



**MINUTES
ELK RAPIDS REGULAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024, 6:30 P.M.**

**COUNCIL WORKSHOP THE FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING THE THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
EXCEPT ON HOLIDAYS**

CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:30 P.M. BY PRESIDENT KAREN SIMPSON.

(PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – TAPED MEETING NOTICE – ROLL CALL)

PRESENT: Village President Karen Simpson; President Pro-Tem Tracy Fosdick; Trustees Barb Mullaly, Charlie Pryde, Kellie Sergent, Laura Shumate, Melissa West

EXCUSED: None

STAFF: Village Manager John Matthews, Treasurer Kristine Davis, Interim Village Clerk Linda Woodward, Chief of Police Dave Centala, Harbormaster Mike Singleton.

IN-PERSON CITIZEN ATTENDANCE: 10

VIRTUAL CITIZEN ATTENDANCE: 5

APPROVE AGENDA:

➤ **Split agenda item 8.B. BUDGET APPROVALS into two separate items:**

Item 8.B. – **PUBLIC HEARING** – 2024-2025 Budget

Item 8.C. – **Resolution 24-04** – Adopt Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget

MOTION by **SERGENT**, **SECOND** by **FOSDICK**, to approve the agenda as amended.
All present voted yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

➤ President Simpson declared a potential conflict of interest for item **10.D. Resolution 24-09 “Social District within the Village of Elk Rapids”** as she filled out the application and her business is connected with the Social District.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: No citizen comments.

CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION by **FOSDICK**, **SECOND** by **PRYDE**, to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented.

A. Accept Meeting Minutes

1. Regular Council Meeting – January 16, 2024
2. Downtown Development Authority Regular Meeting – December 13, 2023
3. Downtown Development Authority Regular Meeting – January 10, 2024
4. Downtown Development Authority Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Planning Meeting – November 16, 2023
5. Downtown Development Authority Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Planning Meeting – December 12, 2023
6. Elk Rapids District Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – December 18, 2023
7. Harbor Commission Meeting – January 8, 2024
8. Planning Commission Meeting – November 16, 2023
9. Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting – January 3, 2024

B. Approval of Bills in the amount of \$186,182.97, Harbor in the amount of \$15,974.04, Payroll on 1-25-24 in the amount of \$82,441.38 and Payroll on 2-8-24 in the amount of \$52,109.15.

C. Accept Financial Reports

D. Village Manager Report

E. Accept Written Staff Reports

F. Approve Harbor Dredging Bid – Awarded to Aquatic Hydraulic Dredging, LLC

G. Approve Chamber of Commerce Street Closures for 2024

Roll call vote: Ayes – Fosdick, Mullaly, Pryde, Sergent, West, Shumate, Simpson;
Nays – None; Excused – None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

PRESENTATION – Judy L. Parliament, Director Antrim County Commission on Aging

REPORT – Karen Simpson, Village President – Michigan Municipal League Update

BUDGET APPROVALS

A. Resolution 24-03 – Approve Final Budget Amendment for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget

MOTION by **FOSDICK**, **SECOND** by **PRYDE**, to approve Resolution 24-03.

Roll call vote: Ayes – Mullaly, Pryde, Sergent, West, Shumate, Simpson, Fosdick;
Nays – None; Excused – None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

B. PUBLIC HEARING – Fiscal year 2024-2025 Budget

MOTION by **PRYDE**, **SECOND** by **FOSDICK** to open the **PUBLIC HEARING** at 7:05 p.m.
All present voted yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Village Treasurer Kristine Davis and Village Manager John Matthews went over highlights of the upcoming budget. No citizen comments.

MOTION by PRYDE, **SECOND** by FOSDICK to close the **PUBLIC HEARING** at 7:11 p.m. All present voted yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

C. Resolution 24-04 – Adopt Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget

MOTION by PRYDE, **SECOND** by FOSDICK, to approve Resolution 24-04.
Roll call vote: Ayes – Pryde, Sergent, West, Shumate, Simpson, Fosdick, Mullaly;
Nays – None; Excused – None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Resolution 24-05 – Approve 2023 Antrim County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan

MOTION by SERGENT, **SECOND** by WEST, to approve Resolution 24-05.
All present voted yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Resolution 24-06 – Approve the recommendation by the Parks and Recreation Commission for the Village of Elk Rapids to apply for the 2024 Michigan DNR Recreation Grant to seek funding for a refrigerated system for the ice rink.

