

Elkton Village Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday September 12th, 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 Jobes, and Agnes Kosinski. Trustee Excused Absent: Shane Schember.

Motion Agnes Kosinski, second Patrick Gregory to approve the agenda, as amended.
Motion carried.

Motion Agnes Kosinski, second Matt Lewis to approve the minutes from the August 8th, 2023 Regular Meeting, as presented.
Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Guests:

1. Huron Youth Center- Melissa Parrish

Melissa stated the Huron Youth Center is hosting Trunk or Treat on Saturday October 28th from 5pm-7pm. Melissa requested permission to block off N. Main St. from 19 N. Main St. to Hoffman St. from 4:30pm-7:30pm for the event. Discussion. Motion Dan Armbruster, second Matt Lewis to allow N. Main St. from 19 N. Main to Hoffman St. to be closed on Saturday October 28th from 4:30pm-7:30pm for the Trunk or Treat event.

Motion carried.

Melissa also stated the Huron Youth Center is seeking bids for a new HVAC system. She is notifying the Council as stated in the Lions Club lease for the Huron Youth Center. Discussion.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Health Ins. Renewal-Haley, Ward, & Assoc.

Dan Armbruster reviewed the recommendation from Finance Committee concerning the renewal. The quote is for an 11.08% increase. Discussion. Motion Patrick Gregory, second Bridgette Dufty to approve the health insurance renewal for 2023-2024, as presented.

Yays: Armbruster, Gregory, Lewis, Dufty, Kosinski

Abstain: Jobes

Absent: Schember

Motion carried.

2. Lions Club-Downtown Fall Decorations

Janet Devorye from the Elkton Lions Club Parks & Rec. asked permission to use the downtown and Pocket Park for a scarecrow decorating contest from Oct. 21st-Nov. 2nd, the

Pocket Park on Saturday October 28th for a haunted path, and Vet's Park, Village Hall, and the Pocket Park for the Holiday celebration December 1st and 2nd. Discussion. Motion Dan Armbruster, second Patrick Gregory to allow the Elkton Lions Club to use Village property for these scheduled events.

Motion carried.

3. Village Trick-Or-Treat Date/Time

Motion Dan Armbruster, second Agnes Kosinski to set the Village wide Trick-or-Treat hours for Saturday October 28th, 2023 from 5pm-7pm. Discussion.

Motion carried.

4. Ambulance Crew Recruiting Update

Dan Armbruster asked Beth Swartzendruber to give an update on the recruiting effort. Beth stated 15 applications have been submitted for a potential EMT class. Discussion. A Police/Amb. Committee meeting will be scheduled to interview candidates and coordinate the EMT class.

5. Budget Amendments

Motion Deena Jobes, second Agnes Kosinski to approve the Budget Amendments, as presented. Discussion.

Motion carried.

6. Lions Club Food Pantry

Phyllis Baranski stated Kurt Damrow requested permission to use Ackerman Park as the food distribution site in Elkton. Discussion. Motion Dan Armbruster, second Patrick Gregory to allow the Lions Club to use Ackerman Park for the food pantry at the discretion of Lonnie Schulz, DPW Superintendent.

Motion carried.

7. Garbage Rate Increase

Dan Armbruster discussed the letter from Emterra regarding the rate increase. Finance Committee is recommending an increase of \$3.63 per quarter per household. Discussion.

Motion Deena Jobes, second Bridgette Dufty to increase the refuse rate by \$3.63 per quarter per household.

Motion carried.

Accounts Payable

Motion Deena Jobes, second Agnes Kosinski to pay the bills in the amount of \$175,778.98, as presented. Discussion.

Motion carried.

Department Reports

Clerk/Treasurer-Phyllis Baranski stated Autumnfest went excellent this year and the Community Club was easy to work with regarding insurances and parade permits. Phyllis stated all property taxes are due September 14th with County settlement happening on September 21st. Walking path payments and construction are going well. Phyllis stated home sales have remained steady in the Village. Phyllis

reminded everyone the Planning Commission Public Hearing regarding the Zoning Ordinances is tomorrow night. The updates are part of the RRC program and were paid for through the MEDC.

DPW-Superintendent Lonnie Schulz: Lonnie stated the final Public Hearing for the Zoning Ordinances is tomorrow night, then the County reviews them for 30 days. Lonnie stated Jason Nicol will be here to pave Barb Thompson Dr., pave behind Village Hall, and construct the sidewalk on Whalen to the Dollar General in the next few weeks. Lonnie stated Autumnfest weekend went well and the Community Club took good care of the park. Everything else is going well.

Police-Chief Scott Jobes: Scott Jobes stated he is in need of a new PBT at a cost of \$299. He can turn in the old one and receive \$60 back. Scott stated Autumnfest was great. The dunk tank raised \$283 for the police department. Autumnfest was a busy weekend with 25 complaints from Friday through Sunday. Scott stated he is at 501 complaints for this year compared to 406 last year. The cameras are up and running at Ackerman Park. Scott stated he was able to use them over Autumnfest for several complaint investigations. The Wi-Fi is free at Ackerman Park and covers most of the walking path.

Ambulance-Coordinator Beth Swartzendruber- Beth stated there were 22 runs in August with 15 billable. Beth stated the ambulance replaced the VacuSplint, which was an unexpected equipment cost that Dan approved. Beth stated she notified the Medical Director Dr. Felton and the State of Michigan about being out of service so often due to crew health issues.

Dan Armbruster thanked the Elkton Community Club for a successful Autumnfest. Dan stated all events seemed busy and the Fire Dept. sold out of chicken dinners. Overall Dan thought it was another great festival.

Committee Reports: None

Public Comment: Melissa Parrish stated they are aware some tents at the park are still up from Autumnfest, but need to be completely dry for storage purposes. Melissa also stated the Village Halloween hours will be published in the Tribune with the Trunk-or-Treat event.

Motion Agnes Kosinski, second Patrick Gregory to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried.

President Dan Armbruster adjourned the meeting at 7:05P.M.

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

*Approved 10-10-23
Phyllis Baranski*