

**MINUTES**  
**ELKHART COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**117 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Room 104, Goshen, IN 46526**  
**April 17, 2025**

The meeting of the Elkhart County Council was called to order by Council President, Thomas W. Stump at 4:00 p.m., in Room 104 of the County Administrative Building, Goshen, Indiana. Members present were Council President Thomas W. Stump, Council Vice President David L. Hess, Adam M Bujalski, Steven E. Clark, Douglas S. Graham, Darryl J. Riegsecker, and Randall D. Yohn. Also, present were Patricia A. Pickens County Auditor, and Steven Olsen, County Attorney's Office. Tiara Jackson First Deputy Auditor was absent.

\*\* This meeting commenced pursuant to public notice under the Indiana open door law. This meeting was made available for the public and press to attend in-person and virtually in remote real-time observation via Web-Ex.

**MINUTES:** Approval of CC Meeting Minutes: March 20, 2025.

On motion to approve the March 20, 2025, minutes by Riegsecker and seconded by Bujalski, the Council unanimously carried and approved the minutes as presented with a vote of 7 to 0. (pg. 143)

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

COMMISSIONERS: Suzie Weirick spoke about concerns regarding adverse financial impacts anticipated as a result of recently passed legislation that appears to be targeting local governments.

COUNCIL: Mr. Stump introduced the new Council Secretary, Brandy Chupp. Mr. Stump read a statement about the potential of significant measles outbreaks in our area and his appreciation for our Health Department and how they've managed the situation. Mr. Clark spoke about comments made at the end of the last meeting about, "Numbers don't lie" and "We should look at other funds, such as Economic Development, to determine what programs serve the taxpayers best." "I don't think I've ever seen anything come before them about Economic Development." Mr. Clark pointed out that there was an Economic Development (EDIT) item on this agenda. Mr. Bujalski spoke about Senate Bill 1 that was just passed and signed by the Governor. Bill is now at 350 pages. He's reading through it, but there are a lot of unknowns at this time. There will be a lot of changes locally, but no one knows yet how it will affect everyone.

SHERIFF: None.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION EXPLANATIONS:**

- A. CUMULATIVE DRAIN (#1141)
  - 1. Surveyor (980) requested \$50,000.00 for construction/reconstruction of the cumulative drain.

Phil Barker presented this request to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Riegsecker and seconded by Clark, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a vote of 7 to 0.

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**B. PARK & REC. NON-REVERTING (#1178)**

1. Park & Recreation Dept. (980) requested \$120,00.00 for annual request of capital funds.

Ronda DeCaire presented this request to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Clark and seconded by Graham, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a 7 to 0 vote.

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**C. MIDDLEBURY SE TIF (#4509)**

1. Planning & Development (980) requested \$70,000.00 for construction/reconstruction of Water Tower 2 in Middlebury.

Natasha Wiesenbeck presented this request to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Graham and seconded by Bujalski, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a 7 to 0 vote.

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**D. MIDDLEBURY EAST TIF (#4510)**

1. Planning & Development (980) requested \$70,000.00 for construction/reconstruction of Water Tower 2 in Middlebury.

Natasha Wiesenbeck presented this request to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Graham and seconded by Bujalski, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a 7 to 0 vote.

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**Total Appropriations Approved: \$310,000.00**

**REDUCTION REQUESTS:**

**E. EMERGENCY PLANNING RIGHT TO KNOW (#1152)**

1. EMA/Emergency Planning Right to Know (980) requested a reduction in the amount of \$75.91.

**Total Reductions:                   -\$75.91**

Auditor Pickens presented the reductions to Council.

On motions to approve made by Yohn and seconded by Bujalski, the Council unanimously approved the request with a vote of 7 to 0.

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**TRANSFER REQUESTS REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION:**

|                                  |                 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| A. General Fund (#1000)          |                 |
| County Clerk (101)               |                 |
| From: 42380 Capital Supply Items | \$800.00        |
| To: 44520 Office Equipment       | \$800.00        |
| <b>Total Transfers:</b>          | <b>\$800.00</b> |

Chris Anderson presented this request to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Graham and seconded by Bujalski, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a 7 to 0 vote.

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**TRANSFER REQUESTS NOT REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION:**

(Available in the Auditor's office)

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Steven Olsen:

- A. Request Consideration and Approval of Interlocal Agreement Funding for Replacement of Water Tower No. 2.

Steven Olsen explained the details of this agreement to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Graham and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously carried and approved the Interlocal Agreement Funding with a vote of 7 to 0.

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- B. Request Consideration and Approval of an Interlocal Agreement Funding for East Warren Water Main replacement.

Steven Olsen explained the details of this agreement to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Hess and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously carried and approved the Interlocal Agreement Funding with a vote of 7 to 0.

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- C. Consideration and Approval of Interlocal Agreement Funding for Structural Improvements to the Pavement of County Road 6 (Between County Road 9/Johnson Street and County Road 11/Osolo Road). Project will be funded 50/50 with the city.

Steven Olsen explained the details of this agreement to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Graham and seconded by Bujalski, the Council unanimously carried and approved the Interlocal Agreement Funding with a vote of 7 to 0.

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- D. Request Consideration and Approval of Ordinance CC-2025-10 Establishing the Spark Good Grant Fund (9174).

Steven Olsen explained the details of this Ordinance to the Council.

On motion made to approve by Graham and seconded by Bujalski, the Council unanimously carried and approved Ordinance CC-2025-10 with a 7 to 0 vote.

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#### **AUDIENCE ITEMS:**

- Melody Wise spoke.
- Cindi Hijacek, Goshen, spoke.
- Pam Keyser, Middlebury, spoke.
- Diana Graham, Elkhart, spoke.
- Glenn Null, Goshen, spoke.

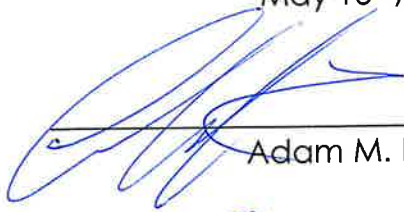
#### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Council, on motion to adjourn made by Graham seconded by Bujalski, the Council unanimously carried and approved the adjournment of the meeting at 5:10 pm.

Patricia A. Pickens  
Elkhart County Auditor

A complete recording of this meeting is available in the Auditor's Office. The recording of this meeting will be available for one year and then erased.


MINUTES APPROVAL SIGNATURES  
Elkhart County Council Meeting  
May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025



Adam M. Bujalski



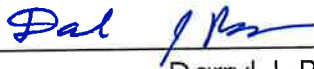
Steven E. Clark



Douglas S. Graham



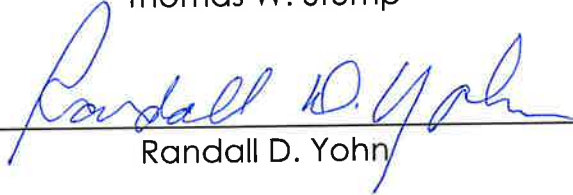
David L. Hess



Darryl J. Riegsecker



Thomas W. Stump



Randall D. Yohn



ATTEST:

Patricia A. Pickens, Auditor

MAY 15, 2025