

Elkton Village Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday August 12th, 2025
Elkton Village Hall
57 N. Main St.
Elkton, MI 48731
(989) 375-2270

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, Matt Lewis, Bridgette Dufty, Deena Jobes, Shane Schember, and Agnes Kosinski.

Motion Agnes Kosinski, second Bridgette Dufty to approve the agenda, as amended.
Motion carried.

Motion Bridgette Dufty, second Matt Lewis to approve the minutes from the July 8th, 2025 Regular Meeting, as presented.
Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Guests:

1. Nietzke & Faupel-Audit Report
Sara Mallory from Nietzke & Faupel, P.C. presented the audit report for FY '24-'25. Sara reviewed all the fund balances and findings from the audit and stated the water sewer fund will need to submit a deficit elimination plan again this year. Discussion on the audit report. Motion Dan Armbruster, second Shane Schember to accept the audit report for FY 2024-2025 as presented by Sara Mallory.
Motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Summer Rec. 2025 Synopsis
Dan Armbruster stated the synopsis from Summer Rec. Director, Crystal Fritz, was included in the packet. All were in agreement the program had another successful year.

New Business:

1. Police Personnel Issue
Dan Armbruster stated the Committee just met this evening to review the complaint against Chief Jobes. Motion Dan Armbruster, second Matt Lewis to accept the recommendation from the Police and Ambulance Committee that the complaint has no merit and therefore no action is recommended at this time.
Yays- 6
Nays-0
Abstain- Jobes
Motion carried.
2. Farmland Bid Release Drettman Farmland/M142
Motion Agnes Kosinski, second Deena Jobes to release the bid for 29 ½ acres of Drettman Farmland/M142 for a three year lease. Motion carried.

3. Farmland Bid Release Ewald Rd. Lagoon
Motion Agnes Kosinski, second Bridgette Dufty to release the bid for 16 tiled acres known as the Ewald Rd./M-142/ Motorplex Farmland for a three year lease. (Motion was made out of order of agenda).
Motion carried.
4. Farmland Bid Release Ewald Rd./M-142/Motoplex
Motion Matt Lewis, second Deena Jobes to release the bid for 33 acres of farmland known as the Lagoon property. (Motion was made out of order of agenda.)
Motion carried.
5. Elkton Autumnfest Reminder
Phyllis Baranski reminded everyone the Autumnfest is only a few weeks away over the Labor Day Weekend. Phyllis reminded the Council to volunteer or attend as many events as possible.
6. Budget Amendments
Motion Deena Jobes, second Shane Schember to approve the budget amendments, as presented.
Motion carried.
7. Police Dept. Two Body Cameras
Dan Armbruster stated the Police and Ambulance Committee met earlier tonight and is recommending the purchase of two body cameras. Discussion.
Motion Matt Lewis, second Agnes Kosinski to allow the police department to purchase 2 body cameras from Brite at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.
Yays-6
Nays-0
Abstain-Jobes
8. Elkton Community Club Memorial Donations
Phyllis Baranski stated Melissa Parrish from the Elkton Community Club would like permission to donate two memorial items to Ackerman Park. Discussion.
Motion Dan Armbruster, second Shane Schember to allow the donation of memorial items to be built, designed, and placed in Ackerman Park under the supervision of Lonnie Schulz, DPW Superintendent.
Motion carried.

Accounts Payable

Motion Deena Jobes, second Shane Schember to approve the accounts payables in the amount of \$52,802.83, as presented in the packet.
Motion carried.

Department Reports

Clerk/Treasurer-Phyllis Baranski: Phyllis stated the property taxes continue to come in steady. Phyllis stated the DDA had members from the MEDC and Huron County EDC here today for a presentation regarding economic development and funding sources. Phyllis Baranski stated she submitted the parade permit to the State of Michigan for the Autumnfest parade. It is pending approval.

DPW-Superintendent Lonnie Schulz: Lonnie Schulz stated everything is going well. The Mullen St. railroad crossing will be closed for 2-3 days this week as the tracks are worked on and asphaltting completed. Agnes Kosinski thanked Lonnie for the installation of the new drinking fountain along the walking path and the installation of the downtown banners.

Police-Chief Scott Jobes: Scott Jobes stated complaints are at 430 for the year compared to 433 last year. Scott stated that some of the complaints have been bigger crimes like carjacking, stolen debit card monies, and fighting. Discussion on new security at Autokiniton.

Ambulance-Coordinator Cheyenne Rathje: Cheyenne is absent. Matt Lewis gave a report regarding the crew member meeting, lack of participation on the monthly schedule, and ambulance being out of service some this month. Discussion.

Committee Reports: None

Public Comment: None

Motion Dan Armbruster, second Shane Schember to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried.

President Dan Armbruster adjourned the meeting at 7:14P.M.

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

*Approved 09-09-25
Phyllis A. Baranski*