

Elkton Village Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday March 8th, 2022
Elkton Village Hall
57 N. Main St.
Elkton, MI 48731
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President Dan Armbruster called the regular meeting of the Elkton Village Council to order at 7:00P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustees present: Bridgette McCarty, Chris Parrish, Gail Schember, Deena Jobes, Agnes Kosinski, and Patrick Gregory.

Motion Gail Schember, second Bridgette McCarty to approve the agenda, as presented.
Motion carried.

Motion Agnes Kosinski, second Gail Schember to approve the minutes from the February 8th, 2022 Regular Meeting, as presented.
Motion carried.

Motion Patrick Gregory, second Deena Jobes to approve the minutes from the February 28th, 2022 Special Meeting, as presented.
Motion carried.

- Public Comment:
1. Jerald Ignash spoke against the Dollar General store coming to Elkton.
 2. Deb Leipprandt gave ideas of how to spend the money from selling land to Dollar General and questioned business approvals.
 3. Kris Gilbert spoke against the Dollar General store coming to Elkton.
 4. Bill Lee spoke about business locations and tax revenue.

Guests: None

Old Business:

1. Walking Path Grant Update
Phyllis Baranski stated the DNR has not signed the grant yet, so Spicer cannot release bids yet. Construction may not begin until spring 2023. The donation flyers were mailed and have resulted in a positive response.

New Business:

1. Planning Commission-Dollar General Site Plan
Motion Gail Schember, second Agnes Kosinski to approve the Dollar General site plan as recommended by the Planning Commission. Discussion.
Motion carried.
2. Planning Commission-Dollar General Special Use Permit
Motion Patrick Gregory, second Gail Schember to approve the recommendation from Planning Commission to grant a special use permit to the Dollar General. Discussion.
Motion carried.

3. Planning Commission-Dollar General Lot Split
Motion Gail Schember, second Deena Jobes to approve the lot split for Dollar General as recommended by the Planning Commission. Discussion.
Motion carried.
4. Ambulance Crew New Hires
Chris Parrish and Beth Swartzendruber presented the two new potential hires for the ambulance crew. Motion Gail Schember, second Agnes Kosinski to hire Tim Zurek, Paramedic and Danielle Renn, EMT, as crew members for the Elkton Ambulance.
Discussion. Motion carried.
5. Consumers Energy Foundation Grant
Dan Armbruster gave an overview of the grant. Discussion. Motion Dan Armbruster, second Agnes Kosinski to apply for the Consumers Energy Foundation Grant with an emphasis on improving Vet's Park. Discussion.
Motion carried.
6. Elkton Area Historical Society Request
Dan Armbruster read aloud the letter from the Historical Society requesting water service to the new Blacksmith shop. Discussion. Dan Armbruster asked this topic to be placed on next month's agenda so that more information can be gathered.

Accounts Payable

Motion Deena Jobes, second Agnes Kosinski to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$48,791.67, as presented in the packet. Discussion.
Motion carried.

Department Reports

Clerk/Treasurer-Phyllis Baranski stated the amended budget was completed and the fiscal year end items are boxed up and ready for auditing. Phyllis stated 58 water shut off notices were mailed on March 1. The annual ambulance contracts have been mailed to the townships for their fiscal year start on April 1. Phyllis gave an update on the Redevelopment Ready Community progress and discussed the training and zoning ordinance updates. Phyllis stated the N. Main St. project is put on hold due to no available CDBG funding for street projects.

DPW-Superintendent Lonnie Schulz: Lonnie stated he will be meeting with Jason Nicol in the next few weeks to discuss the Mullen and Wright Street projects. Lonnie stated the anticipated start date is mid to end of July. Lonnie attended the Oliver Township meeting last week and the Village will receive \$25,000 from the Township for roads this year.

Police-Chief Scott Jobes: Scott stated the Charger has been fixed and is running well. The AAA grant was applied for and we should know in April. Scott stated he also applied for a Wal-Mart grant and should know in the next 60 days. Scott stated that grant could be used for downtown cameras. Scott stated complaints are at 114 today and last year was 67, so he has been busy. Scott stated he is progressing with the Rochon house and working with the Village attorney on the matter.

Ambulance-Coordinator Beth Swartzendruber-Beth gave the Council a flyer regarding the County ARPA funds and it's usage for EMS pagers and education. Beth thanked the Council for hiring the two new crew members. Beth stated there were 18 runs in February with 13 of them billable. Beth stated more crew members are needed to keep the ambulance shifts covered.

Committee Reports: None

Public Comment: 1. Brandon Stanton stated the Village should install an ice rink for winter activities.
2. Fred Reynolds questioned mail delivery to homes or community mail boxes. Gail Schember will gather more information from the United States Postal Service.
3. Bill Lee offered to help with video production for the Consumers Energy Grant. Bill also discussed the cedar trees at the park, the Historical Society waterline request, and the Village's 125th celebration.

Motion Gail Schember, second Bridgette McCarty to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried.

President Dan Armbruster adjourned the meeting at 8:01P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Phyllis A. Baranski, CMC, MiPMC
Elkton Village Clerk/Treasurer

*Approved 04.12.2022
Phyllis Baranski*