

Elkton Village Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday April 11th, 2023

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 6:30P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustees present: Patrick Gregory, Matt Lewis, Bridgette Dufty, Deena Jobses, Shane Schember, and Agnes Kosinski.

Motion Agnes Kosinski, second Shane Schember to approve the agenda, as presented.

Motion carried.

Motion Bridgette Dufty, second Matt Lewis to approve the minutes from the March 14th, 2023 Public Hearing, as presented.

Motion carried.

Motion Agnes Kosinski, second Deena Jobses to approve the minutes from the March 14th, 2023 Regular Meeting, as presented.

Motion carried.

Public Comment: Bill Lee distributed a DVD to Council members and Chief Jobses regarding loud traffic. Bill feels the noise is excessive and deliberate.

Anthony Schember didn't agree there is excessive noise and gave examples of other sources of noise in the Village.

Connie Wiederhold felt that trucks and semis are good because that means industry.

Dave Shepherd thought the speed of vehicles is more concerning than the noise.

George Wiederhold agreed the speed of vehicles is excessive by his house.

Melissa Helmuth discussed safety concerns, gave examples of other sources of noise in the Village, and felt that neighbors should be acting more neighborly to each other.

Dan Armbruster thanked everyone for their comments and stated he felt the police coverage for noise concerns was adequate.

Guests: None

Old Business:

1. Village Funds into High Yield Savings/CD's

Phyllis Baranski and Bridgette Dufty discussed the rates at Frankenmuth Credit Union.

Village Savings accounts are now receiving a 4%APY interest rate. Several funds could be moved into a 21 month CD to receive a 5% APY interest rate. Discussion on which funds, how much could be placed in a CD, and benefits of moving the funds.

Motion Bridgette Dufty, second Deena Jobses to move Major Streets funds in the amount of \$250,000 into a 21 month CD at Frankenmuth Credit Union. Motion carried.

Motion Patrick Gregory, second Deena Jobses to move Local Street funds in the amount of \$250,000 into a 21 month CD at Frankenmuth Credit Union. Motion carried.

2. Walking Path Bid Release
Phyllis Baranski stated the DNR approved the final design of the walking path, so Spicer Group is now able to release it for bids. A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at the park on Tuesday April 25, 2023 at 11AM. The Council is invited to attend. Bid opening will take place at Spicer Group in Saginaw on Tuesday May 9, 2023 at 10AM. Spicer will then discuss the bids with the Village.

New Business:

1. Approve Hire of Summer Rec. Positions
Agnes Kosinski discussed the interview process and recommendation from Parks and Rec. Committee.
Motion Agnes Kosinski, second Shane Schember to hire Mandy Arnott as the Summer Rec. Director at \$15/hour. Discussion.
Motion carried.
Motion Agnes Kosinski, second Shane Schember to hire Crystal Fritz as the Summer Rec. Assistant Director at \$13.50/hour. Discussion.
Motion carried.
2. Whalen St. Sidewalk Construction
Dan Armbruster and Lonnie Schulz described the location of the proposed sidewalk, the reasoning for construction, and costs. Discussion.
Motion Agnes Kosinski, second Bridgette Dufty to amend the '23-'24 budget to allow the construction of sidewalk on Whalen St. from the Wesleyan Church driveway to the Dollar General at a cost of up to \$25,000.
Motion carried.
3. Elkton Lions Club White Cane Campaign
Agnes Kosinski spoke on behalf of the Elkton Lions Club. The request is to allow the Club to solicit donations on Friday April 28, 2023 from 7AM-5PM at 2 locations in the Village. One location is N. Main St. just north of the blinking light and the other is at Drettman Drive just south of M-142.
Motion Dan Armbruster, second Patrick Gregory to approve the request from the Elkton Lions Club for the White Cane Campaign.
Motion carried.
4. Budget Amendments
Motion Deena Jobes, second Agnes Kosinski to approve the budget amendments, as presented in the packet. Discussion.
Motion carried.

Accounts Payable

Motion Deena Jobes, second Agnes Kosinski to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$27,474.19, as presented in the packet.
Motion carried.

Department Reports

Police-Chief Scott Jobs: Scott stated he is at 157 complaints for this year; last year was 177. Scott stated the Charger had some engine work done last week. Scott stated he donated \$150 to the Huron Youth Center Easter Egg Hunt from his grant money.

Clerk/Treasurer-Phyllis Baranski stated she is currently working on the annual Workman's Comp. Audit for Accident Fund. The DDA annual report has been submitted. Phyllis stated she has also been working on the 5 year Parks and Rec. plan. The walking path has been approved and put out to bid as stated earlier in the meeting. Phyllis Baranski stated only one water shut off occurred last month and the new quarterly bills were mailed out along with the newsletter and other inserts.

DPW-Superintendent Lonnie Schulz: Lonnie Schulz stated Spring hydrant flushing will be taking place soon, as well as lagoon discharge. The street sweeper will be brought out this week. The park bathrooms should be able to be opened soon. Dan Armbruster discussed the backfilling of the hydro-excavation holes that have settled over the winter. Lonnie stated he is in the process of going back through and filling in places that have settled over the winter.

Ambulance-Coordinator Beth Swartzendruber- Beth stated there were 15 runs in March with 10 being billable. Beth stated she and Phyllis completed the CMS data collection report, as required to maintain funding from Medicare. Beth stated that a CMS representative may do a surprise visit to our facility as part of the reporting. Beth stated she applied for a United Way donation of \$1,000 to be used for equipment. She should know soon if approved.

Committee Reports: Agnes Kosinski, chairman of the Parks and Rec. Committee, stated the Western Huron Soccer League has started practices with the games lasting April 29th - June 3rd for the spring season. Agnes also stated the Lions Club Pavilion in Vet's Park will be receiving some landscaping around it. The Lions Club has hired Lee's Landscaping to install the landscaping.

Public Comment: None

Motion Agnes Kosinski, second Shane Schember to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried.

President Dan Armbruster adjourned the meeting at 7:10P.M.

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

*approved 05-09-23
Phyllis Baranski*