

Regular Meeting of the Elberta Village Council

401 First Street, Elberta, MI 49628

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September 17, 2020 @ 7:00 PM

Call to Order at 7:05 pm by President Wilkins

Pledge

Roll Call: Jennifer Wilkins – Present | Ken Holmes – Present | Bill Soper – Present | Molly Biddle - Present

Audience: Roberta Benedict (Clerk) | Mary Kalbach (Treasurer) | Kristi Mills (ELSS) | Gary Sauer (County Commissioner)

Minutes: Motion to approve August 20, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented by Bill Soper; Seconded by Molly Biddle. All Ayes – Motion Carried.

Agenda: Motion to approve the September 17, 2020 Agenda as Presented by Bill Soper; Seconded by President Jennifer Wilkins. All Ayes – Motion Carried

Inquiry of Conflict on Agenda Items: NONE

Correspondence:

1. Dave Jahr letter regarding Sea Wall Completion & Lakeside Blvd. Access for the American Beach Grass Restoration.

Brief Public Comment on Agenda items: NONE

Approval of Bills: Motion to Approve Check Register from August 25, 2020 to September 10, 2020 in the amount of \$90,630.59 by Ken Holmes; Seconded by Bill Soper. **All Ayes** – Motion Carried

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

*NOTES on payments made: \$78,878.20 will be reimbursed via grant & treasury funds.

Financial Reports: Up-to-Date Revenue & Expenditure Report Presented in good condition, going steady with no need for budgetary amendments.

Old Business: NONE

New Business

1. Sign Ordinance Response from Peter Wendling of Young, Graham, & Wendling P.C.
 - o Recommendation to repeal current Sign Ordinance Number 16 of the Elberta Village Code of Ordinances, as it is currently in the Zoning Ordinance as well.
 - o Consider a consolidation of Regulations within the Zoning Ordinance.

Motion to accept the recommendation provided by Peter Wendling, moving forward to Repeal the Sign Ordinance NO. 16 with a consolidation of regulations within the zoning ordinance to occur by Ken Holmes; Seconded by Molly Biddle. All Ayes – Motion Carried.

2. Response Letter to The Cannart Family Correspondence Question from the August 20, 2020 Council Meeting asking Council Members, "What is your vision for The Village of Elberta?"

Motion to send the letter addressed to the Cannart Family as presented by Bill Soper; Seconded by Ken Holmes. All Ayes – Motion Carried.

Reports to Council

- o County Commissioner – Sauer / Verbal Report – Road Commission short a mechanic; Salt increased to \$78 per ton, no trouble getting it. Looking at 1 million dollars to repair Esch Road. MAPLES: documented agreement was created between the county and Maples outlining the responsibilities of both parties, Maples responsible for upkeep & insurance; however, Maples does not own the building and as such an agreement was required by the insurance company in order to receive coverage by them; finishing project-generator

1 hook-up, landscaping; July dropped occupancy to 89% was at 95%; Betsie Valley Trail discussing trail repairs
2 between Beulah and Mollineaux, hoping to start the process by next year, we have the grant, need to verify
3 what we want to do; Major issue with poison ivy this year trying to spray; Joyfield & Blaine Townships:
4 concerns with ballot boxes-may need replaced; Blaine working on Short Term Rental Ordinance; COVID
5 testing by appointment in Benzie & Leelanau Counties - 20 tests per day; Covid testing kiosk in Beulah
6 coming soon.

- 7 ○ Planning Commission – Holmes - Sign Permit fee recommendation of \$40; working on Short Term Rentals
- 8 ○ Parks & Recreation Commission – Soper / No meeting – Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy
9 putting in a deck, project in the making for about 5 years, need volunteers.
- 10 ○ DPW – Pritchard, Verbal Report by President- Pulled dock out at the Penfold Pond; knocked down unstable
11 walls at roundhouse due to the safety issues created at the hand of vandals, onlookers were upset.
- 12 ○ ELSS – K. Mills / Verbal Report – Final wedding this weekend; 17 contracts for next year, had a few
13 showings, by next week hoping to be at 20 scheduled for next year.
- 14 ○ Zoning Administrator – J. Mills / Written Report Provided / Zoning Variance Application received; Public
15 Hearing scheduled for October 12, 2020 at 7pm.
- 16 ○ BFAC – Wilkins / No Meeting
- 17 ○ BLUA/Fire Board – Holmes & Wilkins / Verbal Report - Tabled Asset Share Topic.
- 18 ○ Grant – Wilkins & Soper / Verbal Report –Met with Chris Sullivan & Ken Mlcek for the Elberta Beach Grant;
19 preliminary points are in. DNR is requesting more details for ADA accessibility and ADA seating. Penfold
20 grant – issues with Spicer Group– sent email, no response so Mary is going to the Grant Administrator for the
21 DNR Grant, for answers to questions; The Contractor only needs to epoxy the floors and finish the electric:
22 the fixtures are in and painting is all done.
- 23 ○ Personnel Wilkins & Holmes / personnel meeting highlights presented.
- 24 ○ Water/Sewer Committee - Wilkins & Holmes / The next W/S meeting is October 2, 2020. It will cover the
25 next step for the actions we need to do from the special meeting; Ken Mlcek, Gourdie Fraser, & Mike Engels
26 should be in attendance.

27 **Announcements:**

28 The next Regular Meeting of the Village of Elberta, scheduled for Thursday, October 15, 2020 @ 7 pm
29 will be held at the Community Building & via Virtual Attendance due to limited seating while we
30 continue to follow the social distancing directive.

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33 Zoning Board Public Hearing - RE: Zoning Variance Application received for 240 Grant Street – is
34 scheduled for October 12, 2020 @ 7 pm to occur at the Community Building & via Virtual Attendance
35 due to limited seating while we continue to follow the social distancing directive.

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38 **Extended General Public Comment:** Rapidly evolving changes to the max occupancy for events.

39 **Adjournment:** 7:41 pm