

**Village of Elberta Michigan  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
July 15, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Elberta Village Council was held at the Community Building, Thursday, July 15, 2010.

Present: D.Holmes (7:09), S.Bower, D.Bower, Ness, Hendershott, K.Holmes and R.Manville.

Absent:

Guests: Josh Stolz, Bill Soper, Connie Manke, Dave Hoogerhyde, Mary Hendershott, Bob and Greta Zwinck, Kris Hollenback, Rob and Michelle Cannaert, 2 unidentified guests, Carolee Ness and Ruth Nanni.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion by Ness supported by D.Bower to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 17, 2010. Yeas - 6.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Josh Stolz is the Benzie county Outreach Coordinator for SEEDS after school program. He gave an overview on the programs and activities that his group provides for area youngsters. The age group is for 8<sup>th</sup> grade and above.

Kris Hollenback reported on the budget problems that the County is experiencing. She said there are many proposed personnel cuts.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

Motion by D.Bower supported by K.Holmes to approve the bills for June 1 to June 30 in the amount of \$35,424.10. Yeas - 6.

Department heads were heard from.

**PARKS & REC:** Manville said that the Solstice Festival was a huge success this year. The Council and guests applauded the P&R members in attendance for the wonderful job that they had done.

Manville suggested that in the future that someone from the Village's DPW be in attendance for the event.

BEACH: Manville questioned why the old boardwalk hadn't been put out at the beach yet. He said it was still all rolled up and laying on the beach. Hoogerhyde said that part of the cable was broken as well as some of the boards. The Council said that would make a good winter project. Manville said that he would like to see it put out this year as it was a big help for those accessing the beach from the parking lot. The general condition of the beach was discussed.

AGENDA:

1.D/A Headlee Override - November Election - Resolution. D.Holmes explained that the Village was asking that there be a Headlee Rollback override for general operating expenses. He said that the Village will be asked to raise the millage up to 12.5 which was the original voted millage back in 1972. D.Holmes said that the present millage is 8.5620. The Council discussed the fact that the proposed waterfront development has failed to start which would have generated a substantial tax base. Also the Thorpe property will come off the tax rolls next year when it becomes part of the Land Conservancy. The Grand Traverse Band is also petitioning to have their six acres in the Village be taken off the tax rolls. It was also pointed out that there was a freeze on wages in the Village and no raises had been given. When and if the MDOT property sells that will go back on the tax roll. If the entire 12.5 is allocated it will generate approximately an additional \$31,000 annually. If approved this will be put on the ballot for the November 2, 2010 general election. Motion by D.Bower supported by Hendershott to approve a resolution in support of place a Headlee Override Millage Proposal on the ballot for November 2, general election. Yeas - 6.

Public Comment was heard.

Motion to adjourn was accepted.

Sharyn Bower, Village Clerk