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REGULAR MEETING MINUTE JULY 13, 2026

SYNOPSIS
The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Amos at 9:00 am. The meeting was recorded to provide accuracy.

Present: Supervisor D.Amos, Clerk D. Husband, Treasurer K. Jensen, Trustee R. Hults and Trustee M. Soper.
Also Present: Commissioner Hefferan, Fire Chief Williamson, Sheriff Kevin Hock, Attorney Thad Morgan and audience.

Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.
Approval of Meeting Agenda: **MOTION/S: Husband/Hults** - To approve the agenda as stated. All voting Yes, 0 No. **MOTION APPROVED.**

CONSENT AGENDA: MOTION/S: Jensen /Soper - To approve all the items on the Consent Agenda. Roll Call Vote: Hults, Soper, Jensen, Amos, and Husband, all voting Yes, 0 No. **MOTION APPROVED.**

ELK RAPIDS HISTORICAL SOCIETY NANCY BAKER: Requested permission to hold a walking tour with the Chamber of Commerce for Saturday, September 26, 2026, at 11:00 & 2:00pm, during the Fall Festival. It will not be a full production, just an informational walkthrough pointing out featured gravesites representing a cross section of veterans, business owners, farmers, tradesman, and educators. It will be free of charge with a suggested donation to support the Historical Society. **MOTION/S Hults/Soper** To permit ERAHS to offer walking tours September 26th, 2026, at 11:am & 2:00pm to provide historical and educational background of the Maple Grove Cemetery. Vote: All Voting Yes, 0 No **MOTION APPROVED.**

SHERIFF/COMMISSION REPORT: The Fourth of July weekend was busy but well-managed, with one incident of underage alcohol consumption requiring hospitalization. The Elk Rapids Township report for June showed 59 calls for service, a decrease from the previous year. The Sheriff explained that Flock cameras are license plate readers that take still photos to identify vehicles on a "hot list" for major crimes, with access restricted to authorized personnel. They do not video continually. A resident shared a personal story supporting their use. A recall petition has been filed for the County Clerk and will be reviewed by the Board of Canvassers on July 24, 2026. In August, the County should be getting final numbers on Spillway repair, and a meeting will be planned soon.

AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT: June saw 41 total runs, with 25 in the Village and Township. All response timelines were met, staffing is stable, and performance aligns with the contract.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief reported 12 incidents, many weather related. Hose testing went well. Drone training was performed. A letter from the Fire Department regarding fireworks at Riverwalk was sent without board authorization and addressed topics beyond its authority. After discussion on the implications of charging for services and adhering to ordinances, a motion was passed to rescind the letter. The board reinforced that all future departmental correspondence must be reviewed and authorized by the board. **MOTION/S Soper/Hults** To rescind letter. Vote: all voting Yes, 0 No. **MOTION APPROVED.**

ZONING AND PLANNING: Planning Commission has reappointed Thomas Crandall to a 3-year term. Emile Sabty is retiring and will be replaced with Aubyn Amos-Hitchcock. Emile has served on the Commission and has provided excellent service as a commissioner. **MOTION/S: Soper/Hults.** Vote: all voting Yes, 0 No. Amos Abstained. **MOTION APPROVED.** Zoning Board of Appeals will reappoint to a 3-year term Robert McCririe, Vince Cooper, and Township Representative Richard Hults. **MOTION/S: Jensen/Soper.** Vote: all voting Yes, 0 No. **MOTION APPROVED.**

FIRE STATION: MOTION/S: Hults/ Soper To hire Arrow Roofing and Sheet Metal replace ridge vent for $4,824. Roll Call Vote: Soper, Jensen, Amos, Husband, and Hults all voting Yes, 0 No **MOTION APPROVED.** A new security system will be installed at the Fire Station in the coming months.

Review of Liability Insurance: The board agreed to have an attorney from Clark-Hill firm conduct a comprehensive review of the current policy.

