

Elkton Village Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday October 14th, 2025
Elkton Village Hall
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Elkton, MI 48731
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President Dan Armbruster called the regular meeting of the Elkton Village Council to order at 6:30P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustees Present: Tracy Macdowall, Bridgette Dufty, Deena Jobes, Shane Schember, and Agnes Kosinski. Excused Late Arrival: Matt Lewis.

Motion Agnes Kosinski, second Deena Jobes to approve the agenda, as presented.
Motion carried.

Motion Shane Schember, second Bridgette Dufty to approve the minutes from the September 9th, 2025 Regular Meeting, as presented.
Motion carried.

Motion Agnes Kosinski, second Shane Schember to approve the minutes from the September 15th, 2025 Special Meeting, as presented.
Motion carried.

Motion Dan Armbruster, second Bridgette Dufty to approve the minutes from the September 15th, 2025 Closed Session, as presented. (Minutes were distributed, reviewed, and collected during the meeting.)
Yays-5
Nays-0
Absent-Lewis
Abstain/Recused-Macdowall
Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Guests: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Health Insurance Renewal

Dan Armbruster reviewed the recommendation from Finance Committee. Motion Dan Armbruster, second Agnes Kosinski to renew the current health insurance at the new rate for the 2025-2026 year as presented. Discussion.

Yays-5

Nays-0

Absent-Lewis

Abstain-Jobes

Motion carried.

2. Treasurer's Report Village Tax Collection

Phyllis Baranski reported the 2025 Village tax collection was settled with the county treasurer. The amount collected was \$329,028.24 and the amount uncollected was \$20,619.39. Phyllis Baranski stated the DDA revenue was \$25,467.47. Discussion. Motion Dan Armbruster, second Shane Schember to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.

3. Water Deposit Closure

Motion Dan Armbruster, second Agnes Kosinski that water deposits are no longer collected and that the water deposits collected to date will be removed and recorded through revenue account 592-000-647-000, as recommended by our auditors. Discussion. Motion carried.

4. Halloween Event Reminder Sat. Nov. 1, 2025

Dan Armbruster reminded everyone the Elkton Halloween events and Trick-or-Treating will take place on Saturday November 1st, 2025 from 5P.M.-7P.M. Discussion on all events happening that evening.

MATT LEWIS ENTERED THE MEETING AT 6:43P.M. DURING THE DISCUSSION.

Accounts Payable

Motion Deena Jobes, second Shane Schember to pay the bills in the amount of \$47,250.13, as presented in the packet.

Motion carried.

Department Reports

Clerk/Treasurer- Phyllis Baranski: Phyllis Baranski stated that since last meeting she has settled the taxes with the County Treasurer, moved the DDA tax revenue to that account, mailed out the newsletter and water bills, and had the farmland leases signed and returned.

Police-Chief Scott Jobes: Scott Jobes stated complaints are up at 583 this year compared to 572 last year. Scott stated the new body cameras are in and he has taken training regarding the use and set up of the new equipment. Scott stated he should be receiving a Homeland Security Grant for 2 mobile radios, 2 hand held radios, and 2 laptops. He has to submit new updated quotes and the grant is a 100% reimbursable grant. Scott stated he has several court cases this week. Scott stated Born to Be Wild was a really quiet weekend with a normal amount of complaint calls.

Ambulance-Coordinator Cheyenne Rathje- Cheyenne Rathje stated there were 13 billable runs for the month of September. Cheyenne stated the ambulance rig got a flat tire on the left rear outer tire today. Osentoski Equipment fixed the rig and it is back in service. Cheyenne asked permission to advertise for an EMT class. Dan Armbruster stated a discussion could happen at a Police and Ambulance Committee meeting to work out the logistics.

DPW-Superintendent Lonnie Schulz: Lonnie Schulz stated the Fall hydrant flushing was completed, the two main wells were tested by Northern Pump and Well today, daytime sweeping of leaves has started, the roof on the front bathrooms was replaced, and a volunteer crew from Peer360 painted some items in the Village.

Committee Reports: Dan Armbruster thanked the Elkton Community Club for their donations. The Village, the Police Department, and the Ambulance each received \$1,000.

ATTORNEY CONSULTATION-CLOSED SESSION

Tracy Macdowall recused herself from the closed session and any discussion due to her having a purchase agreement with the property in question. The Council room was also cleared of others in attendance, with the remainder of Village Council staying for the Closed Session.

Motion Dan Armbruster, second Agnes Kosinski that the Village Council of the Village of Elkton assemble in closed session to consult with its litigation and general counsel regarding trial and settlement strategy in connection with the litigation filed in the Huron County Circuit Court entitled: *PYT Properties LLC v. Village of Elkton, Case No. 25-106031-CH*, since discussing the trial and/or settlement strategy in open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of this board. Further litigation counsel will be providing to the trustees an opinion letter concerning the above identified litigation which will be discussed during closed session. MCL 15.268 (e) and (h) permit this Board to assemble in closed session under these circumstances. Tracy Macdowall having recused herself on matters involving this litigation; a roll call vote is required.

Agnes Kosinski-Yea

Shane Schember-Yea

Deena Jobes-Yea

Dan Armbruster-Yea

Bridgette Dufty-Yea

Matthew Lewis-Yea

Tracy Macdowall-Recused/Absent

Motion carried.

Closed Session began at 6:55P.M.

Return to Open Session at 7:24P.M.

Motion Dan Armbruster, second Matt Lewis that the Village of Elkton Council having assembled in closed session to consult with its litigation counsel, hereby accepts and approves the recommendations of its counsel as presented during closed session. Tracy Macdowall having recused herself on matters involving this litigation; a voice vote was held.

Yays-6

Nays-0

Tracy Macdowall-Recused/Absent

Motion Carried.

Public Comment: None

Motion Matt Lewis, second Bridgette Dufty to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried.

President Dan Armbruster adjourned the meeting at 7:25P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Phyllis A. Baranski, CMC, MiPMC
Elkton Village Clerk/Treasurer

Approved 11-11-2025
Phyllis Baranski