

A public hearing and the regular meeting of the Elberta Village Council was held on Thursday, February 21, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Building, 401 First Street, Elberta.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the beginning of the meeting.

Present: R.Manville, Bower, Jenks, L.Manville, Holmes, Gatrell, Wilkins and Stapleton.

Absent: none

Guests: Laura Manville, Ken Bonney, Emily Votruba, Carolee Ness, Lois Schram, Connie Manke, Marcia Stobie, Charlie Hendershott, Mark Held, Loy Putney, Max. Kessler, Colin Merry, Don Tanner and Bill Soper.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: L.Manville pointed out that in the minutes it read 2012 instead of 2013. Wilkins pointed out that her name was spelled incorrectly and that she had been left off the Beach Committee. Motion by Jenks supported by L.Manville to approve the minutes from January 14, 2013 with the changes. Yeas – 7.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Jenks supported by L.Manville to approve the agenda. Yea – 7.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Motion by Jenks supported by L.Manville to leave the regular meeting and go into the advertised public hearing to hear public comment on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2013/14. Yeas – 7.

Stobie handed out information concerning a tentative agreement with Michigan State Extension for a critique of the Village's Zoning Ordinance for the Planning Commission. She asked if this could be added to the proposed budget.

L.Manville recommended that the budget should have a separate line item for

repairs and maintenance for the LSS and a separate line item for repairs and maintenance for the Park. Laura Manville said that if they had questions concerning that account she could print a history report which would show activities in that account for their review. Repairs and maintenance for the LSS were discussed at length. L.Manville and Wilkins would like to see more budgeted for the LSS in this year's budget. Laura Manville said that she had specifically warned the Council at last years budget of over spending for the LSS in repairs and maintenance. She said repairs and maintenance amounts for the LSS exceeded the \$12,000 budgeted last year by over \$15,000 and put the LSS's cash balance in a negative cash balance of \$10,158.48 which she said must be paid back before any amount can be paid on repairs. L.Manville said that what Laura Manville was saying was that the money budgeted for the LSS was already spent. Laura Manville said that that was correct. She said that the only way any additional repairs could be done would be if Thorsen was willing to add it to his present balance. Laura Manville warned that if repairs are done they have to be monitored closely by the Council and approved before the work is done. She also said that Ross Thorsen is still owed about \$4000 from his work at the LSS. Laura Manville said that there is an arrangement with Thorsen to pay his monthly utility bills and taxes in lieu of payment but that she would still like to see him paid what he is still owed before the end of the new fiscal year. She said it was only fair. Laura Manville said that competition cut into last year's profits from the LSS. Labor paybacks were discussed at length. Laura Manville explained that the labor paybacks are governed by GASB 34. Stapleton said that the labor paybacks were very confusing. Laura Manville said that in future budgets she would prepare a separate report addressing the DPW, Clerk and Treasurer's paybacks so the Council could have a better understanding of the process.

Motion by Holmes supported by Gatrell to leave the public hearing and return to the regular meeting. Yeas -7.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS:

L.Manville asked about the check that had been made out to Sue Oseland out of the P&R fund. Laura Manville explained that there was an arrangement with Sue Oseland in lieu of paying her a weekly wage for her duties as

Market Master. Oseland asked that her weekly wage be applied to her Village monthly utility bill, Village property tax and Summer and Winter Township taxes. Laura Manville explained that the checks came out of the P&R labor account as the Market Master's wages would ordinarily do. L.Manville asked if Oseland had endorsed the checks. Laura Manville said that the checks were not endorsed but were stamped for deposit only in the designated accounts. L.Manville questioned if this was proper procedure. This was discussed at length. R.Manville said he wondered why L.Manville wasn't using a fine toothed comb on P&R as she does on the Office. The issue was discussed at length between R.Manville and L.Manville. Manke said that R.Manville had been the liaison for P&R during the time being discussed. Soper also started to express his opinion. R.Manville said that he was out of order. Soper referred to R.Manville with a profanity. R.Manville told Soper to leave the meeting at which time he did.

L.Manville said the receipt report showed a total of \$25,933.19. Motion by L.Manville with reservations and supported by Holmes to approve for the month of January the accounting checks in the amount of \$53,475.51 (which includes \$73.95 for P&R) and payroll in the amount of \$11,753.20 for a total of \$65,228.71. Yeas – 7

Department heads were heard from.

DPW Superintendent: Bonney discussed various activities in the DPW. He said that the intersection near the Mayfair was very dark and he said he would like to see two bigger lights placed there. He said the poles are already there and it will cost approximately \$100 per light. Bonney handed out estimates from Ross Thorsen for repair of siding at the LSS (\$1400). He also said that the roof at the Library Building is leaking.

BLUA: Holmes discussed that they are still looking for a worker at BLUA.

P&R: Stapleton turned the reporting over to Wilkins. Wilkins said that they had a good meeting. She said the Chili Cook Off fund raiser for the Solstice Festival raised over \$966. Wilkins thanked all those who volunteered for the event. She said that P&R loved the Village and wanted to keep things that

happened before in the past and move on. Votruba discussed the Recreation Plan. Wilkins also said that a local resident had to have his vehicle towed up from the beach.

Marina/Farmer's Market: Wilkins reported that Oseland had applied for another grant. There has been no word on the grant that she previously applied for.

L.Manville thanked Bonney for attending the Planning Commission meeting.

President's Report: R.Manville said that he had attended the two budget committee meetings to plan the proposed budget. He said that he had attended the Chili Cook Off and commented on how successful it had been. R.Manville also said that the Dog Ordinance had been enforced and resulted in a \$150 fine.

Municipal Buildings: The Council told Bonney to get estimates for the Library Building roof and it will be put on the March meeting agenda.

Master Plan: L.Manville said the Master Plan is complete and the name of the committee should be changed to the Planning Commission. She said March 5th is the next meeting date.

AGENDA:

1.D/A Budget for Fiscal Year 2013/2014. L.Manville said that she had expressed her concerns with the budget but there was nothing that could be done about it. Holmes was satisfied with the proposed budget. Motion by Holmes supported by Gatrell to approve the proposed budget for fiscal year 2013/2014 in the amount of \$532,662. Yeas – 6 Nays – 1 Wilkins

2.D/A Planning Commission. Stobie said as Chair of the Planning Commission she would like to have professional help in reviewing the present Zoning Ordinance. She said that she has asked Kurt Schindler with the Michigan State Extension Office to review the ordinance. Stobie said the Zoning Ordinance will probably need to be amended which will require a

public hearing. She said that she will bring back the agreement with Schindler to the March meeting for action.

3.D/A The Recreation Plan had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

4.D/A Meeting Dates, Times and Location for Fiscal Year 2013/14. Motion by L.Manville supported by Holmes to hold the regular Village meeting the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Building, 401 First Street, Elberta. Yeas – 7.

Public comment was heard.

Don Tanner discussed various activities in his position as our County Commissioner.

Emily Votruba expressed her concern that Soper was given a citation for violation of the Village Dog Ordinance. She felt that this was unfair as he was selling Christmas trees for a fund raiser for P&R. Jenks agreed. R.Manville asked the Council if they would like to change the ordinance.

Motion accepted to adjourn.

Sharyn Bower, Clerk

Village of Elberta