

Elkton Village Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday August 14th, 2018
Elkton Village Hall
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President Randy Haley called the regular meeting of the Elkton Village Council to order at 7:01P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustees present: Jeff Zarnke, Bridgette McCarty, John Ginter, Martin Baker, Agnes Kosinski, and Gail Brown.

Motion Randy Haley, second Agnes Kosinski to approve the agenda as amended.
Motion carried.

Motion Agnes Kosinski, second Bridgette McCarty to approve the minutes from the July Regular meeting as presented.
Motion carried.

Public Comment: 1. Jake Diebel requested action be taken regarding the cat nuisance on Brown St. Gail Brown stated the Ordinance committee is already gathering information on a spay/neuter and relocate program through the Sanilac Humane Society.

2. Jean McBride voiced her concern about the Ordinance Violation she received recently and questioned the dog leash ordinance.

3. Terry Heck thanked Police Chief Scott Jobes for his job performance.

4. Connie Wiederhold asked several solar farm questions, which were answered by Kathy Weber; Cypress Creek Renewables, and the Council members.

Guests: Jamie Peasley; Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt, and Doran, P.C., presented the audit report for the fiscal year 2017-2018 for the Village of Elkton.

Old Business:

1. Solar Farm Update-Kathy Weber; Cypress Creek Renewables
Kathy Weber presented information regarding the Solar Farm. The land at the York St. extension is ideal for the solar panels due the flatness and lack of trees, as well as the proximity to the transfer station. The solar farm will have no concrete slabs, only prefab, so upon termination of the lease the land would be returned to the same condition it was found at the beginning of the lease. Kathy also stated the fencing around the solar farm would be landscaped with pollinator plants and local bee keepers would be contacted for honey production. Kathy brought a smaller solar panel for the Council to handle, as well as brochures for all. Kathy stated that Cypress Creek is working on the Power Purchase Agreement with DTE Energy and does not anticipate construction until 2021. Questions were answered by Kathy and Council members regarding length of the lease, income amortization, zoning, tax revenue, and Village land usage.

New Business:

1. Headlee Override Millage Resolution 2018-05
Motion Martin Baker, second Gail Brown to approve Resolution 2018-05 for the Headlee Override Millage Proposal to be placed on the November ballot. Discussion.
Motion carried.
2. Budget Amendments
Motion Martin Baker, second Gail Brown to approve the budget amendments as presented. Discussion.
Motion carried.
3. Employee/Council Forms
Motion Jeff Zarnke, second Agnes Kosinski to approve the Employee/Council Training Policy Form (updated version 07/09/2018). Discussion. Motion withdrawn by Jeff Zarnke. The form is being sent back to the Labor Relations Committee to add a cost line to the form.
Motion Jeff Zarnke, second Gail Brown to approve the OT/Comp Sheet form (Version 07/09/2018). Discussion.
Motion carried.
4. Police Policy Changes Version 07/10/2018
Motion Agnes Kosinski, second John Ginter to approve the Police Policy changes (version 07/10/2018). Discussion.
Amended motion Agnes Kosinski, second Jeff Zarnke to include a trial period of 6 months for the 2 week police schedule. A review of the 2 week police schedule will occur after 6 months and then a decision will be rendered on the efficiency of the 2 week police schedule and whether or not to continue the 2 week schedule or return to the monthly schedule.
Amended motion carried.
Original motion carried.
5. Water Tower Inspection
Motion John Ginter, second Jeff Zarnke to accept the bid from Nelson Tank for the 5 year Water Tower Inspection at a cost of \$2,300.00.
Motion carried.
6. Trees at Maude St. and Cemetery
Motion John Ginter, second Jeff Zarnke to accept the bid from Kappen Tree Service for removal of trees on Maude St. and at the Cemetery at a cost of \$1,065.00. Discussion.
Motion carried.

Accounts Payable

Motion Martin Baker, second Agnes Kosinski to pay the bills as presented.

Motion carried.

Department Reports

DPW-Superintendent Lonnie Schulz: Gail Brown stated she received a compliment from Celine Scaddan, AYSO Soccer, regarding the great condition of the soccer fields this soccer season. DEQ water testing is completed. The dikes at the lagoon are being relined as needed this summer. The repair on the gazebo in Centennial Park is nearly completed.

Police-Chief Scott Jobes: Complaints are down from last year at this time. The patrol car had the grill lights fixed by Bill Bittner at no cost to the Village. Kickball with the Summer Rec program was a success with 35 kids participating. The police handed out gift bags and ate pizza donated by the Hitching Post for lunch after the game.

Ambulance – Agnes Kosinski stated there were 38 runs in the month of July.

Committee Reports

Parks & Rec-Agnes Kosinski: A thank you note from the Summer Rec staff and participants was read by Agnes, as well as a thank you from someone for having the Summer Events.

Ordinance –Bridgette McCarty: The Ordinance committee met last week and discussed the request for a mailbox receptacle from a resident. The Village has an ordinance from 1998 that does not allow curbside receptacles. Discussion. The issue is being sent back to Ordinance Committee for further review.

Public Comment – 1. Connie Wiederhold inquired about who to contact regarding street lights out in town. The DPW reports the outage to DTE Energy for replacement of the bulb.

Motion Agnes Kosinski, second Jeff Zarnke to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44P.M.

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

Approved 09-11-18
Phyllis A. Baranski