

Elsie Area Fire Association  
140 W Maple St  
Elsie, MI 48831

Elsie Area Fire Association Board Minutes for Board Meeting on February 12, 2025

Members Present: Green, Zemla and Carroll  
Fire Department Members Present: N/A  
Members Absent: Wooley, Bowen, McNamara, Maynard  
Guests: Jason Freeman, Craig Hall, Ryan Boots

Called to order by Green at 6:07 pm

The board and guests stood for the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Carroll made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Zemla supported the motion and motion carried.

Carroll made the motion to approve the minutes from the January 15<sup>th</sup> and January 30<sup>th</sup> meeting as presented. Zemla supported the motion and motion carried.

Zemla made a motion to approve the Treasurers report with the following balances: \$71,024.09 in checking and \$44,671.61 in the money market. Carroll supported the motion and motion carried.

Carroll made a motion to approve the bills, checks & ACH debits, in the amount of \$4,844.94 for January and \$11,345.83 for February. Zemla supported the motion and motion carried.

Budget amendments were postponed until March.

Chief McNamara was absent

#### Old Business

- 1 Huntington Bank Update: Carroll presented Huntington Bank Statement. Board relieved issue has been resolved thanks to Secretary/Treasurer for diligence.
- 2 Audit Update – Zemla made a motion to approve the audit as presented. Carroll supported motion and motion carried. The auditor will be invited to join the board at the March board meeting. There was discussion concerning the audit item of nonpayment from the Village. Carroll stated that no proof of payment was located at this time.
- 3 Letters of Preservation/FOIA Update: No current update.
- 4 Budget Committee 2025/2026 - The Budget Committee has a meeting on February 19<sup>th</sup>. Zemla presented information and documents and discussion followed.
- 5 MML Renewal: Board members comfortable with prior decision approving insurance.
- 6 Other Old Business: None

#### New Business:

- 1 MML Loss Control Meeting and Training Info: Generic limited discussion due to nature of meeting
- 2 2025/2026 Ready to Serve Fee – 3.1% Increase: Carroll made a motion to increase the Ready to Serve fee by 3.1% per capita. Zemla supported the motion and motion carried.
- 3 Rescue/Fire Personnel Wages - Discussion by board towards legal requirements for volunteer status/part time etc. Carroll questioned if the fire dept is bound by minimum wage requirements. It was determined that the topic was discussed with legal counsel the prior year. Green suggested to move to \$12.50 instead of the \$12.00 they were previously receiving. Zemla made a motion to pay

- \$12.50 instead of the \$12.00 they were previously receiving. Carroll seconded the motion and motion carried.
- 4 Secretary/Treasurer Computer: Zemla made a motion to allow the Secretary/Treasurer purchase a lap top computer up to \$600 for the fire department reports instead of using her Townships computer. Carroll supported the motion and motion carried.
- 5 Six Month Review for Chief McNamara: Carroll made a motion to set Chief's review for Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm prior to the board meeting. Zemla supported the motion and motion carried.
- 6 Moving \$10,000 to Money Market: Carroll made a motion to move \$10,000 from the checking account to the Money Market savings account to put towards the large equipment fund. Zemla supported the motion and motion carried.
- 7 Other New Business: None

Guest Comment: None

Association Agreement: Zemla presented a partial list of concerns associated with amending the current agreement, much discussion followed. Village President Freeman state that the sale of the building estimated at \$292,000, reduced slightly for fire association contribution of the building additions. Rent may be \$1 annual for one year. Unsure if that will take place because the Village no longer as the ability to make decisions. It was stated that monthly rent could be \$1200 a month. The Village is paying the insurance on the building for a period of 1 year. The Village will not be paying utilities after November 2025.

Zemla made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 pm. Carroll supported the motion. Motion carried.

Next meeting: March 19, 2025 at 6:00 pm – with a special meeting beginning at 5:30 as a review with Chief McNamara

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Bowen  
Secretary/Treasurer