

Elkton Village Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday July 11th, 2023
Elkton Village Hall
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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 Bridgette Dufty to approve the agenda, as amended.
Motion carried.

Motion Matt Lewis, second Deena Jobses to approve the minutes from the June 13th, 2023 Public Hearing, as presented.
Motion carried.

Motion Patrick Gregory, second Shane Schember to approve the minutes from the June 13th, 2023 Regular Meeting, as presented.
Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Guests:

1. Jamie Peasley-Audit Report

Jamie Peasley from Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt & Doran, PC presented the audit report for FY 22-23. Jamie reviewed all the fund balances and stated the water sewer fund will need to submit a deficit elimination plan again this year. Discussion on the audit report. Motion Dan Armbruster, second Agnes Kosinski to accept the annual audit report as presented by Jamie Peasley of Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt & Doran.
Motion carried.

2. Keaton Smith-Artificial Intelligence

Keaton Smith, resident of S. Main St., spoke to the Council regarding the rapid advancements of artificial intelligence and the effects it may have on the Village in the near future. Keaton stated the Council should be aware of the impact AI may have on governmental activities, agriculture activities, workforce, and supply chains. Discussion. Keaton stated he is available to assist the Council anytime.

3. Elkton Community Club-Autumnfest

Melissa Parrish stated the Community Club is finalizing all plans for this year's Autumnfest over Labor Day weekend and just wanted to be sure the Village has everything it may need from the Community Club. Dan Armbruster and Phyllis Baranski stated the certificates of insurance from the Club and the TTPA are still needed prior to the events. Discussion on event schedules.

Old Business:

1. Walking Path Update

President Dan Armbruster gave an update on the progress of the construction of the walking path and the brick/donor wall entrance area. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held in the springtime, once all the garden areas, fitness stations, and entrance areas are completed.

New Business:

1. Budget Amendments

Motion Deena Jobes, second Shane Schember to approve the budget amendments, as presented. Discussion.

Motion carried.

Accounts Payable

Motion Deena Jobes, second Agnes Kosinski to pay the bills in the amount of \$36,138.68, as presented.

Motion carried.

Department Reports

Clerk/Treasurer-Phyllis Baranski stated there were three water shutoffs in June with two of them back on. The water bills and taxes were mailed July 1st. The Sparks Grant application was finalized and submitted on June 26th. Discussion on the grant. The walking path colors for benches and the interpretative sign design have been submitted. The audit was finalized and presented tonight. Phyllis also stated the higher interest rate on the accounts at FCU have already been over the amount budgeted.

Police-Chief Scott Jobes: Scott Jobes stated he is up 79 complaints over last year. The July 4th weekend was super busy around the County and in the Village. A group fight started at the Maude St. apartments on July 4th and Bad Axe and the County had to take care of the complaint. Discussion on police being able to work on Holidays and get overtime. Matt Lewis stated a committee meeting will be held to further discuss this issue. Scott Jobes stated he played kickball with the Summer Rec. kids and gave out ice cream and a treat bag to about 28 kids. A good time was had by all involved.

Ambulance-Coordinator Beth Swartzendruber- Beth stated there were 24 runs in June with 22 billable. Beth stated the ambulance is in dire need of crew members. Lee Jaworski plans on retiring in March and currently she covers day shifts. An EMT class will be held in the fall. The Village pays for the training and books, as long as the person commits to running on the ambulance for two years. Discussion on attracting new crew members. A committee meeting will be held to further discuss the ambulance crew and scheduling.

DPW-Superintendent Lonnie Schulz: Lonnie stated the lift station needed emergency repair. It was 22 years old. UIS came within hours to fix it at a cost of around \$5,600. Lonnie stated during next year's budgeting a calling system similar to the water tower needs to be budgeted.

Committee Reports: None

Public Comment: None

Motion Patrick Gregory, second Deena Jobes to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried.
President Dan Armbruster adjourned the meeting at 7:13P.M.

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

Approved 08-08-23
Phyllis A. Baranski