



**MINUTES**  
**ELK RAPIDS REGULAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 2021, 7:00 P.M.**  
**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; COUNCIL TRUSTEES DOUG BRONKEMA, TRACY FOSDICK, ELAINE GLOWICKI, BARB MULLALY, CHARLIE PRYDE, and LAURA SHUMATE.**

**EXCUSED: COUNCIL TRUSTEE TRACY FOSDICK (participated as an attendee over zoom).**

**STAFF: VILLAGE MANAGER BRYAN GRUESBECK, VILLAGE CLERK KAITLYN SZCZYPKA, VILLAGE TREASURER/PLANNER KERRI ESTERLEY.**

**IN-PERSON CITIZEN ATTENDANCE: 10**

**VIRTUAL CITIZEN ATTENDANCE: 12**

**AGENDA APPROVAL – No changes made.**

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None.**

**CITIZEN COMMENTS: Seven citizens commented.**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**MOTION by BRONKEMA, second by MULLALY, to adopt the Consent Calendar as amended:**

**A. ACCEPT MEETING MINUTES**

1. Regular Council Meeting – August 2, 2021
2. Downtown Development Authority Regular Meeting – July 15, 2021
3. Parks & Recreation Commission – July 8, 2021

**B. APPROVAL OF BILLS** in the amount of \$210,694.65 and Payroll in the amount of \$61,477.37

**C. JULY 2021 FINANCIALS**

All those present voting yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**PUBLIC HEARING – RESOLUTION 21-37 – APPROVE THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES OF NOT TO EXCEED \$70,000,000 IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF THE BONDS, FOR THE MARY FREE BED REHABILITATION HOSPITAL** – A “Mary Free Bed at Munson Medical Center - Elk Rapids” is a clinic located at 128 Ames St. They are borrowing money through bonds to make technology improvements at the Elk Rapids facility. The issuance of the tax-exempt bonds requires a public hearing and approval from the Village. The Village is not liable for the bonds. Please see attached memo for more information.

**MOTION** by PRYDE, second by SHUMATE to adopt **RESOLUTION 21-37 – APPROVE THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES OF NOT TO EXCEED \$70,000,000 IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF THE BONDS, FOR THE MARY FREE BED REHABILITATION HOSPITAL.**

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Bronkema, Janisse, Mullaly, Pryde, Shumate, Glowicki; Nays – None; Excused – Fosdick. **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**POWERHOME SOLAR FINANCING** – Village Manager Gruesbeck explained different financing options and presented the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION 21-38 – APPROVE A PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION AGREEMENT AND TERM SHEET WITH MILLS CAPITAL PARTNERS AND POWER HOME SOLAR**

**MOTION** by PRYDE, second by BRONKEMA to adopt **RESOLUTION 21-38 – APPROVE A PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION AGREEMENT AND TERM SHEET WITH MILLS CAPITAL PARTNERS AND POWER HOME SOLAR.**

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

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:** One citizen commented.

**STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE** – Village Manager Gruesbeck updated Council on progress made on *Goal 3 – Enhance trail connectivity and walkability throughout the village.*”

**TRAIL ALLIANCE UPDATE** – Christine Petersen presented the “trail town” progress and updated council on the application process. The group hopes to turn in their application on September 20<sup>th</sup>, after the Council approves a resolution at the September 7<sup>th</sup> meeting in support of the Trail Town designation.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**ELK RAPIDS DISTRICT LIBRARY UPDATE** – ERDL Director Miller did not appear as requested. Trustee Shumate updated the council on the previous Township Meeting where ERDL Director Miller made comments on the progress of insurance claims that the Village handled. President Janisse invited Miller to give an update at the Regular Council Meeting to clear communication channels.

**PENSION AND OPEB REPORTING** – Treasurer Esterley presented the 2020 Actuarial information and new MERS employee contribution proposal for 2021.

**RESOLUTION 21-34 – EXEMPT VILLAGE FROM REQUIREMENTS OF PA 152 OF 2011 FOR MEDICAL BENEFIT PLAN YEAR 2022 (OPT-OUT OF HEALTHCARE STATE HARD CAP)**

**MOTION** by **MULLALY**, second by **BRONKEMA** to adopt **RESOLUTION 21-34 – EXEMPT VILLAGE FROM REQUIREMENTS OF PA 152 OF 2011 FOR MEDICAL BENEFIT PLAN YEAR 2022 (OPT-OUT OF HEALTHCARE STATE HARD CAP)**.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Mullaly, Pryde, Shumate, Glowicki, Bronkema, Janisse; Nays – None; Excused – Fosdick. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**APPOINT COMMISSION REPRESENTATION**

1. **Housing Commission – Charleen Gretel – Term ending April 2023**
2. **Beautification – Paula Jorge – Term ending April 2024.**

**MOTION** by **PRYDE**, second by **MULLALY**, to approve the recommended appointments. All those present voting yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**CORRESPONDENCE** – Received.

**COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS** – Received.

**CONSOLIDATED MONTHLY REPORT** – Received.

- A. Village Manager Report – Bryan Gruesbeck

**COUNCIL COMMENTS** – Received.

**UPCOMING MEETING DATE AND OTHER EVENTS:**

- **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING** – Tuesday, September 7, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Government Center, 315 Bridge St., Elk Rapids, MI 49629
- **MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE CONVENTION** – September 22 – 24, 2021

**MOTION** by **BRONKEMA**, second by **GLOWICKI** to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. All those present voting yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**