



MINUTES
ELK RAPIDS REGULAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2021, AT 7:00 PM
THIS WAS A HYBRID MEETING

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; PRESIDENT PRO TEM BARB MULLALY; COUNCIL TRUSTEES DOUG BRONKEMA, TRACY FOSDICK, ELAINE GLOWICKI, CHARLIE PRYDE, and LAURA SHUMATE.

STAFF: VILLAGE MANAGER BRYAN GRUESBECK, VILLAGE CLERK KAITLYN SZCZYPKA, DPW SUPERINTENDENT MARCUS EVANS, POLICE CHIEF DAVID CENTALA, and TREASURER/PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR KERRI ESTERLEY.

IN-PERSON CITIZEN ATTENDANCE: 20

VIRTUAL CITIZEN ATTENDANCE: 12

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by **BRONKEMA**, second by **MULLALY**, to amend the Agenda by adding item 7(I): RESOLVE OLD HOUSING COMMITTEE. All those present voting yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: Two citizens commented.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

A. ACCEPT MEETING MINUTES

1. Regular Council Meeting – August 16, 2021

2. Beautification – July 21, 2021
3. ERDL – July 8, 2021
4. Housing Commission – July 20, 2021
5. Parks and Recreation – August 5, 2021
6. Planning Commission – July 27, 2021

B. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Accounts payable in the amount of \$31087.89 and payroll in the amount of \$95,669.15.

All present voted yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ELK RAPIDS DISTRICT LIBRARY UPDATE – Library Director Nannette Miller (via Zoom) updated Council on Library affairs.

STRATEGIC GOAL UPDATE – Village Manager Gruesbeck updated the Council about progress toward the Village's Strategic Goals.

POWERHOME SOLAR UPDATE – Village Manager Gruesbeck updated council on the status of the PowerHome Solar project.

13 WAYS COMMUNITY PROJECT UPDATE – President Janisse updated Council on the 13 Ways schedule and process. One citizen commented.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN VILLAGE OF ELK RAPIDS AND ELK RAPIDS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – Village Manager Gruesbeck went over the MOU to define the Village's relationship with the Chamber for the 13 Ways Community Project.

NEW BUSINESS

ELK RAPIDS DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD UPDATE – Library Board President Tom Stephenson updated Council on Library Board affairs. One citizen commented.

BUTTERFLY MURAL PROPOSAL – Local youth Paige Peters presented a proposal for a mural in Veteran's Memorial Park.

MOTION by **GLOWICKI**, second by **BRONKEMA** to approve the plan as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Pryde, Shumate Fosdick, Glowicki, Bronkema, Janisse, Mullaly.
Nays – None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

GREEN ELK RAPIDS: NATURE FAIR PROPOSAL – Representatives from Green Elk Rapids presented their plans for a 2022 Nature Fair.

DOWNTOWN ER ASSOCIATION OF BUSINESSES: REQUEST TO CLOSE RIVER STREET IN ASSOCIATION WITH FALL FEST – DERAB representative Karen Simpson presented a proposal to close River Street on Saturday, September 25, 2021, from 10:30 AM – 5:00 PM for the Fall Fest.

MOTION by **MULLALY**, second by **FOSDICK** to approve the closure of River Street to approve the closure of River Street

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

MOTION by **PRYDE**, second by **SHUMATE** to approve the beer tent contingent on approval from the Chief of Police.

Voice Vote: 6 Ayes; 1 Nay. **MOTION CARRIED.**

RESOLUTION 21-39 – A RESOLUTION DEMONSTRATING SUPPORT FOR THE VILLAGE OF ELK RAPIDS TO ACHIEVE PURE MICHIGAN® TRAIL TOWN DESIGNATION – One citizen comment.

MOTION by **MULLALY**, second by **PRYDE** to **ADOPT RESOLUTION 21-39 – A RESOLUTION DEMONSTRATING SUPPORT FOR THE VILLAGE OF ELK RAPIDS TO ACHIEVE PURE MICHIGAN® TRAIL TOWN DESIGNATION.**

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Shumate, Fosdick, Glowicki, Bronkema, Janisse, Mullaly, Pryde.

Nays – None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

RESOLUTION 21-40 – APPROVE THE 72- MONTH LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT OF LOADER, NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000 PER YEAR

MOTION by **BRONKEMA**, **SECOND** by **PRYDE** to **ADOPT RESOLUTION 21-40 – APPROVE THE 72- MONTH LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT OF LOADER, NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000 PER YEAR.**

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Fosdick, Glowicki, Bronkema, Janisse, Mullaly, Pryde, Shumate.

Nays – None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

RESOLUTION 21-41 – ALLEY VACATION / SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE

MOTION by **PRYDE**, **SECOND** by **MULLALY** to **ADOPT RESOLUTION 21-41 – ALLEY VACATION/ SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE** for October 18, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Glowicki, Bronkema, Janisse, Mullaly, Pryde, Shumate, Fosdick.

RESOLUTION 21-42 – MERS DEFINED BENEFIT ADOPTION AGREEMENT ADDENDUM

MOTION by **BRONKEMA**, **SECOND** by **GLOWICKI** to **ADOPT RESOLUTION 21-42 – MERS DEFINED BENEFIT ADOPTION AGREEMENT ADDENDUM.**

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

DISSOLVE OLD HOUSING COMMITTEE

MOTION by **MULLALY**, **SECOND** by **BRONKEMA** to dissolve the Ad Hoc Committee on Housing.

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

CORRESPONDENCE – Received.

VILLAGE MANAGER REPORT – Received.

STAFF REPORTS – Received.

COUNCIL COMMENTS – Received.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES AND OTHER EVENTS:

- **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING** – Monday, September 20, 2021, at 7 PM

MOTION by **PRYDE**, second by **GLOWICKI** to adjourn at 8:25 PM. All those present voting yes.
MOTION CARRIED.