

1 MINUTES

2 Regular Meeting of the Elberta Village Council  
3 401 First Street (Community Building) Elberta  
4 July 21, 2016  
5 7:00 PM  
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7 Call to Order at 7:00 pm

8 Attendance: Present: Gatrell, Holmes, Jenks, Soper. Absent: O'Dwyer

9 Motion by Soper, supported by Holmes, to approve Minutes of June 16, 2016 Regular Council  
10 Meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried

11 Motion by Gatrell, supported by Soper, to approve Minutes of June 22, 2016 Special Council  
12 Meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried

13 Motion by Soper, supported by Gatrell to approve Agenda as written. All Ayes. Motion  
14 Carried.

15 No conflict of interest entered

16 Correspondence – Letter from MDOT about Act 51 Street Funds. Letter from Christeen Kibby  
17 Crawford read into the minutes (see end). Letter from Robin Rommell read into the minutes (see  
18 end). FOIA request from Linda Manville

19 Brief Public Comment on agenda items. Comment from Rosemary Mix regarding how busy  
20 July 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> were at the beach.

21 All bills submitted were either routine or pre-approved

22 Financial Report was received; no questions or issues raised.

23 Old Business

- 24 1. Yard Waste Dumping – Bonney. Trash has been removed. Village will continue to use  
25 east end of First Street for resident yard waste and leaves
- 26 2. Community Building Maintenance Plan has been revised since last meeting.
- 27 3. ADA Restroom for Garage will be budgeted and done next year.

28 Agenda

- 29 1. Streets Capital Improvement Plan. Motion by Soper supported by Gatrell to contract with  
30 Gourdie-Fraser to develop the Streets Capital Improvement Plan for the Village. All  
31 Ayes. Motion Carried.
- 32 2. NSF Policy and Fee Resolution. Resolution by Gatrell, supported by Holmes to set an  
33 NSF fee of \$25 on returned checks and adopt NSF policy. Roll Call: Gatrell - Aye,  
34 Holmes - Aye, Jenks - Aye, O'Dwyer – Absent, Soper - Aye. Motion Carried
- 35 3. Benzie County Chamber of Commerce Membership. Motion by Soper, supported by  
36 Gatrell to not renew membership. All ayes. Motion carried.
- 37 4. Budget Amendments. Motion by Soper, supported by Holmes to approve budget  
38 amendments presented. Roll Call: Gatrell - Aye, Holmes - Aye, Jenks - Aye, O'Dwyer –  
39 Absent, Soper - Aye. Motion Carried
- 40 5. Cell phone use policy. Motion by Soper, supported by Gatrell to adopt Village Cellular  
41 Telephone policy. All ayes. Motion carried.

- 1 6. Lawn Mower Purchase. Motion by Gatrell supported by Holmes to engage Hospenthal at  
2 the rate they bid this spring to do the Village mowing for the remainder of the season.  
3 Roll Call: Gatrell - Aye, Holmes - Aye, Jenks - Aye, O'Dwyer – Absent, Soper - Aye.  
4 Motion Carried. Current lawnmower needs to be repaired as a backup.
- 5 7. Investment decisions. Motion by Holmes, supported by Gatrell to have the Treasurer  
6 make the investment and loan payoffs as recommended by the Investment Officer.
- 7 8. Revised ELSS Rental Contract. Motion by Soper, supported by Gatrell to approve ELSS  
8 Rental Contract as revised on 6/29/16. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
- 9 9. Compliance with Michigan Smoke Free Air Act. Motion by Holmes supported by  
10 Gatrell to have Clerk acquire and post No Smoking signs at the Village Office and  
11 Garage in compliance with the Michigan Smoke Free Air Act. All Ayes. Motion  
12 Carried.
- 13 10. Noise Ordinance. Holmes to provide a draft ordinance for next month's Council Packets.
- 14 11. Farmers Market Report. Sue Oseland gave a verbal report to expand on the written report.  
15 S. Oseland to investigate cost of additional picnic tables for Penfold Park Pavilion and  
16 bring it next month's council meeting.

17 Reports to Council

18 County Commissioner – Sauer. Maples has been inspected waiting on report. County is  
19 currently in budget process; retirement costs are an issue along with rising health insurance costs.

