

Regular Meeting of the Elberta Village Council
401 FIRST STREET | ELBERTA MI 49628
October 21, 2021 @ 7pm

Call to Order at 7:01 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) | Rick Biddle (DPW) | Gary Sauer (County Commissioner) | Diane Tracey (Director of Aquatics Center) & Carol Thompson (Director of outreach)

Minutes: Motion to approve September 16, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes by Jen Wilkins; Seconded by Ken Holmes. **All Ayes** – Motion Carried.

Agenda: Motion to approve the October 21, 2021 Agenda by Bill Soper; Seconded by Molly Biddle. **All Ayes** – Motion Carried

Inquiry of Conflict on Agenda Items: None

Correspondence/Presentation to Council:

- o **Aquatic Center Presentation** - Information included within the council packets and Beach Advisory Flyers distributed. Discussed what the Benzie Aquatics Center programs entail, as well as the need for an indoor Aquatics Center in our area. Working to assess the feasibility and sustainability studies. Focus has been on what is needed, what could deliver these needs via which design, and on what site in Benzie County.
- o **Pilot Programs over Summer:** Spent weekends at Frankfort Beach passing out flyers discussing the swim safety warning indicator light, which changes in response to the Gaylord Weather Service/Buoys; Elementary School children participated in a swimming lesson group learning skills about life preservers, kayak use, alerting someone of plans; programs were well received; planning to have a similar program next summer.

Approval of Bills: Check Register questions asked and answered. Motion to Approve Check Register from 9/16/21 thru 10/8/21 in the amount of \$64,611.65 by Bill Soper; 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 Received, still on track.

Unfinished Business

1. **Tree Removal Contract – Smitty’s Tree Removal Service Contract** including the hourly rate requested from the September 16, 2021 Council Meeting. Motion to Accept & Sign the Tree Removal Contract by Bill Soper; Seconded by Molly Biddle. **All Ayes** – Motion Carried.

New Business

1. **Jen Kennedy Resignation from BVT Committee email received.** Motion to accept Jen Kennedy Resignation as Secretary of the Betsie Valley Trail Committee by Jen Wilkins; Seconded by Ken Holmes. **All Ayes** – Motion Carried.

Reports to Council

County Commissioner – Sauer / Verbal Report- Discussed ARPA \$20 Million; Benzie historical society meeting had a really nice Iron Works History video; Betsie Valley Trail, looking into keeping equipment out of the weather with the purchase of a shed; Iron Man After Event Review- Excellent organization this year, very impressed with coordinator Joel, cleaning up “because we want it to look better than when we arrived.” Attended a Betsie Valley Elementary lockdown was impressed by the kids knowing what to do; Veterans Day Memorial at the park will have cannons again & guest speakers; Hazard Mitigation Plan in motion. Park Service is requiring having contractors and employees vaccinated by November 22, 2021.

Planning Commission – Holmes / Verbal Report – The Zoning Ordinance Amendment process has started; Josh will meet with the people who are interested in the ELHC property.

Parks & Recreation Commission – Soper / See Minutes / Next meeting is at the ball field at the community building, final meeting of the year.

DPW – R. Biddle / See Minutes / Winterization efforts, fence up at Iron Works, lights fixed at WFP / generator fix.

ELSS – K. Mills / Verbal Report – one more wedding this Saturday, Theo has a bucket list to start working on, fifteen rentals for 2022 and 1 for 2023.

Zoning Administrator – J. Mills / See Minutes

BFAC – Wilkins / See Minutes / DEP is in; budget setting started/Theo on for 24 hours a week beginning from November 1, 2021 to June 1, 2022.

BLUA/Fire Board – Holmes / Verbal Report- Muffin Monster broke down and was fixed.

Historical Preservation – Wilkins & M. Biddle / Verbal Report, waiting on CAP Grant response.

Office Personnel & Grants Wilkins & Holmes (DPW), Biddle (Office) / See Minutes Personnel Report – Meet with Ken Mlcek & Chris Sullivan on 10/28/21 discussing flush toilets at the beach.

Water/Sewer Committee - Wilkins & Holmes / See Minutes Water/Sewer- CIP out, beach project and water projects all still happening. Sewer Televising Complete.

Extended General Public Comment: None

Announcements: DPW will be flushing the fire hydrants this upcoming week beginning October 26, 2021, October 29, 2021 holiday decoration work bee at 2:30pm at the Village Garage.

Adjournment: 8:05pm