

Regular Meeting of the Elberta Village Council

401 FIRST STREET | ELBERTA MI 49628

August 19, 2021 @ 7:00 PM

Call to Order & Pledge @ 7:30 pm

Roll Call: Jennifer Wilkins- Present; Ken Holmes – Present; Bill Soper- Present; Molly Biddle- Present Via Telephone

Audience: Gary Sauer (County Commissioner), Rick Biddle (DPW), Mike Smith (Homeowner)

Motion to Approve the July 15, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as Amended to be the version that was originally approved by the Village President - by Ken Holmes; Seconded by Bill Soper. All Ayes – Motion Carried.

Motion to Approve the August 19, 2021 Agenda as Amended – by Molly Biddle; Seconded by Bill Soper. All Ayes – Motion Carried.

Inquiry of Conflict on Agenda Items – NONE

Correspondence

1. Resident, Art Moseler, Letter to council regarding the local tax assessor.

Brief Public Comment on Agenda items NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Approval of Bills:

- o Motion to approve the **Check Register** in the amount of \$53,482.54 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*

Financial Reports:

- o **Rev/Exp sheet** REVIEWED. On target with expenses currently in the fiscal year.

Unfinished Business

- o **Motion to Request the Treasurer & Clerk to type up List of Job Duties and put in Policy Folder for future Reference** - by Jennifer Wilkins; Seconded by Bill Soper. All Ayes – Motion Carried.

New Business

1. Thankfulness and appreciation of Sue's volunteer efforts in the village were expressed. **Motion to Approve the Resignation of Sue Oseland from the Parks & Rec. Commission** by Ken Holmes; Seconded by Molly Biddle was made. All Ayes – Motion Carried
2. **Motion to Approve the Budget Amendments for the Municipal Street Fund** as Presented by Molly Biddle; Seconded by Bill Soper. All Ayes – Motion Carried **ROL** Jennifer Wilkins *Aye*; Ken Holmes *Aye*; Bill Soper *Aye*; Molly Biddle *Aye*
3. **Motion to Approve the Revised 5-Year DEP** by Bill Soper; Seconded by Jennifer Wilkins. All Ayes – Motion Carried. **ROLL CALL** Jennifer Wilkins *Aye*; Ken Holmes *Aye*; Bill Soper *Aye*; Molly Biddle *Aye*
4. **Motion to Approve Resolution #2021-007** Supporting the Grant Request to the Benzie County Community Chest for the Preservation of the Iron Works by Bill Soper; Seconded by Jennifer Wilkins. All Ayes – Motion Carried.
5. **Motion to Approve Resolution #2021-008** Supporting the Grant Application to the Collections Assessment for Preservation (CAP) for the Preservation of the Iron Works by Bill Soper; Seconded by Molly Biddle. All Ayes – Motion Carried.

Reports to Council

County Commissioner – Sauer / Verbal Report- R.C.: Esch Rd. fixes postponed to next year; Co. is talking with Spectrum for multi-area Wi-Fi; The Maples continues to have employment issues; BVT grant section complete along with dedication ceremony; The tribe is applying for grants for Wi-Fi, they are seeking letters of recommendation from Twps. and towns that house their properties; H.D.: Reported that many houses are being built in the county.

Parks & Recreation Commission – Soper / Possible Fundraising event at the Cabbage Shed; Elberta Beach, next meeting

DPW – Biddle, Verbal Report / See WC/SC minutes – Received CDL, Sewer training with Matt Lumbert, projects starting with Kerby.

ELSS – K. Mills / No Report

Zoning Administrator – J. Mills / Written Report / Appeal application for zoning; Variance Hearing complete.

BFAC – Wilkins / see minutes / 5 yr. DEP fixes, monthly DEP, and budget amendments complete. Start budget setting for next year.

BLUA/Fire Board – Holmes / Verbal Report – Muffin Monster is running well. Fiscal Year end and Audit complete.

Historical Preservation – Wilkins & Biddle / Verbal Report – Donations received for Iron Works, met with BCCC to request grant to proceed with site assessment. Ad hoc group forming as Elberta Historic Preservation Committee, to eventually become nonprofit.

Office Personnel & Grants Wilkins & Holmes & Biddle / See Minutes Personnel Report – DPW are making things happen in town! Elberta Beach project planning is underway. Application for USDA Grant for water projects has begun.

Water/Sewer Committee - Wilkins & Holmes / See Minutes / Sewer televising out for bids soon.

Extended General Public Comment: Mike Smith was pleased that the village is getting more involved in historical preservation and discussed his family home and its historical significance in the village.

Announcements: Church in the park this Sunday.

Adjournment: 8:10pm