

**Regular Meeting of the Elberta Village Council**

401 First Street, Elberta, MI 49628

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**October 15, 2020 @ 7:00 PM**

**Call to Order at 7:06 pm by President Wilkins**

**Pledge**

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

**Audience:** Roberta Benedict (Clerk) | Mary Kalbach (Treasurer) | Kristi Mills (ELSS) | Gary Sauer (County Commissioner) | Chris Pritchard (DPW) | Ken Mlcek (F&V) | ONLINE - Siri Salonen (307 Events)

**Minutes:** Motion to approve September 17, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as Amended by Jen Wilkins; Seconded by Molly Biddle. All Ayes – Motion Carried.

**Minutes:** Motion to approve the October 12, 2020 Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes as Presented by Jen Wilkins; Seconded by Ken Holmes. All Ayes – Motion Carried

**Agenda:** Motion to approve the October 15, 2020 Agenda as Presented by Ken Holmes; Seconded by Molly Biddle. All Ayes – Motion Carried

**Inquiry of Conflict on Agenda Items:** NONE

**Correspondence:**

1. Fleis & Vandenbrink Sanitary Sewer System Evaluation Report
2. Dave Jahr Letter & Beach Photos of American Beach Grass Plantings.

**Brief Public Comment on Agenda items:** NONE

**Approval of Bills:** Motion to Approve Check Register from September 11, 2020 to October 12, 2020 in the amount of \$28,421.44 by Ken Holmes ; Seconded by Molly Biddle. **All Ayes** – Motion Carried

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

**Financial Reports:** Up-to-Date Revenue & Expenditure Report

**Old Business:** NONE

**New Business**

1. Multiple Year Deficit Elimination Plan *Revision* for General Fund  
MOTION to approve the Multiple Year Deficit Elimination Plan Revision for General Fund by Jennifer Wilkins; Seconded by Molly Biddle. All Ayes- Motion Carried. **ROLL CALL**

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

2. Multiple Year Deficit Elimination Plan *Revision* for Municipal Street Fund  
MOTION to approve the Multiple Year Deficit Elimination Plan Revision for General Fund by Jennifer Wilkins; Seconded by Molly Biddle. All Ayes- Motion Carried. **ROLL CALL**

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

3. Proposed Budget Amendments: General Fund; Major Street Fund; Local Street Fund; Municipal Street Fund; Sewer Fund.  
MOTION to approve Budget Amendments by Ken Holmes; Seconded by Molly Biddle. All Ayes - Motion Carried. **ROLL CALL**

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

4. Water Rate Resolution  
MOTION to approve Water Rate Resolution in December of 2020 by Molly Biddle; Seconded by Ken Holmes. All Ayes - Motion Carried. This is a needed increase no one wants. **ROLL CALL**

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

5. Fleis & Vandenbrink Proposal to complete Phase II of the Sanitary Sewer System Evaluation  
MOTION to accept Phase II Proposal from Fleis & Vandenbrink by Molly Biddle; Seconded by Ken Holmes. All Ayes - Motion Carried. **ROLL CALL**

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

1 **Reports to Council**

- 2 ○ County Commissioner – Sauer / Verbal Report – health department... Approved Budget; PFAS testing. County
- 3 approved Auditors out of Lansing; Maples 2<sup>nd</sup> positive test, other residents ok; Maples is at a dead end, Josh is looking
- 4 into putting in a loop, chlorine system in at Maples at city cost. Road Commission fully staffed on Mechanics; Benzie
- 5 Central looking into selling Platte River Elementary, possibly to road commission; Josh is heading up Iron Man, Need
- 6 permission from all townships, plan to Bicycle & Running on M-22; Swim the Bay; Esch Road getting fixed \$511,000
- 7 newest estimate. Diamond Crossing in Thompsonville, sign up / uncovered. historical marker... not till spring?
- 8 ○ DPW – Pritchard, Verbal Report by President- R&R Motel Meter in JOB COMPLETE!
- 9 ○ ELSS – K. Mills – Siri Salone 307 Events provided a statement of interest, insurance certificate, dates for interested clients
- 10 ○ Zoning Administrator – J. Mills / Written Report Provided / Zoning Variance Application received; see zba
- 11 ○ BFAC – Wilkins / Budget Setting starting in November.
- 12 ○ BLUA/Fire Board – Holmes & Wilkins / Verbal Report – Ken working at funding (revenue shares)
- 13 ○ Grant – Wilkins & Soper / Verbal Report – Security System; Wi-Fi; Picnic Tables are waiting for approval.
- 14 ○ Personnel Wilkins & Holmes / personnel meeting highlights presented- Theo is done for season. Website work Bobbi
- 15 ○ Water/Sewer Committee - Wilkins & Holmes / The water rate increase is very much needed; however, with the
- 16 council members being residents as well, it was a difficult motion to pass. No resident wants to pay more; however,
- 17 knowing the importance of having a properly maintained Water & Sanitary Sewer System, the increase was inevitable.
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19 **Announcements:** Good Luck on Elections.

20 **Extended General Public Comment:** NONE

21 **Adjournment:** 8:03 pm

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