

1 **Minutes**  
2 **Special Meeting of the Elberta Village Council**  
3 401 First Street | ELBERTA MI 49628  
4 **January 10, 2023 @ 6:30pm**  
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6 **Call to Order by President Wilkins at 6:31pm**

7 **Roll Call:** Emily Votruba – present; Ken Holmes – present; Jen Wilkins – present

8 **Two Council seat vacancies**

9 **Audience:** Norma Corwin (Clerk/Treasurer), Teri Reisner (Deputy Clerk) and Ryan Fiebing  
10 (Trustee Candidate)  
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12 **Minutes and Agenda Approval**

- 13 • **Motion by Ken Holmes to Approve** November 17, 2022, **Regular Council Meeting**  
14 **Minutes** as presented; Seconded by Emily Votruba. All Ayes. **Motion Passed.**  
15 • **Motion by Emily Votruba to Approve** November 18, 2022, **Special Council Meeting**  
16 **Minutes** as presented; Seconded by Jen Wilkins, noting per village attorney suggestion,  
17 that we are now including budget amendments, resolutions, and any other documents  
18 pertinent to the meeting agenda into the final draft of the meeting minutes. All Ayes.  
19 **Motion Passed.**  
20 • **Motion by Emily Votruba to approve the January 10, 2023 Special Meeting Agenda;**  
21 Seconded by Jen Wilkins. All Ayes. **Motion Passed.**  
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23 **Inquiry of Conflict on Agenda Items: None**

24 **Correspondence** – Council Trustee Application – Ryan Fiebing

25 **Brief Public Comment on Agenda items: None**  
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27 **New Business**

- 28 1. Motion by Emily Votruba; Seconded by Jen Wilkins to **declare two Council**  
29 **Trustee Seats Vacant.** One vacancy, due to Bill Soper not running for Trustee  
30 reelection and the other, according to a diligent resident citing GLVA, MCL 62.6,  
31 2020 Appointed Trustee Ryan Fiebing should have run for Trustee at the  
32 November 2022 election. Not knowing to do so, Ryan’s Trustee seat became  
33 vacant on November 19, 2022. ALL AYES. **Motion Passed.**  
34 2. After reviewing Village Attorney, Bryan Graham’s, recommendation regarding  
35 New Business #1 and Ryan’s Application. Motion by Ken Holmes; Seconded by  
36 Emily Votruba to **appoint Ryan Fiebing as Council Trustee**, with term ending  
37 November 20, 2024.  
38 **ROLL CALL: Votruba – AYE, Holmes – AYE, Wilkins – Aye Motion Passed.**  
39 3. After reading the Planning Commission By-Laws regarding meeting attendance  
40 and removal of Planning Commission Member and referring to the email from  
41 Jen Kennedy (Planning Commission Chair) noting Charlie Kalbach’s decision to  
42 not return to Planning Commission meetings after four months of absences and  
43 refusal to write a letter of resignation, Motion by Jen Wilkins; Seconded by Emily

1                   Votruba to **declare a Vacancy on Planning Commission**. ALL AYES. **Motion**  
2                   **Passed**

- 3                   **4.** Motion by Jen Wilkins; Seconded by Emily Votruba to **approve the 2023**  
4                   **Elberta Council and Commission Meeting Schedule** as presented and noting  
5                   off scheduled meetings for Council in March and for Planning Commission in  
6                   January. ALL AYES. **Motion Passed.**

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8                   **Extended General Public Comment:** Emily dropped off an application to her neighbor to  
9                   encourage him to apply for Council Trustee. Jen Congratulated and Thanked Ryan on being  
10                  Appointed as Council Trustee.

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12                  **Announcements:** Regular Council Meeting at 7pm on January 19<sup>th</sup>. Regular Planning  
13                  Commission Meeting on Monday January 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.

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15                  **Adjournment: 6:46pm by President Wilkins**  
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