

**Village of Elberta Michigan
Council Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2010**

A public hearing and the regular meeting of the Elberta Village Council was held at the Community Building, Thursday, February 18, 2010.

Present: D.Holmes, Bower, D.Bower, Ness, Hendershott, R.Manville and K.Holmes.

Absent: Council member, Louise Kirbach, passed away on February 15, 2010

Guests: Laura Manville, Carolee Ness, Ruth Nanni, Bill Soper, Kris Hollenback and Rob Cannaert.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by D.Bower supported by K.Holmes to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 21, 2010. Yeas - 6.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Ness supported by Hendershott to approve the agenda as proposed. Yeas - 6.

Brief Public Comment:

Kris Hollenback reported on County activities.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Motion by Hendershott supported by D.Bower to leave the regular meeting and go into the advertised public hearing. Yeas - 6. The advertised public hearing is to hear public comment concerning the proposed budget for fiscal year 2010/2011 and meet the "Truth in Taxation" requirements. Village Treasurer, Laura Manville, discussed possible ways to save money in the proposed budget as the Village will be operating with fewer funds. The need for an annual spring clean-up was discussed at length. Rob Cannaert suggested that if there is no clean-up this year that the Village be more lenient in their clean-up requirements. It was the general consensus of the Council that holding the Spring clean-up every other year would work. There will be no clean-up this year. The Village Audit was also discussed. There is no requirement that a Village audit be held every year; every other year would be sufficient. There will be no audit this year. The mowing in the waterfront park was discussed at length. Walkley will be contacted to see if he would agree to a cost reduction or only mowing a portion (the big hill) of the park. It was noted that there will be no raises for the Office or the Garage this year. Motion by Hendershott supported by Ness to close the public hearing and return to the regular meeting. Yeas - 6.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion by D.Bower supported by Hendershott to approve the bills for January 1 to January 31 in the amount of \$22,983.45. Yeas - 6.

Super's Report: Super's report was discussed. Motion by D.Bower supported by Hendershott to accept the Super's report. Yeas - 6.

Department heads were heard from.

AGENDA:

1.D/A Budget for Fiscal Year 2010/2011. Motion by Hendershott supported by Ness to approve the budget for fiscal year 2010/2011. Yeas - 6.

2.D/A Street Light Authorization and Signature Authorization. Motion by D.Bower supported by Hendershott to authorize Consumers Energy Company to make changes in the streetlighting systems (see attached) as covered by the existing Standard Streetlighting Contract between the Company and the Village dated 10-20-1952 and further authorize the Village President and the Village Clerk to execute such authorization. Yeas - 6.

3.D/A Authorization for Village Attorney to Negotiate with Attorney for Mills in sale of Dockos. Motion by Hendershott supported by K.Holmes to authorize the Village Attorney to represent the Village in the proposed sale of the Dockos to Kris Mills. Yeas -6.

4.D/A Planning Commission - Village Attorney Involvement. This issue was discussed at length and will be addressed at a future meeting.

5.D/A Meeting Location, Time and Dates for Fiscal Year 2010/11. Motion by K.Holmes supported by Hendershott to Hold all regular meetings at the Community Building, 401 First Street, Elberta Michigan on the third Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Yeas - 6.

Public Comment was heard.

Motion to adjourn was accepted.

Sharyn Bower, Village Clerk