

**MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING – ELK RAPIDS DISTRICT LIBRARY PROPOSED PROJECT
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2018 AT 6:00 PM**

(PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – ROLL CALL – TAPED MEETING NOTICE)

**PRESENT: VILLAGE PRESIDENT JAMES JANISSE; COUNCIL MEMBERS
MELISSA WEST, CHUCK (MERTON) SCHULER, DOUGLAS
BRONKEMA, BARBARA MULLALY, LARRY BALL AND PATRICIA
PERLMAN**

**STAFF: VILLAGE MANAGER WILLIAM COOPER, ASSISTANT
MANAGER/CLERK CAROLINE KENNEDY, POLICE CHIEF DAVE
CENTALA**

ALSO PRESENT: INTERESTED CITIZENS, APPROXIMATELY 153

President Janisse opened the public hearing at 6:00 p.m.

The Elk Rapids District Library (ERDL) Board provided a presentation regarding the proposed expansion of the library. ERDL Chair Barbara Johnson introduced Tamara Burns of Hopkins Burns Design Studio and Daniel Whisler of Zermack Architects, who provided the presentation.

President Janisse called a recess at 7:01 p.m.

President Janisse called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Village President Janisse reviewed the guidelines of the public hearing.

The Preserve Our Island House and Property Association provided a presentation opposing the proposed library expansion. The presentation was provided by village resident Tim Moller.

The Better Library Better World group provided a presentation in favor of the proposed library expansion. Resident and business owner Karen Simpson introduced the following presenters: Elk Rapids Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Tom Kern; residents Beth and Scott Pryde; and resident and business owner Joe Yuchasz.

General public comment was received as follows:

Twenty-one citizens spoke in favor of the proposed library expansion project.

Ten citizens spoke in opposition of the proposed library expansion project.

During public comment President Janisse called a recess at 8:32 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 p.m.

President Janisse closed the public hearing at 9:34 p.m.

Council Comment: Council members West and Perlman thanked everyone for their input.

**MOTION by SCHULER, second by WEST, to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.
All those present voting yes. MOTION CARRIED.**