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Regular Meeting of the Elberta Village Council

401 FIRST STREET | ELBERTA MI 49628

**January 20, 2022 @ 7pm**

**Call to Order & Pledge:** 7:02 pm

**ROLL CALL:** Jennifer Wilkins – present; Ken Holmes – present; Bill Soper – present.

**MINUTES:**

- Motion to approve **December 16, 2021, Council Meeting Minutes** by Bill Soper; Seconded by Ken Holmes.
  - All AYES. Motion Carried
- Motion to approve **January 4, 2022, Council Meeting Minutes** by Ken Holmes; Seconded by Bill Soper.
  - All AYES – Motion Carried.

**AGENDA:** Motion to approve agenda as Amended by Jen Wilkins; Seconded by Bill Soper.

All AYES – Motion Carried.

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

**Correspondence**

- Emails between President & RKI
  - \*Set 1 \*\*Set 2 \*\*\*Set 3
- Emails from Nancy Griffin Re: RKI
- Email from Brian McGrath Re: RKI
- Email from Linda Hamel Re: RKI
- Email from Virginia & Cooper Terry Re: RKI
- Email from Jean Ann Wolfe Re: RKI
- Email from John Willson Re: RKI
- Letter from Deb and Lou Cennname Re: RKI
- Letter from Fred Muller Re: RKI
- Email from Jim Murray Re: RKI
- Correspondence from the Village Attorney
- Email from Jan Buck Re: RKI
- Email from Ginny Knutsen Re: RKI

**Brief Public Comment on Agenda items:** Carol Johnson commented on the RKI Development offering of an aquatics center. She conveyed concerns regarding RKI's presumption that they will spearhead the aquatic center project

**Approval of Bills:**

- **Motion to approve the Check Register** in the amount of \$30,245.35 by Bill Soper; Seconded by Ken Holmes. All AYES - Motion carried. **ROLL CALL:** Ken Holmes – aye; Bill Soper – aye; Jen Wilkins – aye.

**Financial Reports:**

- **Rev/Exp sheet** Received and Reviewed

**Unfinished Business** – None

**New Business**

1. **Motion to Adopt the Resolution #2022-01 to Support the Paving of the Betsie Valley Trail from Beulah to Thompsonville** by Jen Wilkins; Seconded by Bill Soper. All AYES – Motion Carried.
2. **Motion to Approve the Three-Year Farmers Market Contract** by Bill Soper; Seconded by Jen Wilkins. All AYES – Motion Carried.
3. **Motion to Approve the Reappointment of Charles Kalbach to the Planning Commission** by Bill Soper; Seconded by Ken Holmes. All AYES – Motion Carried.
4. **Motion to Accept the Planning Commission Recommendation and therefore, Motion to Adopt Ordinance #39 to Amend the Village of Elberta Zoning Ordinance Section 5.04** by Jen Wilkins; Seconded by Bill Soper. All AYES – Motion Carried.
5. **Motion to Approve the New Village of Elberta Zoning Permit Fees** as presented by Jen Wilkins; Seconded by Bill Soper. All AYES – Motion Carried.
6. **Motion to Approve the Beckett & Raeder Proposal to Rewrite the Village Master Plan & Zoning Ordinance** by Bill Soper; Seconded by Jen Wilkins. All AYES – Motion Carried.
7. **Motion to Approve the General Fund Budget Amendment** as presented by Ken Holmes; Seconded by Bill Soper. All AYES – Motion Carried.
8. **Motion to Accept the Resignation Letter from Council Trustee, Molly Biddle** by Jen Wilkins declaring the seat vacant; Seconded by Ken Holmes. All AYES – Motion Carried.
9. **Motion to Accept the Resignation Letter from DPW, Rick Biddle** by Jen Wilkins declaring the position open; Seconded by Bill Soper. All AYES - Motion Carried.

- 1 10. **Motion to Approve the Employment Agreement for Snow Removal between the Village &**  
2 **Ken Bonney** by Bill Soper; Seconded by Jen Wilkins. All AYES. Motion Carried.  
3 11. **Motion to Approve Interim DPW work split between Jen Wilkins, Bill Soper & Theo**  
4 **Munnecke** by Ken Holmes; Seconded by Bill Soper. All AYES – Motion Carried.  
5 12. **Motion to Appoint Emily Votruba to the Open Council Trustee Seat Ending in 2022** by Bill  
6 Soper; Seconded by Ken Holmes. All AYES – Motion Carried.  
7 13. **Motion to Appoint Ryan Fiebing to the Open Council Trustee Seat Ending in 2024** by Bill  
8 Soper; Seconded by Jen Wilkins. All AYES – Motion Carried.  
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## 10 Reports to Council

11 **County Commissioner** – Sauer - Joyfield Township turning down the ARPA FUNDING. Blaine decided on two roads  
12 they were putting their money toward as recommended by their planning commission. Village of Thompsonville  
13 working to get USDA loan for water improvements. School safety meeting: Frankfort Schools looking into putting a  
14 metal detector in the schools; Millages next year for School Resource Officers renewal, Animal Control & TNT;  
15 Hazard Mitigation process still underway.  
16 **Planning Commission** – WRITTEN – IN COUNCIL PACKETS: Zoning Ordinance Amendment  
17 Recommendation and MP & Zoning Ordinance Rewrite Recommended Proposals.  
18 **Parks & Recreation** – Wilkins / Soper – No Meeting until Spring  
19 **DPW** – Resigned, see council meeting packet for final report  
20 **ELSS** – Received two more contracts, ~19 for next year  
21 **Zoning Administrator** – SEE Zoning Administrator Invoice Report  
22 **BFAC** – Wilkins - Budget is nearly ready, getting bids together.  
23 **BLUA/Fire Board** – Holmes/Wilkins -Verbal Report  
24 **Historical Preservation – Wilkins** – Verbal Report: Looking into historic grant options for ELSS  
25 **Office Personnel & Grants** – Wilkins – Verbal Report: Beach & Master Plan/ZO grant updates  
26 **Water/Sewer Committee** – SEE Minutes in Council packets

27 **Extended General Public Comment:** Comments were made regarding concern over the RKI Development  
28 and the impact it could have on our area. Several members of the audience volunteered to participate in  
29 village committees and/or to act as advisors

30 **Announcements:** Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2023 Budget is February 17, 2022 at 7pm

31 **Adjournment:** 8:37pm  
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