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ELK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 11, 2025

J. Mather, Supervisor, called the meeting to order @ 7:00pm

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance, led by J. Mather

Roll call, officials present: Jeff Mather, Supervisor; Karen Fickies, Clerk; Sandy Mather, Treasurer; Joyce Durdel, Trustee;

Jack Hankiewicz, Excused

Citizens in attendance (4)

Agenda Revisions:

- None. J. Mather, motion to approve agenda as printed, K. Fickies-seconded, motion carried 4-0-0

Minute's Approval:

- K. Fickies-motion to approve February 11, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes as printed; J. Durdel-seconded; motion carried 4-0-0

Board Member Reports:

Supervisor-J. Mather

- Ordinance Enforcement Officer report, reported on 9 properties (report on file)
- Board of Review resignation of Shelly Myers, K. Fickies-motion to accept Shelly Myers' resignation from the Elk Township Board of Review effective March 5, 2025, S. Mather-seconded, motion carried 4-0-0. Cindy Comstock now Chairperson, Audrey Tabor now Vice Chair.
- Website development, reviewed proposed layout in progress. The prelaunch was reviewed by board members prior to meeting
- Consent Agenda:
 1. Clerk Report
 - a. Bills paid in February 2025
 2. Treasurers Report with supporting documentation

S. Mather-motion for Board Approval of the March 11, 2025 the Consent Agenda items in the Clerks Report, and the Treasurers report as written, J. Durdel-seconded; motion carried 4-0-0

K. Fickies-Clerk

- Correspondence – Luther Library; Lake County Planning Commission – Master Plan & Parks & Recreational Plan information
- Hall Leases: LMWCC
- Osceola-Lake Conservation District Household Waste Disposal, August 7, 2025 2-6pm at the Osceola Road Commission South Facility in Hersey. K. Fickies-motion to contribute \$100 to this project, J. Mather-seconded, motion carried 4-0-0

S Mather-Treasurer

- No further reports

J. Hankiewicz, Trustee

- No report
- Cemetery Liaison – No report

J. Durdel, Trustee

- Working with Don Morrison regarding road patrol on/near Kobi Lane

Public Comments:

- Don Morrison commented on Law enforcement of roads

Dignitary Reports:

- County Commissioner- None
- Lake County Sheriff – None (report on file)
- SEED Fire Board-Gary Nugent report 25 runs (report on file).
- Road Commissioner – Don Divis, reported on ORV meeting
- Assessor- (report on file)
- Elk Township Lakes Liaison – No Report
- Emergency Management-No Report
- Road Committee – No Report

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- J. Mather-motion to authorize the Supervisor to send the letter of support from the Elk Township Board of Trustees to Great Lake Energy's Michigan High Speed Internet initiative to bring broad band internet service to the residents of Elk and surrounding townships, S. Mather-seconded, motion carried 4-0-0
- J. Mather-motion to appoint Elk Township resident Nancy Sikkenga to the Board of Review for a two-year term effective March 10, 2025, K. Fickies-seconded, motion carried 4-0-0
- J. Mather-motion to appoint Elk Township resident Bill Sikkenga to represent the Township on the DNR's Natural River Program Citizens Advisory Committee, J. Durdel-seconded, motion carried 4-0-0
- S. Mather-motion to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the proposed service agreement with the Lake County Road Commission for the estimated \$15,345 for application of Brining on Elk Township County Roads for the 2025 season as indicated on the Board approved Brine map, K. Fickies-seconded, roll call vote, motion carried 4-0-0
- Resolution to Establish Elk Township Board of Review Compensation to increase compensation to \$65 for sessions lasting up to three (3) hours. K. Fickies-motion to adopt resolution as presented, J. Durdel-seconded, roll call vote, resolution adopted 4-0-0
- Resolution 2025-05 to Adopt Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test. J. Durdel-motion to adopt resolution as presented, S. Mather-seconded, roll call vote, resolution adopted 4-0-0
- K. Fickies-motion to authorize the Supervisor to offer Cindy Comstock (an Elk Township Resident) an independent contractor service for monthly "Housekeeping and Cleaning Services" for the Elk Township Hall at a rate of \$80/visit, effective April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2025, J. Durdel-seconded, motion carried 4-0-0
- J. Durdel-motion to authorize the Supervisor to sign contract with Bob Meyers for Lawn Service for the Elk Township Hall and Lakeview Cemetery at a rate of \$70/per cut for the Hall, and \$375/cut at the Cemetery as per his proposal, S. Mather-seconded, motion carried 4-0-0
- Year to Date Income Statement Compared with Budget reviewed, no action
- 2025-2026 Proposed Budget reviewed, no action

Public Comment:

- None

Adjournment:

- S. Mather-motion to adjourn at 8:22pm, J. Durdel-seconded, motion carried 4-0-0

Respectfully Submitted

Karen Fickies, Clerk
March 11, 2025