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REGULAR BOARD MEETING
May 13, 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, Trustee

Citizens in attendance (10)

Agenda Revisions:

- New Business, Carpet cleaning, Election operating system update. K. Fickies, motion to approve agenda as revised, S. Mather-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0

Minute's Approval:

- J. Durdel-motion to approve April 8, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes as printed, J. Hankiewicz-seconded; motion carried 5-0-0

Board Member Reports:

Supervisor-J. Mather

- Ordinance Enforcement Officer report, reported on 10 properties (report on file)
- Website development is now live. Elk-Township.org
- Chimney repairs to be started May 14, 2025
- Window screens J. Mather looking into alternatives to prevent ice from damaging screens, contacted DouGlass
- Spring Junk Drop-off Day, Saturday, May 31, 2025 at Skinner Park, 9am-12pm. J. Durdel will bring water
- Contracts are in the progress of being signed
- Cemetery Sexton/Handyman resigned for medical reasons
- Lawn Services contractor, Meyers Lawn Service is no longer able to mow Cemetery and Hall
- Cemetery Excavator, Adams Northwoods will continue as needed for full burials with possible back up

Consent Agenda:

1. Clerks Report
 - a. Bills paid in April 2025
 - b. Non-Periodicals – UHY Advisor, Acct. \$1,595.00
 - c. Budget amendments: \$1,800 from General to 101-265-920 Township GLE
 - d. Hall Leases: LMWCC
 - e. Correspondence, Michigan Rail Assoc. Newsletter
2. Treasurers Report with supporting documentation
 - a. Update on Allpaid services to allow taxpayers to pay with Credit/Debit cards online will be effective for the summer taxes
 - b. 25 Month CD matures 6/1/2025 and 7 Month CD matures 6/10/25, new interest rate of 4.0%

K. Fickies-motion for Board Approval of the May, 2025 Consent Agenda items in the Clerk's Report, and the Treasurer's report as written, S. Mather-seconded; motion carried 5-0-0

J. Hankiewicz, Trustee

- No Report
- Cemetery Liaison –Lonnie Collins will be placing Veteran's Flags at the cemetery this coming weekend

J. Durdel, Trustee

- Working with citizen regarding property on Kobi Lane, ORV issues, and Law Enforcement lack of visibility

Public Comments:

- Don Morrison commented on lack of visibility of Law Enforcement
- Robert Cudliff commented on residents burning tires, trash, etc. and legality of such. Sheriff Martin responded to contact his department as that is illegal

Dignitary Reports:

- County Commissioner- Reported on issues with ORV options. Opening of GEO, possibly August 2025, Ferris Free Medical Clinic (see flyer)
- Lake County Sheriff – Reported on recent homicide, GEO, Dog pound grant for improvements, new deputies, Law Enforcement coverage issues. (report on file)
- SEED Fire Board-Gary Nugent 33 calls. Fire Dept. will be purchasing new fully equipped pickup truck for limited accessibility emergencies and for medical 1st response
- Road Commissioner – Don Divis ORV issues, contact Road Commission for damage done to roads from ORV's.
- Assessor- (report on file)
- Elk Township Lakes Liaison -Craig Fazakerly attended the Lakes & Stream conference April 25.
- Emergency Management-No Report
- Road Committee – Craig Fazakerly question for Sheriff regarding speed limits, Sheriff Martin explained process. Townships cannot set speed limits or post speed limit signs. Suggested placing Neon child sign on personal property to help slow down vehicles.

Old Business:

- Hamilton Road repairs have been completed. Excellent job by the Lake County Road Commission.

New Business:

- Foreclosure on property at Lot 3, Block 5, Lakeland Heights from County. J. Durdel – motion to authorize Treasurer to reply to the Lake County Treasurers office stating that Elk Township does NOT wish to exercise purchase rights under “first right of refusal” for the property: Lot 3, Lakeland Heights, Property ID 04-305-003-00. Elk Township is NOT INTERESTED in any of the property listed, S. Mather – seconded, motion carried 5-0-0
- J. Mather-motion to authorize Elk Township Supervisor to engage Jackpine Business Center on an as-needed basis for onsite/remote/drop-off computer support services including desktops, printer, email, and file management system. Current rates are: \$50 base fee, and \$110/hr billed in 15-minute increments, K. Fickies-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0
- J. Mather-motion to rollover the full account balance of the following Elk Township Certificates of Deposit: Roll over the current 25-month Certificate of Deposit, which will mature on 6/1/2025 to a 7-month CD at Lake Osceola State Bank at 4% interest rate, Roll over or allow the current 7-month account which will mature on 6/10/2025 to remain in a 7-month CD at Lake Osceola State Bank at 4% interest, K. Fickies-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0
- J. Mather-motion to authorize approval of Welch's Lawn Services and Snow Plowing for lawn service at the Township Hall and Lakeview Cemetery for the 2025 season as outlined in the May 13, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Agenda, S. Mather-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0
- J. Durdel-motion to authorize Clerk to make arrangements with Stanley Steemer for carpet cleaning not to exceed \$300, K. Fickies-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0
- K. Fickies-motion to authorize Clerk to contract with Jackpine Business Center to upgrade Election Computer to Windows 11 Pro as required by Michigan Bureau of Election, not to exceed \$200, S. Mather-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0

Public Comment

- None

Adjournment:

- S. Mather-motion to adjourn at 8:55pm, J. Hankiewicz-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0

Respectfully Submitted

Karen Fickies, Clerk
May 13, 2025