

Regular Meeting of the Elberta Village Council

Held online with VIRTUAL INTERMEDIA ANYMEETING

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April 15, 2021@ 7:00 PM

Call to Order at 7:08 pm by President Wilkins

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

Audience: Roberta Benedict (Clerk) | Gary Sauer (County Commissioner) | Erin Whitney | Patrina Nickson

Minutes: Motion to approve February 18, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes with Public Hearing on Budget as amended by Ken Holmes; Seconded by Molly Biddle; **All Ayes** – Motion Carried.

Agenda: Motion to approve the April 15, 2021 Agenda by Jennifer Wilkins; Seconded by Bill Soper.

All Ayes – Motion Carried

Inquiry of Conflict on Agenda Items: NONE

Correspondence:

1. Email from Larry Bordine regarding the Short-Term Rental Ordinance
2. Email from Patrina Nickson with questions regarding the Short-Term Rental Ordinance Specifics
 - a. Response to Short-Rental Ordinance concerns for all Short-Term Rental owners will be sent along with the application, a checklist, and a copy of the Short-Term Rental Ordinance.

Brief Public Comment on Agenda items: NONE

Approval of Bills: Motion to Approve Check Register from 2/28/21-4/7/21 in the amount of \$7,208.44 by Ken Holmes; Seconded by Molly Biddle; **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 Reviewed

Old Business: NONE

New Business

1. Motion to approve the Elberta Community Farmer's Market Contract for 2021 by Molly Biddle; Seconded by Bill Soper. **All Ayes** – Motion Carried.

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

2. Motion to approve the Zoning Administrator contract renewal for Joshua Mills 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**

Reports to Council

County Commissioner – Sauer – **county** declared a state of emergency to extend the virtual meeting capability due to the increase in covid; checking back every 30 days to renew May 11, 2021 end date thus far....Health Dept.... Vaccinations at about 60% hoping at the 70 % range by June or July. The sooner everyone is vaccinated, the sooner things can get back to normal; Road Commission has new "toys" 500 Hp truck, new plow truck, new sign truck ; Betsie Valley Trail bid awarded to AJ's Excavating, planning to start April 19; Visitor Center north end of Crystal Lake, it will take quite awhile to get it running, several years to finalize and ready for use; over a million visitors last year, more to come this year; Thompsonville having same well issues, Scott Conradson mentioned the EGLE grants; Fire Department had a brush fire by Dam, 3 fire departments spent 9 hours on it.

Planning Commission – Holmes / 2 interested individuals / next Planning Commission Mtg 5/18/21; Working on the zoning ordinance re-vamp, to update;

Parks & Recreation – Soper / See minutes – no meeting McGregor interested

- 1 **DPW** – Pritchard / See WC/SC Minutes
- 2 **ELSS** –K. Mills / See Written Report / lost a few rentals due to the restrictions imposed for indoor /
- 3 outdoor gatherings as a result of the surge in COVID-19 cases, specifically the B 1.17 strain in Michigan
- 4 **Zoning Administrator** – J. Mills / Written Report phone calls regarding zoning
- 5 **BFAC** – Wilkins / See Minutes – into the new fiscal year; discussed the sewer televising, planned to wait
- 6 for the EGLE sewer loan, but it is a year out, so going ahead with televising while working toward grant
- 7 for next season;
- 8 **BLUA/Fire Board** – Holmes / New Pumps & Lawn Mower
- 9 **Historical Preservation** – Biddle & Wilkins – Verbal - BHS Brainstorming Fundraising ideas to cover the
- 10 cost of preservation plan for Iron Works.
- 11 **Office Personnel & Grants** – Biddle, Wilkins & Holmes / see personnel compilation recaps; Chris wants to
- 12 attempt the summer without hiring help. Mary is on water / sewer / meters / wi-fi. Bobbi is DEP;
- 13 Equipment Paybacks, STR, and zoning.
- 14 **Water/Sewer Committee** – Wilkins & Holmes / questions regarding wells and septic for Robarge
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17 **Announcements:** VILLAGE CLEAN-UP is May 15, 2021

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19 *The next Regular Meeting of the Elberta Village Council will commence on May 20, 2021 VIRTUALLY as well due to the County*
20 *declaring a state of emergency thru the end of May thereby allowing Virtual Meetings. Following the lead of the County, as the*
21 *surge in covid cases continues, other local councils are moving back to the Virtual option as well. With the Virtual Meeting*
22 *capability ending March 31, 2021 for everyone collectively, our option is to declare a state of emergency to continue providing*
23 *meetings using the safest social distancing protocols for council meetings. This will be on the Agenda for May 20, 2021 Regular*
24 *Council Meeting via AnyMeeting program (a link to join each meeting is provided on the website prior to the start of the*
25 *corresponding meeting as well as a flier with the information to join via a phone call as well)*
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27 **May 20, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Elberta Village Council – Log-In INFO**

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34 **Extended General Public Comment:**

35 Patrina Nickson got an email from Roberta; comments over specific questions
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37 **Adjournment:** 7:43 pm
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