Cemetery Update An updated cemetery ordinance was approved. It adds the term "non-biodegradable" containers for cremains, and requires board approval for public uses, restricting them to educational/ informational purposes. The old cemetery sign is being restored as a donation by part-time resident Jonathan Schmidt. Fencing options are being researched, and future work includes straightening headstones. Cemetery Ordinance 2026-2. **MOTION/S: Hults/Amos** - To approve updated Cemetery Ordinance. Vote: all voting Yes, 0 No. **MOTION APPROVED.**

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Huntington Bank Tax Tribunal matter has been resolved. Agricultural land division has not been approved yet. **MOTION /S: Jensen/Amos** - To accept the negotiation value of the Huntington Bank Tax Tribunal agreement. Roll Call Vote: Jensen, Amos, Husband, Hults, and Soper all voting Yes, 0 No **MOTION APPROVED.**

TOWNSHIP BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE. Blight Ordinance will be worked on next month as well as Data Center discussion. July Board of Review is July 21, 2026. Husband reported Township Super Recycle Day went well. County Recycle Bins will be now located at the Herrman Road compactor area. Townline Road repair may be pushed to next year as the Grand Traverse Road Commission has informed us. Road issues in the County have delayed Cairn Highway repair as well. Townline Storage bond issue is working with the engineering firm to negotiate a one-month extension to create a comprehensive agreement to avoid returning the issue to the Planning Commission. Village update by President Tom Stephenson reported a new full-time Zoning Administer starts August 10th. Council passed a resolution to address the spillway roadway project. Groundbreaking for the Bridge Street Flats is July 21, 2026, at 4:00pm. Lift stations are getting redone on the East side. Grants are being sought for the agricultural community support.

Adjourned: 10:25 am

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Debbie Husband Elk Rapids Township Clerk, 231-264-9333
Audio and complete minutes available on Twp website – elkrapids.com
Meeting minutes are subject to approval at the next regular Board Meeting.

ANTRIM COUNTY

NOTICE

The Antrim County Board of Commissioners is seeking sealed bids for snow plowing and snow removal for the seasonal years beginning November 1, 2026 – October 31, 2027 and November 1, 2027 – October 31, 2028 (2-year bid). Bid specifications may be obtained by visiting www.antrimcountymi.gov or at the Administration Office (address below).

Sealed bids shall be submitted to the Antrim County Administration Office, 203 E. Cayuga St., Room 204; or P.O. Box 187, Bellaire, MI 49615, received no later than 11:00 a.m. on August 11, 2026. All bids should be plainly marked "SNOW PLOWING BID" on the outside.

Bids will be publicly opened and inspected by the County Administration Office at 11:00 a.m. on August 11 in Room 209 of the Antrim County Building. A recommendation to award the bid will be considered by the Board of Commissioners on September 3.

The County of Antrim reserves the right to accept and/or reject any and all bids, to waive any irregularity in a bid, and to accept that bid which, in the opinion of the County Commissioners, is in the best interest of the County.

WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP

LEGAL NOTICE
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NOTICE OF ELECTION COMPUTER ACCURACY TEST

Notice is hereby given that the Public Accuracy Test for the electronic voting equipment that will be used for the August 4, 2026 Primary Election will take place on July 28, 2026 at 1:00 p.m., at the Whitewater Township Hall, 5777 Vinton Road, Williamsburg Michigan, pursuant to MCL 168.798.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate the computer programming used to tabulate the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of Michigan election law.
All members of the public are invited to attend.

If you are planning to attend and you have a disability requiring any special assistance at the meeting and/or if you have any concerns, please immediately notify the ADA Coordinator/Clerk @ (231)267-5141 ex 24.

Wendy Hoeksema, Whitewater Township Clerk

MILTON TOWNSHIP

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

PLEASE TAKE NOTE that the Milton Township Board of Trustees, at a regular meeting on May 18, 2026, at 9 AM, conducted a public hearing and made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. P.O. 2026-01 establishing the Ordinance Enforcement Officer. This Ordinance shall become effective 8 days after this publication.

This Ordinance may be viewed on the Township Website miltontownshipmi.gov or at the Township Hall at 7023 Cherry Ave, Kewadin, MI 49648 by appointment.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE that Milton Township is currently seeking a part-time/on call Ordinance Enforcement Officer to support the Zoning Office. The job description can be found on the Township Website miltontownshipmi.gov. Letters of interest may be submitted to the Clerk at clerk@miltontownshipmi.gov.