

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

Elsie Area Fire Association Board Minutes for Board Meeting on July 16, 2025

Members Present: Green, Zemla, Bowen & Maynard

Fire Department Members Present: McNamara

Guests: Craig Hall, Jason Bowen, Donny Peterson, Rob Saul, Amy Holden and Nick Brock

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.

Zemla made the motion to approve the minutes from the June 18th meeting. Maynard supported the motion and motion carried.

Zemla made the motion to approve the special minutes from the June 25th meeting as presented. Maynard supported the motion and motion carried.

Zemla made a motion to approve the Treasurers report with the following balances: \$151,226.53 in checking and \$54,972.08 in the money market. Maynard supported the motion and motion carried.

Zemla made a motion to approve the bills, checks & ACH debits, in the amount of \$556.98 for June and \$4,339.87 for July for a total of \$4,896.85. Maynard supported the motion and motion carried.

There were no budget amendments.

Chief McNamara presented the Chief's report for July. J. Bowen, H. Arnett and N. Brock are the new training committee. There will be one larger training once a month on Sunday and have a follow up training later on. A new firefighters was hired. Will look at purchasing gear after his six month review.

Craig Hall did not have an Operational Readiness Report. Stated there are only a couple of minor issues. The equipment is in good shape.

No comments on non-agenda items.

Old Business

- 1 Grant Update: Zemla & Bowen continue to meet with the Grant writers with the Clinton County Catalyst Group weekly. They applied for two grants for equipment needs of the department.
- 2 New Board Members Discussion – On hold
- 3 Earned Sick Time Act: Andrew Niedzinski with the State stated that the Fair Labor Standard's act exempts paid on call/ volunteer firefighters.
- 4 Insurance Claim Update: The insurance investigator with MML called Bowen and stated that they were closing the open claim for the possible law suit due to inactivity for a long period of time.
- 5 Other Old Business – None

New Business:

- 1 DNR Grant: Chief McNamara submitted a grant with the DNR for forestry hose up to \$5000
- 2 Building Upkeep: The board wanted to remind the Fire Department to continue with the building upkeep. Brock commented that he has someone who can help with the exterior building maintenance.
- 3 Engine Wrap - Bowen made a motion for the department to spend up to \$750 to have Michigan Graphics wrap both sides of Engine 1 to have the old department's name covered up. Maynard supported the motion and motion carried.
- 4 Chief Annual Review – The Fire Board will meet with Chief McNamara after the September Association Board meeting.
- 5 Invoice for Village of Elsie Contributions: Zemla made a motion to send the Village of Elsie an invoice for the 2025/2026 Contribution and the 2023-2024 Contribution that the Fire Department never received. Maynard supported the motion and motion carried.
- 6 Fundraising: The board discussed with the Fire Department personnel that were at the meeting about the importance of fundraising for the department. When meeting with the grant writers, fundraising is the next step. Bowen mentioned that she spoke with the owners of the Topsy Cow and they are willing to help with any fundraising the department would like to entertain. The Board and the Department need to work together
- 7 Other New Business: None

There was no public comment.

Zemla made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 pm. Maynard supported the motion and motion carried.

Next meeting: August 20, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Bowen
Secretary/Treasurer