

MINUTES
ELK RAPIDS REGULAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 17, 2021, 7:00 P.M.
THIS WAS AN ELECTRONIC MEETING VIA ZOOM

COUNCIL MEETS THE FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS, EXCEPT HOLIDAYS.

NOTE: COUNCIL NEEDS AFFIRMATIVE 2/3 VOTE OF ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS TO RAISE TAXES, PURCHASE, LEASE OR SELL VILLAGE PROPERTY AND FOR APPROPRIATION OF MONIES; MOST OTHER VILLAGE BUSINESS NEEDS A SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE.

(PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – ROLL CALL – TAPED MEETING NOTICE)

PRESENT: VILLAGE PRESIDENT JAMES JANISSE; COUNCIL TRUSTEES DOUG BRONKEMA, TRACY FOSDICK, ELAINE GLOWICKI, BARB MULLALY, CHARLIE PRYDE, and LAURA SHUMATE.

STAFF: VILLAGE MANAGER BRYAN GRUESBECK, VILLAGE CLERK KAITLYN SZCZYPKA, DPW SUPERINTENDENT MARCUS EVANS.

INTERESTED CITIZENS: 25

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

MOTION by **MULLALY**, second by **BRONKEMA**, to amend the agenda by adding a discussion of the current Local State of Emergency to Unfinished Business.

GLOWICKI joined the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION – RICHARD SMITH

CITIZEN COMMENTS: One citizen commented.

MOTION by **GLOWICKI**, second by **PRYDE**, to adopt the Consent Calendar as follows:

A. ACCEPT MEETING MINUTES

1. Regular Council Meeting – May 3, 2021
2. Downtown Development Authority (DDA) – April 14, 2021
3. Harbor Commission – April 12, 2021
4. Parks & Recreation Commission – March 4, 2021

B. APPROVAL OF BILLS in the amount of \$97,429.21 and Payroll in the amount of \$46,359.25.

C. APRIL 2021 FINANCIALS

All present voted yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

VILLAGE MANAGER REPORT – Received.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY – Due to the declining numbers of cases and increase in vaccination rates pertaining to the COVID-19 pandemic, council was in favor of returning to chambers for future meetings and allowing other boards and commission to meet in person.

MOTION by **FOSDICK**, second by **PRYDE** to hold the next regular council meeting on June 7, 2021 in-person. All present voted yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPOINT COMMISSION REPRESENTATION

MOTION by **BRONKEMA**, second by **PRYDE** to appoint Ryan Paxson to the Parks and Recreation Commission, term ending in 2024, per President Janisse’s recommendation. All present voted yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

RETREAT RECAP – Village Manager Gruesbeck gave report on the May 8, 2021 Council Retreat regarding the 2019-2020 Strategic Goals.

SIDEWALK AT 215 RIVER STREET/CONSTRUCTION AT 409 RIVER STREET – The sidewalk in front of the new condominium was constructed with an unsafe ledge near the front door of the building. Staff has contacted the owner and requested a railing be installed in front of the ledge. The owner has provided Staff with a drawing of the railing, but awaits a timeline for installation. Staff have also been in contact with the contractor working at the corner of Elm/River St. The trusses have been removed from the sidewalk and construction is ongoing with periodic interruptions on the sidewalk.

NEW BUSINESS:

MILLAGE RATE: RESOLUTION 21-25 – ADOPTION OF THE MILLAGE RATE FOR THE 2021 VILLAGE SUMMER TAXES & RESOLUTION 21-26 – APPROVE ADMINISTRATION FEES AND PENALTIES REGARDING PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION FOR VILLAGE SUMMER TAXES 2021 – Council decided to table until further information is attained. No vote at this time.

HARBOR DAYS APPROVAL

MOTION by **PRYDE**, second by **SHUMATE**, to allow Harbor Days to move forward with the information presented. All present voted yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

RESOLUTION 21-27 – AUTHORIZE DO-ALL MAINTENANCE LLC TO REPLACE SIDEWALK, NOT TO EXCEED \$70,000 – Council discussed potential ordinance change and sidewalk priorities. President Janisse said he was in favor of splitting the \$70,000 cost between repairing existing sidewalks and building new sidewalks.

MOTION by **PRYDE**, second by **MULLALY**, **TO AUTHORIZE DO-ALL MAINTENANCE LLC TO REPLACE SIDEWALK, NOT TO EXCEED \$70,000.**

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Bronkema, Fosdick, Glowicki, Mullaly, Pryde, Shumate.
Nays – Janisse. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CORRESPONDENCE – None.

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS – Received.

CONSOLIDATED MONTHLY REPORT – Received.

COUNCIL COMMENTS – Received.

UPCOMING MEETING DATE AND OTHER EVENTS:

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – Monday, June 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Government Center, 315 Bridge St., Elk Rapids, MI 49629

MOTION by **PRYDE**, second by **GLOWICKI** to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. All those present voting yes.
MOTION CARRIED.