MOTION by PRYDE, **SECOND** by SHUMATE, to approve Resolution 24-06.
Roll call vote: Ayes – West, Shumate, Simpson, Fosdick, Mullaly, Pryde, Sergent;
Nays – None; Excused – None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

B. Resolution 24-07 – Approve Municipal Employees’ Retirement System Benefit

MOTION by SERGENT, **SECOND** by FOSDICK, to approve Resolution 24-07.
Roll call vote: Ayes – Shumate, Simpson, Fosdick, Mullaly, Pryde, Sergent, West;
Nays – None; Excused – None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

C. Resolution 24-08 – Approve the liquor application for King Tut Dexter, LLC

MOTION by SERGENT, **SECOND** by WEST, to approve Resolution 24-08.
All present voted yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

D. Removed Resolution 24-09 – Presentation by Laura Savoie with the Chamber of Commerce and approve the proposal to designate a Social District within the Village of Elk Rapids.

➤ The Social District will be reviewed further and discussed at a future Council meeting.

E. Resolution 24-10 – Approval not to vacate the portion of Second Street between Bridge Street and U.S. Highway 31.

MOTION by PRYDE, **SECOND** by FOSDICK, to approve Resolution 24-10.
All present voted yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

F. President Pro Tempore – Nominations and Election of President Pro Tempore

MOTION by PRYDE, **SECOND** by SHUMATE, to appoint Tracy Fosdick as President Pro-Tem until November 20, 2024.

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

G. Ride Around Torch 2024 Event – Approve the 37TH Annual Ride Around Torch bicycle tour and event using space at Veterans Memorial Beach on Sunday, July 21, 2024, from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

MOTION by MULLALY, **SECOND** by PRYDE, to approve the 37TH Annual Ride Around Torch bicycle tour and event using space at Veterans Memorial Beach on Sunday, July 21, 2024, from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM, with the condition to sign a contract or permit.

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

H. May 7, 2024 Workshop and Community Engagement – Approve Tuesday, May 7, 2024, as a Council Workshop starting at 6:30 PM, followed by a community engagement session regarding short-term rentals.

MOTION by PRYDE, **SECOND** by FOSDICK, to approve Tuesday, May 7, 2024, as a Council Workshop starting at 6:30 PM, followed by a community engagement session regarding short-term rentals.

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

I. March 5, 2024 Special Meeting and Workshop – Approve Tuesday, March 5, 2024, as a Council Special Meeting starting at 6:30 PM, followed by a Council Workshop.

MOTION by FOSDICK, **SECOND** by WEST, to approve Tuesday, March 5, 2024, for the Council to conduct a Special Meeting starting at 6:30 PM, followed by a Council Workshop.

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

CLOSED SESSION: In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268 (c) - for strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement. A 2/3 vote of the Council is required to go into Closed Session.

MOTION by MULLALY, **SECOND** by PRYDE, to enter into closed session at 8:19 p.m. in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268 (c) for strategy and discussion connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining

Roll call vote: Ayes – Fosdick, Mullaly, Pryde, Sergent, West, Shumate, Simpson;
Nays – None; Absent – None. **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION by SERGENT, **SECOND** by SHUMATE, to end the closed session and enter into open session at 8:30 p.m.

Roll call vote: Ayes – Mullaly, Pryde, Sergent, West, Shumate, Simpson, Fosdick;
Nays – None; Absent – None. **MOTION CARRIED**

RESOLUTION 24-11 – ACCEPT POLICE DEPARTMENT COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

MOTION by MULLALY, **SECOND** by FOSDICK, to approve Resolution 24-11.

Roll call vote: Ayes – Simpson, Fosdick, Mullaly, PRYDE, Sergent, West, Shumate;
Nays – None; Absent – None. **MOTION CARRIED**

CORRESPONDENCE: Received.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Received.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: No citizen comments.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETING DATES

ADJOURNED AT 8:39 P.M. BY PRESIDENT KAREN SIMPSON.