

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

Elsie Area Fire Association Board Minutes for Board Meeting on April 11, 2025

Members Present: Green, Zemla, Bowen & Maynard

Fire Department Members Present: N/A

Guests: Jason Freeman, Sam Frink, Dorothy Ornelas, Mark Helt, Todd Carroll, Destinee Bryce, Deb Price, Ryan Boots, Bob Ladiski, Rob Saul, Heath Arnett, Erika Arnett, Dan Fabus and Chris Darling

Called to order by Green at 6:03 pm

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

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

The letter that was sent to the Village of Elsie Council on March 24, 2025 and the response from Jason Freeman, Village of Elsie President, from April 9, 2025 was discussed in great depth with the board and the guests. Questions were asked of the Village of Elsie personnel if the Fire Department could do a lease to own and the response was, no. It was not advised by the Village of Elsie's legal counsel.

Zemla made a motion to enter into closed session at 6:45 pm. Bowen supported the motion and motion carried.
Bowen – Aye, Maynard – Aye, Zemla – Aye and Green – Aye.

Zemla made a motion to enter into open session at 7:39 pm. Maynard supported the motion and motion carried.
Bowen – Aye, Maynard – Aye, Zemla – Aye and Green – Aye.

It was asked of the Village of Elsie personnel if they could prepare a proposed lease agreement between the Village of Elsie and the Elsie Area Fire Association for the current fire station, for the May EAFA meeting. It was also asked if they could also see if the appraisal could be expedited. It was stated they would create a proposed lease agreement and would see if they could expedite the appraisal. It was also asked of the Village if they had requested the appraisal to split the old part of the building from the new addition that the firefighters & other local donors added in order to get an accurate value of the building. They had not done that.

The board member discussion was put on hold until the regular meeting on April 16th.

Maynard had provided the board with a copy of the Agreement between Marion Township Fire Department and Chapin Township for review. Bowen provided the board with a copy of the Agreement with the Clinton Area Ambulance for review to see if the board could use anything for the new Association Agreement. The board will continue to review at the regular meeting.

Maynard made a motion to adjourn at 7:43 pm. Zemla supported the motion and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Bowen
Secretary/Treasurer