20 DPW – Bonney. Rosemary Mix put new mulch around trees along Frankfort Ave. 4<sup>th</sup> of  
21 July signage worked well. Portable toilets and dumpster at beach for 4<sup>th</sup> of July worked well.  
22 DPW has picked up four dogs and handed them over to Animal Control. One stop sign replace  
23 so far. Electric at Well No. 3 is repaired. Burnt out light bulbs at WFP are being replaced with  
24 LEDs.

25 Planning Commission – Jenks. Written report submitted.

26 Parks & Recreation Commission - Soper. Written report submitted

27 President's Report – Jenks. Reported on conversation with ELHC representative  
28 regarding condition of ELHC properties.

29 BFA - O'Dwyer, No report this month

30 BLUA/Fire Board/Water Committee - Holmes & Gatrell. Holmes gave verbal report.

31 Building Committee – Soper. Written report submitted.

32 Employee Relations Committee – Gatrell. No meeting this month.

33 PPIC – Jenks. Written report submitted.

34 Betsey Valley Trail – Whiting. No report.

35 Extended General Public Comment

36 Rosemary Mix reported on community clean-up efforts after 4th of July and issues during  
37 and around 4th of July at the beach.

38 Sue Oseland reported on Community Garden, restroom grant and other grant  
39 opportunities

40 Motion by Gatrell, supported by Soper to adjourn. All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm

July 21, 2016 - Correspondence entered into Minutes

Board of Trustees  
Village of Elberta  
P.O. Box 8  
Elberta, MI 49628

July 5, 2016

I rented the Pavillion at the Waterfront Park on July 3rd (at a cost of \$75) for a celebration of my mother's 90th birthday. When we arrived at about noon on the 3rd, we had to clean up the trash that was scattered about the pavillion, on the grass and on the playground. The mess was understandable given the fact that both trash barrels were overflowing. This was not someone's household trash that was dumped there. It was obviously trash left behind by those using the park. When we arrived, there were people using the pavillion to have lunch. They actually took their trash with them because there was no place to put it.

The people who were using the pavillion when we arrived soon realized that the space had been rented. They were very nice and offered to move...an offer we declined... stating that they would have eaten elsewhere if there had been a notice that the space was reserved.

We managed to clean up and set up before guests started arriving at 1:00. All was going well until someone had to use the restroom. The porta-potty was too disgusting to be used. It was full nearly to the top, no toilet paper, no hand sanitizer.....just hundreds of flies!!! We ended up running shuttles back and forth to our home so people could use restroom facilities without becoming ill.

This was the condition of the park on July 3rd. We, as a community, should all be embarassed to think of what residents and visitors must have thought when they tried to use the park for the 4th of July holiday. We have a million dollar waterfront park that has trash/sewage like a third world facility. It just doesn't seem like much thought went into preparing our park for holiday use...or for a rental.

The condition of the entire park is deplorable. The benches are rotting, the historical displays are damaged and unreadable, lights in the pavillion are hanging by wires.....an accident waiting to happen.

I would suggest that when someone rents this space, at a minimum, they should expect that the trash barrels will be emptied, a "Reserved" sign will be posted and there will be usable restroom facilities. I don't think that's too much to ask for \$75.

Sincerely,  
Robin Rommell

CORRESPONDENCE

**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING LETTER ALOUD AND ENTER IT INTO THE MINUTES OF THE  
JULY 21, 2016 ELBERTA VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING**

July 18, 2016

To: Elberta Village Council  
151 Pearson St.  
Elberta, MI 49628

Re: New STOP signs, New Street Name Signs

I am concerned about the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Elberta.

I understand the new STOP and street name signs were purchased and delivered to the Village a few weeks ago.

I'm wondering why there has been no progress on the installation of these signs. Safety and welfare of citizens should be a priority. The Elberta residents deserve to see progress for their tax dollars.

I feel installation of the new signs should be contracted with an outside source. This would ensure a quick completion of this important project.

I would appreciate an answer by seeing the installation of the signs.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I'm sure the citizens of Elberta would be very grateful to have this project begun soon.

Sincerely,  
Christeen Kibby Crawford  
128 VanBrocklin St.  
Elberta, MI 49628