

**Village of Elberta Michigan  
Council Meeting Minutes  
December 16, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Elberta Village Council was held at the Community Building, Thursday, December 16, 2010.

Present: R.Manville, S.Bower, Jenks, L.Manville, Thorson, and Holmes.  
Absent: Stapleton

Guests: Paul Schram, Carolee Ness, Ruth Nanni, Scott Gest, Bill Soper, Connie Manke, Kelli Stapleton, Arthur Melendez, Dave Bower, Ken Bonney and Charlie Hendershott.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion by L.Manville supported by Jenks to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 18, 2010. Yeas - 5.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion by Jenks supported by L.Manville to approve the proposed agenda with the add-ons of #6 - P&R Appointment and #7 - Wages for Part Time DPW Worker, Duane Wallace. Yeas - 5.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

R.Manville discussed the letter from Michigan Strategic Fund informing the Village that the Village's grant application for Farm to Food Farmers Market had not been selected for funding.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

Motion by L.Manville supported by Jenks to approve the bills for November 1 to November 30, 2010 in the amount of \$26,966.82. Yeas - 5. L.Manville asked that the payroll register be included each month with the Treasurer's report.

Department heads were heard from.

P&R: Connie Manke said there will be a Winter Solstice Festival held at the Waterfront Park on Sunday, December 19 from 1pm to 7pm. Manke also discussed with the Council a proposed event to be held at the LSS in the middle of February. The event would take place following Shiver by the River. The Council discussed the expense of opening up the LSS as it has been closed and winterized for the season. An estimate of the expense of reopening the building was around \$1700. The Council would like more information from P&R by the January Council meeting concerning the feasibility of opening up the building for the event. The Chamber will start advertising by February 1 for Shiver by the River and could include the LSS event.

President's Report: R.Manville discussed his plans to meet with various business owners and the

media.

Planning Commission: R.Manville discussed the Master Plan committee with Kelli Stapleton. He volunteered to be on the committee if there wouldn't be a conflict as one Council member was already on the PC. Stapleton didn't think it would be a problem as this would be considered a subcommittee of the PC. Bower will contact COG to check. Stapleton said that Connie Manke and hopefully Marcia Stobie would also be on the committee.

#### AGENDA:

1.D/A Council Appointment. R.Manville explained that his seat as a Trustee was vacant since he had been elected Village President. He said there had been a tie between Charlie Hendershott and Bill Soper. L.Manville asked Hendershott if he was interested in the seat. Hendershott indicated that he originally had not planned to run again. He also discussed some health problems that his wife was experiencing and some future travel plans. After this discussion L.Manville made a motion to nominate Bill Soper to fill the vacancy. The motion was supported by Jenks. K.Holmes then nominated Hendershott to fill the seat. R.Manville suggested a secret ballot be given to each Council member for their decision. Bower read the ballots with four for Soper and one for Hendershott. Motion by L.Manville supported by Jenks to appoint Soper to fill the Trustee position. Yeas - 4 Nays - 1 Holmes.

#### 2. D/A Department Head/Committee Appointments and Changes.

R.Manville discussed changing and eliminating some of the Department Heads and Committees. The changes suggested by R.Manville were as follows: Water/Sewer to Water/Sewer/BLUA; Parks & Rec to P&R/Trees; Marina & Dockos to Marina Park/Farmers Market; 3rd Party Liaison and Management & Policy to President's Report; eliminate M-168 Committee; and Library Building to Municipal Buildings. Motion by Jenks supported by L.Manville to approve the proposed changes. Yeas - 6.

R.Manville discussed his proposals for various department heads and committees. He would like to see more involvement by the Council than just monthly meeting attendance. R.Manville made the following proposals for Council members as department heads and committee members: R.Manville - Employee Relations, Budget Committee, Beach and Master Plan Committee; M.Stapleton - Employee Relations and Municipal Buildings; Holmes - Water/Sewer/BLUA, Fire/Safety and Planning Commission; Soper - Marina Park/Farmers Market and Municipal Buildings; L.Manville - P&R and Budget; Jenks - President ProTem, Water/Sewer/BLUA, Fire/Safety; Thorson - Employee Relations, Municipal Buildings and Beach. Motion by L.Manville supported by Jenks to approve the appointments as suggested by R.Manville. Yeas - 6.

3.D/A Annual Permit - MDOT Resolution. It was explained that this is annual permit that is required by MDOT for use of State Highway Right of Ways. Motion by Jenks supported by L.Manville to adopt the Performance Resolution as required by MDOT. Yeas - 6.

#### 4. D/A Street Name Change - George M. The confusion caused by the similarity of

George M and George McManus Street was discussed. Holmes explained that George M street was short for George M. Cartwright. Motion by L.Manville supported by Holmes to change the name of the street from George M to Cartwright Street contingent on finding the correct spelling. Yeas - 6.

5. D/A Appreciation Certificate/Award. The creation of a Certificate of Appreciation to be given to outgoing elected officials who have served at least a minimum of two years was discussed. Motion by Soper supported by L.Manville to create and give out Certificates of Appreciations. Yeas - 6.

The Star of Elberta Award was discussed. Motion by Jenks supported by L.Manville to make the Star of Elberta an annual(starting one year from this date) award. Yeas - 6.

6. D/A Parks & Rec Appointment. Motion by L.Manville supported by Jenks to appoint Jennifer Wilkens to P&R. Yeas - 6.

7. D/A Duane Wallace's Pay. Duane Wallace was hired to occasionally help out in the DPW. Motion by L.Manville supported by Soper to pay Wallace \$10 per hour. Yeas - 6.

Public Comment was heard.

Carolee Ness said she thought all jobs must be posted and Wallace's had not been. She said that even though Ken Bonney was the best thing to happen to Elberta his job had not been posted. Ness was told that Bonney's job had been posted. Bower will check on protocol for part time help.

Hendershott said that unfortunately the 6 acres owned by the GTB will come off the tax rolls. They have gone into court and claimed tax exemption. Kelli Stapleton asked if there were going to be anymore street lights installed along m-168. She was told that there would not be any more.

Motion to adjourn was accepted.

Sharyn Bower, Village Clerk