

Meeting Minutes of the Elk Rapids Housing Commission

July 20, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the Elk Rapids Housing Commission was called to order by President Myrna Howse in the Village Council Chamber, as part of the Government Center, 315 Bridge Street, Elk Rapids, Michigan, at 3:30 P.M. President Howse then led all participants in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I ROLL CALL

The following people were present:

Commissioners – Myrna Howse, Marilyn Leix, Judy Standerfer, and Margaret VanDenBerge.

Staff noted that Commissioner Amy Grzesiak had submitted her resignation.

Staff – Tony Lentych, Executive Director, Angie Szabo, Program Manager, Joe Frawley and Henry Webb, Maintenance.

Others/Guests – Elaine Glowicki, Elk Rapids Village Council.

Public/Residents – Judith Ashley and Richard Widrig.

II APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner VanDenBerge moved (Standerfer support) to accept the agenda as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

III APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Leix moved (VanDenBerge support) to accept the Meeting minutes of June 15, 2021. The motion was unanimously approved.

IV APPROVAL OF BILLS

Commissioner VanDenBerge moved (Leix support) to approve the bills paid from June 15, 2021 until July 19, 2021. Staff noted that one of the bills was for an annual spraying for insect control at Noble Pines.

Roll Call

Standerfer	Yes
Leix	Yes
VanDenBerge	Yes
Howse	Yes

The motion was unanimously approved.

V PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Frawley, TCHC Maintenance Team introduced himself to the Commissioners. Richard Widrig submitted a letter to the Commission requesting reimbursement.

VI OLD BUSINESS

A. The Noble Pines Occupancy Report was given by staff. Noble Pines is full. The wait list remains at 19. President Howse mentioned an uptick in the number of people who asked her about building more affordable housing for seniors. Commissioner VanDenBerge also had several conversations with people and noted that contractors and materials are

significantly more expensive these days. There was a question about expanding on the Noble Pines property which led to a conversation about who actually owns the property. Staff will inquire with the Village about the ownership of the property.

- B. Henry Webb gave a brief report on Noble Pines maintenance issues by noting that everything is running smoothly. He noted that TCHC is interviewing part-time maintenance personnel to replace him.
- C. Staff reviewed the management memorandum in the packet. There was a brief discussion of Commissioner Amy Grzesiak's resignation. Staff will check with the Village Manager about the process to replace her.

Staff then noted that the State of Michigan has formally contacted ERHC to get a victim's statement in response to Lucy Conley's recent guilty plea in her court case. After a lengthy discussion about how to respond, Commissioner VanDenBerge moved (Leix support) the following motion to be submitted to the State of Michigan Department of Corrections:

The Elk Rapids Housing Commission (ERHC) is aware that Lucille Conley has pled guilty to Arson in the Second Degree. We remain extremely concerned about the potential for another incident at Noble Pines and strongly recommend that Lucille Conley remain highly supervised regardless of sentencing outcome. Furthermore, we seek restitution for \$4,722.55 in order to reimburse our insurance provider for the claim submitted as a result of this arson case.

It was noted that she had been seen on or around the Noble Pines property. Additionally, she admitted that she committed the crime to several people and even wrote a note saying so. Further, she had a history of similar crimes and told staff that she, "wanted help" to control her urges. After soliciting input from the residents in attendance that they were still concerned that Conley might start another more dangerous fire, President Howse called the question on the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

- D. Elaine Glowicki, Elk Rapids Village Council, provided a detailed written report on the recent Village Council meetings and a copy of "Goal 1 of the Strategic Goals and Objectives". This goal is focused on Housing in and around the Village. Glowicki then discussed a proposed Zoning change regarding recreational vehicle storage. There was a presentation on the installation of solar panels at the waste water treatment plant.

VIII NEW BUSINESS

- A. Staff announced that it is time to submit an annual PHA plan to HUD. There will be a "public hearing" at an upcoming regular meeting to review the plan and receive feedback.

There was a question about the new HUD Secretary, Marcia Fudge. Staff reported that is still early in her tenure but that we can expect more resources to be budget to be available for housing in the near future.

- B. There was a request for feedback regarding the "Report to the Village". It was noted that the facts covered were well received and unknown to many in attendance.

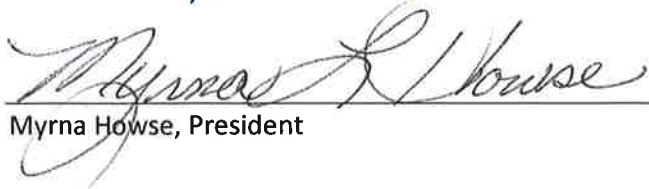
IX ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner VanDenBerge moved (Standerfer support) to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved and President Howse announced that the next meeting will be on August 17, 2021 and then closed the meeting at 4:14 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Tony Lentych, Executive Director



Myrna Howse, President