jensen. Accept agenda as is presented. **Vote:** all voting YES, 0 NO. **MOTION APPROVED.**
4. **Discussion of Old Township Hall sale:** Supervisor Amos discussed with Board and would like to remind the public the offer of a lesser amount was accepted to keep the building a non-residential, public use community building and therefore to secure that position a memo of understanding has been drawn up to be signed by both seller and buyer. Clerk Husband read the Memo of Understanding into the record.

MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING

Seller: Elk Rapids Township, P.O. Box 365, 315 Bridge St., Elk Rapids, Michigan 49629
Buyer: Historic Elk Rapids Town Hall Association, Inc., P.O. Box 386, Elk Rapids, Michigan 49629.
Property Tax # 05-43-010-029-00 Buy/Sell Agreement: Dated 8/25/25.

The Township Board decided to accept the above referenced Buyer/Seller Agreement (\$625,000) which was less than the Barnsley offer (\$730,000) so as to preserve the building as a public use, non-residential community building. Thereafter, the Barnsley's filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to which the Township has responded. Per the meeting discussions, the Township accepted the lesser offer for the building to preserve it as a public use (P-1) non-residential community building per the buyers' representations. The above referenced Buyers/Sellers Agreement further indicates that A.) written lessee/tenancies, B.) Service contracts and C.) personal property are not applicable even though the Buyer/Seller have a month-to-month lease and there is "some sort" of agreement buyer has for the service of liquor products at the building and miscellaneous other services agreements, utilities, etc. The Township is not aware of any Township personal property associated with the sale. The Township has fully complied with the Buyer/Seller Agreement.

RESOLUTION 2025-15:

WHEREAS,

1. The Township owns Parcel No. 05-43-010-029-00 known as the Elk Rapids Historic Township Hall ("Property") located at 401 River Street, Elk Rapids, Michigan.

2. The Board of Trustees is lawfully empowered by Section 2 of the Township Act, MCL 41.2, to sell and convey Township property that is not needed for public purposes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Township Supervisor Dorance M. Amos, and Township Clerk Debora A. Husband are authorized to represent the township at the closing and sign any necessary documents for the sale of the Property.

RESOLUTION 2025-15: MOTION/S: Jensen/Soper. **Roll Call Vote:** Soper Yes, Hults Yes, Jensen Yes, Amos Yes, Husband Yes. **MOTION APPROVED.**

5. Maple Grove improvements.

- Nancy Baker Trustee of the Elk Rapids Historical Society presented an overview of the successful weekend event Voices from Maple Grove. 320 Tickets were sold for the event.
- Advisory Committee to renovate the Maple Grove Cemetery with needed improvements was discussed.

MOTION/S: Jensen/Soper to approve of D. Amos, D. Husband, D. Hults and B. Derman to be Advisory Committee to make recommendations to the Board for upcoming needed work done in the cemetery. **Vote:** All voting YES, 0 NO. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Attorney Morgan commented to the issue of having a quorum of the Township Board members, but as it is an advisory committee only, it is allowable.

Adjourned: 9:30 AM

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