

**ELMWOOD TOWNSHIP BOARD
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
February 19, 2025**

The regular meeting of the ELMWOOD TOWNSHIP BOARD held at Cass City High School was called to order at 7:40 p.m. on February 19, 2025, by Supervisor Graff. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

Present: Supervisor Graff, Clerk Brinkman, Treasurer Kilbourn, Trustee Brown and Trustee Laurie. Paul Lopez was also in attendance representing the Fire Department.

Township attorneys Seth Koches and Josh Thall were also present.

Public: Many people from the township and outside the township spoke regarding concerns of renewable energy.

Agenda: Brown motioned to approve the agenda; Kilbourn supported the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

Fire Report: There were seven runs. The Elmwood Twp Firefighters Association is selling raffle tickets for the 2025 Spring Sportsman Raffle, the drawing will be held March 22, 2025. Brown moved to accept the fire report; Laurie supported the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

Planning Commission: Nancy Laskowski presented the board the Planning Commission Annual Report.

Minutes of previous meeting: The minutes from the January 2025, meeting were presented; Kilbourn moved to accept the minutes; Brown supported the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Brinkman moved to accept the Treasurer's report; Brown supported the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

Graff reported that Kappen's Tree Service took a tree down in the Elmwood Township Cemetery.

Graff also announced the progress on the township sign purchased with ARPA funds has been stalled due to weather conditions.

Jamie Chargo from Highline was present at the meeting and offered to answer any questions regarding Highline internet to township residents.

Seth Koches, representing Bauckham, Thall, Seeber, Kaufman & Koches P.C., gave an explanation on the township's Conflict of Interest Ordinance. He also explained the process of a CREO regarding renewable energy and the township.

Laurie motioned to have Bauckham, Thall, Seeber, Kaufman & Koches, P.C. look over the township's renewable energy ordinances and overlay districts; Brown supported the motion; the motion carried with Graff being the lone opposing vote.

Graff motioned to re-hire Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith to oversee the township's renewable and alternative energy matters; there was no second to the motion.

Brinkman noted the ARPA paperwork needs to get to the township's CPA, King and King, by April 8, 2025. It was also noted those who want to attend the EGLE Renewable Energy Workshop in Saginaw on March 4, 2025, need to let Brinkman know by noon on Friday, February, 21, 2025, to be signed up.

Public: There was input once again from the public regarding renewable energy.

Graff motioned to adjourn the meeting; the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Brinkman
Elmwood Township Clerk