

## Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Elberta Village Council

401 First Street | ELBERTA MI, 49628 | (231) 352-7201

**August 18, 2022 @ 7pm**

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

### Roll Call

Bill Soper – Present | Emily Votruba – Present | Ryan Fiebing – Present | Ken Holmes – Present | Jennifer Wilkins – Present

**Audience** Roberta Benedict, Mary Kalbach, Ken Bonney, Gary Sauer; Jim Barnes, Margie Devine, Tom & Terri Reisner

**Approval of August 11, 2022, Special Council Meeting Minutes** Motion made by Jennifer Wilkins; Seconded by Bill Soper. All AYES. Motion Carried.

**Motion for the Approval of Agenda** by Bill Soper; Seconded by Ryan Fiebing. All AYES. Motion Carried.

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

### Correspondence

1. Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs - Re: Furnace Street Distillery, LLC Licenses
2. Email from Ryan King - Re: Iron Works Site & other Parts of Elberta
3. Letter from Linda Manville and Joe Heiler thanking Bill Soper for the donation of rocks and his dedication to the Village.

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

### Approval of Bills

- o Motion to approve the Check Register in the amount of \$68,965.90 by Ken Holmes; Seconded by Emily Votruba . All AYES – Motion Carried

### ROLL CALL

Bill Soper – Aye | Emily Votruba – Aye | Ryan Fiebing – Aye | Ken Holmes – Aye | Jennifer Wilkins – Aye |

### Financial Reports

- o Rev/Exp sheet provided for review

### Unfinished Business

- o Community Building Interior Drywall Repair Item removed until we have a bid policy in place.

### New Business

1. Motion by Jennifer Wilkins to Table the Village of Elberta Bid Policy/Ordinance until we have all of the information compiled to look over. Seconded by Emily Votruba. All AYES – Motion Tabled.
2. Motion to Support the Local Governing Body Resolution for Charitable Gaming Licenses for the S&S Foundation of Elberta by Jennifer Wilkins; Seconded by Emily Votruba. All AYES – Motion Carried.

### ROLL CALL

Bill Soper – Aye | Emily Votruba – Aye | Ryan Fiebing – Aye | Ken Holmes – Aye | Jennifer Wilkins – Aye |

3. Motion by Jennifer Wilkins to have Ken Bonney get an estimate to Re-Key the Life Saving Station Door Locks, then bring the information to the Budget, Grant, Finance, and Audit Committee for review. Seconded by Emily Votruba. All AYES – Motion Carried.
4. Code Enforcer Contract Renewal tabled until a discussion with Mike Palermo has occurred.
5. Motion by Emily Votruba to place an ad with the Record Patriot for the position of Deputy Clerk and Deputy Treasurer; Seconded by Jennifer Wilkins. All AYES – Motion Carried.

### Strategy Session (Discussion Only)

1. Life Saving Station Contractor
2. Food Truck Ordinance
3. Festival Policy
4. Employee Handbook/Policies and Procedures
5. Marijuana Ordinance

1 **Reports to Council**

2 **County Commissioner** – Gary Sauer / Gilmore Township Treasurer retired, the Clerk, Shannon is moving to the Treasurer  
3 position and Katie will be the Clerk for Gilmore; Road Commission had a resignation, seeking applicants to fill the position for  
4 approximately a two year term, until the next election; still looking at what can be done with the Platte River School; Betsie  
5 Valley Trail volunteers pulling tires out of the bay, very appreciative of Jesse going the extra mile; Issues with signs being  
6 placed urging bikers to stay on trail and confrontations resulting with drivers blocking biker's from using the road; New  
7 Storage Building on River Road, for the Joy to Ride program; Village of Thompsonville had a fire at DPW garage which shut  
8 off the electronics that relay info when a well goes down, well went down, then struck by lightening all happening in one  
9 week's time;

10 **Planning Commission** – Fiebing / Narrowing down the Zoning Ordinance Amendment, on draft 5 with the next meeting  
11 scheduled September 7, 2022 @ 5:30pm; Reviewing by-laws as well

12 **Parks & Recreation Commission** – Soper / see minutes

13 **DPW** – Bonney / verbal report / Smitty trimmed trees; been working with Ken Mlcek from Fleis & Vandenbrink on the water  
14 project; sprayed for poison ivy up Bye Street, at the look out and at the Life Saving Station; concerned resident commented  
15 on the decreased visibility when pulling out of the Village Office due to the placement of Mercantile items for sale

16 **The Treasurer Report** – Kalbach/ See Report

17 **The Clerk Report** – Benedict/ See Report

18 **LSS** – K. Mills / another contract for next year

19 **Zoning Administrator** – J. Mills /

20 **BFAC & Grant** – Wilkins & Votruba / See Minutes/ completed all of the monthly tasks: bank reconciliation, DEP, etc. Next  
21 meeting is on September 6, 2022 @ 6p

22 **BLUA** – Wilkins & Holmes / Verbal Report

23 **Frankfort Fire and Rescue Report** – Cederholm /

24 **Historical Preservation** – Fiebing & Soper /

25 **Personnel & Policy** – Holmes (DPW), Votruba (Office) /

26 **Water/Sewer Committee** - Wilkins & Holmes / No Meeting

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28 **Extended General Public Comment:** Jim Barnes provided insightful information, comments and suggestions

29 **Announcements:** Iron Man September 11, 2022

30 **Adjournment:** 8:32 p.m.

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