MINUTES
ELK RAPIDS VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026, 6:30 PM
GOVERNMENT CENTER, 315 BRIDGE STREET, ELK RAPIDS, MI 49629

1. **CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - ROLL CALL - 6:30 PM**
   PRESENT: Village President Thomas Stephenson; President Pro-Tem Tracy Fosdick; Trustees Liz DeLaRossa, Beth Guntzviller, Barb Mullaly, Kellie Sergent and Ellen Vasquez.
   STAFF: Village Manager David Tait; Village Clerk Jeremy Beger.
2. **APPROVE AGENDA:** The Agenda was approved as presented.
   MOTION by FOSDICK, SECOND by GUNTZVILLER to approve the Agenda as presented.
   All present voted yes.
   MOTION CARRIED.
3. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** None.
4. **CITIZEN COMMENTS:** Received.
5. **CONSENT AGENDA**
   The purpose of the consent agenda is to expedite business by grouping non-controversial items together to be dealt with by one Council motion without discussion beyond questions for clarification.
   a) Accept Meeting Minutes
      i. Parks and Recreation Commission - July 1, 2026
      ii. Elk Rapids District Library - July 9, 2026
      iii. Downtown Development Authority - August 11, 2026
      iv. Regular Council Meeting - September 1, 2026
      v. Council Workshop - September 1, 2026
   b) Approval of Bills
   c) Approval of Payroll
   d) Accept Financial Reports
   e) Accept Written Staff Reports

   MOTION by SERGENT, SECOND by VASQUEZ to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
   ROLL CALL
   Ayes: Fosdick, DeLaRossa, Guntzviller, Mullaly, Sergent, Vasquez, Stephenson
   Nays: None.
   MOTION CARRIED.
6. **VILLAGE MANAGER REPORT:** Received.
   MOTION by SERGENT, SECOND by GUNTZVILLER to accept the Village Manager Report as presented.
   All present voted yes.
   MOTION CARRIED.
7. **COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS:** Received.
8. **PRESENTATION - SURF INTERNET**
   Tina Klipfel of Surf Internet presented a privately funded, underground fiber-to-the-home proposal. Discussion included construction and restoration, resident notification, right-of-way permitting under the METRO Act, pricing, seasonal service, equipment and the relationship to other regional fiber projects. No action taken.
9. **CLOSED SESSION - VILLAGE MANAGER PERIODIC PERSONNEL EVALUATION**
   Pursuant to MCL 15.268(a), Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act, to consider the periodic personnel evaluation of the Village Manager, who requested a closed session.
   MOTION by MULLALY, SECOND by VASQUEZ to enter closed session at 7:26 PM.
   ROLL CALL
   Ayes: DeLaRossa, Guntzviller, Mullaly, Sergent, Vasquez, Stephenson, Fosdick
   Nays: None.
   MOTION CARRIED.
10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
    a) **Resolution 2026-35 - Village Manager Employment Agreement**
    Council discussed the 360-degree evaluation for Village Manager David Tait, however, tabled Resolution 2026-35 to the next Regular Council Meeting to ensure the new contract has correct language.
    MOTION by SERGENT, SECOND by VASQUEZ to approve the 360-degree evaluation completed for Village Manager David Tait.
    All present voted yes.
    MOTION CARRIED.
    b) **Events Ordinance Discussion**
    Discussion held. No action taken.

c) **Update on 322 S. Bayshore Drive and Maple Street**

Discussion held. No action taken.

11. NEW BUSINESS

a) **Harbor Budget Committee Reimbursement**

MOTION by MULLALY, SECOND by SERGENT to acknowledge that the Village owes the Harbor Fund at least $282,203, to be paid as determined by current and future budgetary constraints.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Mullaly, Sergent, Stephenson, Fosdick, Guntzviller

Nays: Vasquez, DeLaRossa.

MOTION CARRIED.

b) **Materials Management Report Discussion**

Discussion held. No action taken.

c) **Environmental Commission Ordinance Discussion**

Discussion held. No action taken.

d) **Fall Pick Up Day Discussion**

Discussion held. No action taken.

e) **Resolution 2026-36 - Olson & Howard, P.C. Retainer Agreement**

MOTION by GUNTZVILLER, SECOND by SERGENT to approve Resolution 2026-36, Olson & Howard, P.C. Retainer Agreement, as presented.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Sergent, Vasquez, Stephenson, Fosdick, DeLaRossa, Guntzviller, Mullaly

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

f) **Resolution 2026-37 - Pump Stations 2 and 11**

MOTION by SERGENT, SECOND by MULLALY to approve Resolution 2026-37, Service Agreement with Gosling Czubak Engineering Sciences, Inc. for improvements at Pump Stations 2 and 11.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Vasquez, Stephenson, Fosdick, DeLaRossa, Guntzviller, Mullaly, Sergent

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

12. PLANNING FOR THE NEXT MEETING: Received.

13. CORRESPONDENCE: Received.

14. CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

15. COUNCIL COMMENTS: Received.

16. UPCOMING MEETING DATES AND OTHER EVENTS OF NOTE

- **HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING** – Monday, September 14, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at the Government Center, 315 Bridge Street, Elk Rapids, MI 49629
- **BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION MEETING** - Thursday, September 17, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at the Government Center, 315 Bridge Street, Elk Rapids, MI 49629
- **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING** – Thursday, September 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Government Center, 315 Bridge Street, Elk Rapids, MI 49629
- **HOUSING COMMISSION MEETING** - Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. at the Government Center, 315 Bridge Street, Elk Rapids, MI 49629
- **PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING** - Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Government Center, 315 Bridge Street, Elk Rapids, MI 49629
- **BEAUTIFICATION BUDGET WORKSHOP** - Tuesday, September 29, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. at the Government Center, 315 Bridge Street, Elk Rapids, MI 49629
- **HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING** - Monday, October 5, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at the Government Center, 315 Bridge Street, Elk Rapids, MI 49629

17. MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:57 PM

I, Jeremy Beger, Clerk of the Village of Elk Rapids, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the minutes adopted by the Village Council of Elk Rapids at the regular council meeting at which a quorum was present.

JB — 10/8/26

Jeremy Beger, Elk Rapids Village Clerk — Date

10/8/26

Tom Stephenson, Elk Rapids Village President — Date