

Regular Meeting of the Elberta Village Council

401 First Street, Elberta, MI 49628

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August 20, 2020 @ 7:00 PM

Call to Order at 7:03 pm by President Wilkins

Pledge

Jennifer Wilkins _P_; Ken Holmes _P_; Bill Soper _P_; Molly Biddle _P_

Roll Call:

Audience: Gary Sauer, Kristi Mills, Mary Kalbach (online call), Roberta Benedict

Minutes: July 16, 2020 **Regular Council Meeting Minutes** Motion to Approve as presented by Ken Holmes; Seconded by Bill Soper. All Ayes - Motion Carried.

Minutes: August 11, 2020 **Special Meeting Minutes** Motion to Approve as presented by Ken Holmes; Seconded by Molly Biddle. All Ayes - Motion Carried

Agenda: Motion to approve the Agenda as Amended, adding an email from Jon & Sue Keillor to correspondence #1, moving the letter from Dave Jahr to correspondence #4. Motion by Molly Biddle; Seconded by President Jennifer Wilkins. All Ayes - Motion Carried

Inquiry of Conflict on Agenda Items: NONE

Correspondence:

1. Email from Jon & Sue Keillor regarding the sign ordinance for political signs.
 2. Letter from the Cannaert Family expressing an interest in the future direction of the Village of Elberta; more specifically, posing the question to Council Members, "What is your vision for The Village of Elberta?"
 3. Email from Robin Rommell regarding election signs in The Village of Elberta Sign Ordinance.
 4. Letter from Dave Jahr to express his gratitude for the continuous support provided by Council.
- o Letters & emails received were read aloud during the council meeting

Brief Public Comment on Agenda items: Molly Biddle commented that we should perhaps look into the 90 days before an election for Political Sign Erection if it aligns with Michigan regulations. Further discussion regarding State, County, Township, Cities & Villages having a varied set of regulations with regard to political signs, namely Time Frames for the posting of signs prior to election and removal after the election, provided further information. Time frames ranged anywhere from not included in regulations/ordinances to 30-45,60 days prior to an election with the removal of signs ranging from 3 days to 10-14 days after the election.

Approval of Bills: Motion to Approve Check Register from July 15, 2020 to August 12, 2020 in the amount of \$16,046.98 by Molly Biddle; Seconded by Ken Holmes. All Ayes - Motion Carried

Roll Call

Jennifer Wilkins **Aye**; Ken Holmes **Aye**; Bill Soper **Aye**; Molly Biddle **Aye**

Financial Reports - Up-to-Date Revenue & Expenditure Report Presented

Old Business: NONE

New Business

1. Hiring of Code Enforcement Officer - Mike Palermo - Motion to approve the Contract for Code Enforcer & hire Mike Palermo by Bill Soper; Seconded by Ken Holmes; All Ayes - Motion Carried.
2. Questions to Council Trustees
 - a.) **Do any of the Trustees want to amend The Village Sign Ordinance regarding Political Signs for the September Council Meeting?** Reference Items: The Sign Ordinance, State, County, Local (Township/City/Village) Regulations; These items can be found at the Village of Elberta Office.
 - Overall response: to work on the entire sign ordinance, including cross referencing the sign regulations within the zoning ordinance, with the goal of downsizing to suit the needs of all.
 - Plan: edit it / mark with questions with the Planning Commission & The Village Attorney citing areas for advice and guidance.
- o **Motion** to seek the Attorney's & Planning Commission's Guidance on amending the sign ordinance in its entirety by Molly Biddle; Seconded by Ken Holmes. All Ayes - Motion Carried.

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3 **b.) Does anyone have questions or concerns regarding the Current Vision / Direction of the**
4 **Village?**

- 5 ➤ No Concerns with regard to the planned vision / direction as outlined in the 2018 Master Plan
6 for the Village of Elberta or for those in the 2020 Recreation Plan OR Elberta Beach Grant.
7 ➤ Currently Working on: Water & Sewer / Lead and Copper Rule Compliance for EGLE; Penfold
8 Park Completion; Safety Issues needing Addressed e.g. The Roundhouse (now in worse
9 condition after vandalism occurred for which the support braces were knocked down),
10 Shoreline Erosion, et.al.

11 **c.) Does anyone have any GOALS that you would like to add to the “Vision of Elberta” ?**

- 12 ➤ Future Goals: ELSS, Beach Grant, New Truck, Tree Grant Request / Submission...
13 ➤ A Plan for the Elberta Life Saving Station Historic Preservation & Restoration Efforts
14 ➤ A Plan for the much-needed updates at the Community Building.

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16 **Reports to Council**

- 17 ○ County Commissioner - Sauer / Verbal Report - Point Betsie Renovation & Restoration quotes received
18 from Leudtke - 1-2 million whereas others are quoting 5-9 million, the Friends of Point Betsie have
19 already raised 1.5 million which is astounding; Betsie Valley Trail from Mollineaux to Beulah new
20 aggregate, no dogs allowed on that section; Joyfield & Blaine were asked to use township buildings as a
21 school for small groups of ~6-10 kids as a single-room schoolhouse, worried about liability they suggested
22 asking the local church; Thompsonville - was approached by someone looking to build a skateboard park
23 and possibly a pickle ball court using the old tennis court; Benzie County has 2 new fire volunteers; Benzie
24 Schools are starting the 8th for all there; Frankfort school is having a soft start alternating two days a week
25 with half the school alternating days.
26 ○ Planning Commission - Holmes Short Term Rental Ordinance Updates; percentage determined.
27 ○ Parks & Recreation Commission - Soper / No meeting
28 ○ DPW - Pritchard, Written Report / WC/SC - Kerby at Lift Station; Street Striping
29 ○ LSS - K. Mills / Verbal Report - total of 5 cancellations; 12 weddings in The Year of The Covid, 2020; 9
30 scheduled for 2021; a Policy for Tents at ELSS needed and discussion regarding contracting with one
31 specific tent company to occur; request for the addition of WiFi-enabled camera surveillance at ELSS due
32 to safety issues for people and property; camera surveillance necessitates the need for WiFi at the ELSS
33 for which a service provider with the capabilities will need to be found.
34 ○ Zoning Administrator - J. Mills / Written Report Provided
35 ○ BFAC - Wilkins / Minutes from BFAC meeting presented.
36 ○ BLUA/Fire Board - Holmes & Wilkins / Verbal Report - Tabled Asset Share Topic
37 ○ Grant - Wilkins & Soper / Verbal Report - Penfold Park Updates: fixtures in restroom & parking lot done
38 ○ Personnel Wilkins & Holmes / personnel meeting highlights presented
39 ○ Water/Sewer Committee - Wilkins & Holmes / Minutes from Water & Sewer Meeting discussed
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41 **Announcements:** The next Regular Meeting of the Village of Elberta, scheduled for Thursday,
42 September 17, 2020 @ 7 pm will be held at the Community Building & via Virtual Attendance due to
43 limited seating while we continue to follow the social distancing directive.

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47 **Extended General Public Comment:** Kristi Mills discussed the need for cameras at the Penfold Park
48 Restrooms as well as the ELSS. Inquired about the locks for the restrooms with the response: Locks
49 on Automatic Timers.

50 **Adjournment:** 8:17 pm
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