

Elkton Village Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday March 13, 2018
Elkton Village Hall
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President Randy Haley called the regular meeting of the Elkton Village Council to order at 7:00 P. M. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustees present: Jeff Zarnke, Bridgette McCarty, John Ginter, Martin Baker, and Gail Brown. Excused absent: Agnes Kosinski

Motion Jeff Zarnke, second Bridgette McCarty to approve the agenda as amended.
Motion carried.

Motion John Ginter, second Gail Brown to approve the minutes from the February Regular meeting as presented.
Motion carried.

Motion Bridgette McCarty, second Jeff Zarnke to approve the minutes from the February Special meeting as presented.
Motion carried.
Public Comment: None

Guests: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Emterra Refuse Pickup Contract Renewal

Finance Committee met with a representative from Emterra prior to this Council meeting regarding renewal of the refuse contract. Martin Baker is referring the contract renewal back to Finance Committee for review.

2. Solar Farm Update

Randy Haley gave an update about Cypress Creek Renewables. We have a new representative for the company. He states the tentative name for the solar farm will be Blue Moose. The DTE power agreement takes about 3-6 months for Cypress Creek to negotiate. Cypress Creek is also still interested in leasing the West Side M-142 property from the Village. Randy thinks they will possibly break ground in the Summer of 2019.

3. Appoint DDA members

Motion Martin Baker, second Gail Brown to accept the resignation of Philip Crown from the DDA Board and appoint Harrison Gunden to his term expiring in 2021.
Motion carried.

Motion Martin Baker, second Jeff Zarnke to accept the resignation of Joe Sherwood from the DDA Board and appoint Jeff Daniels to his term expiring in 2020.
Motion carried.

4. F. Y. 2018-2019 Council Meeting Dates

Randy Haley presented the list of meeting dates for this fiscal year. All meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00p.m. with the exception of May, which will take place on Wednesday at 7:00p.m. due to an election.

5. MERS Payment

Motion Martin Baker, second Gail Brown to make a lump sum payment to MERS by March 31st, 2018 in the amount of \$14,362.00 to bring the fund to 95% funded.
Motion carried.

6. State of the Village

Randy Haley presented the State of the Village address. He discussed the past 10 year history from the audit reports. Revenues are down 10% over the past five years, at the same time costs are increasing by 13%. All funds are fiscally sound, but the budget would be healthier by having at least \$300,000-\$400,000 in the general fund at all times. Randy gave examples of the expenditures vs. revenues, such as street projects and discussed how decisions are made regarding how many blocks of a street can be completed at a time. The fiscal year ends on February 28th, so the amount of cash on hand has to carry the expenditures until September when the last of the tax revenue is deposited. The tax revenue is the majority of the revenue for the Village. Randy thanked the Finance Committee, the Council, and the employees for getting the Village budget into a better state than in years past. The budget and the monthly Revenue/Expense report are some of the tools used to track the finances of the Village. He also handed out a Trending Page for the past 10 years, a Year to Year Analysis graph for General Fund, and a Cumulative Cash Flow graph for the General Fund. These handouts are also tools used to track our finances. Randy reminded the Trustees and Department Heads to ask questions in the Clerk's Office or to the Finance Committee if any further assistance is needed.

Accounts Payable

Motion Martin Baker second Gail Brown to pay the bills as presented.
Motion carried.

Department Reports

Police-Chief Scott Jobes: He has received both Wal-Mart grants that he applied for. The money should be dispersed in 4-6 weeks. The siren speaker on the police car was replaced.

DPW-Superintendent Lonnie Schulz: He should have all the bids for Maude St. at the April meeting. The snow loads total for this year so far is 122 compared to last year's 69 loads. John Ginter thanked Lonnie for changing his vacation schedule in order to move snow last week.

Ambulance – Coordinator Anthony Jobes: Ambulance had 15 runs for February. He has a few people interested in taking the EMT class but will have to wait for a class to be offered locally.

Committee reports

Finance committee –Chairperson Martin Baker: Finance will be reviewing the Emterra Contract and have a recommendation for April’s meeting.

Public Comment – None

Motion Jeff Zarnke, second Martin Baker to adjourn the regular meeting.
Motion carried.

President Randy Haley adjourned the meeting at 7:31 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,
Phyllis A. Baranski, CMC, CMMC
Elkton Village Deputy Clerk

Approved 04-10-2018
Phyllis A. Baranski