

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

The regular meeting of the Elberta Village Council was held at the Community Building, Thursday, November 18, 2010.

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

Absent: Ness

Guests: Carolee Ness, Ruth Nanni, Diane Jenks, Linda Manville, Scott Gest, Bill Soper, Connie Manke, Emily Votruba, Marcia Stobie, Kelli Stapleton and Matt Stapleton.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by D.Bower supported by Hendershott to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 21, 2010. Yeas - 5.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Bower said that Jon Keillor had called her before the meeting and said that they would be unable to make the meeting. Keillor hoped that something could be done about the similarity of the street names and numbers between their house and the Coles'. He said that they (Keillor's) didn't want to change the name of their street or the number of their house. Bower said that she had talked to Dave Cole and he had suggested keeping their same street number and use Steele Street (which is in front of their house). Bower will talk to Equalization and 911.

Motion by D.Bower supported by Hendershott to approve the agenda as proposed with the deletion of #1 - Street Name/Number Change. Yeas - 5.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Emily Votruba gave a presentation on her plans to establish a newspaper in Elberta. She asked that she be allowed to use the Library Building on December 5, 1 p.m. for an open public meeting to discuss the creation of a new newspaper. Votruba said the newspaper would be a revival of the former *Elberta Alert*. The Council was agreeable to Votruba's plans.

Scott Gest said that the old carferry docks should be coming out in the spring.

Marcia Stobie discussed the PC. Kelli Stapleton from the PC discussed the formation of a committee for updating the Village's Master Plan. She asked the Council for approval of appointing a committee to work with COG on this project. D.Holmes said that he felt it would be appropriate for the new Council to make this decision.

CORRESPONDENCE:

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion by D.Bower supported by Hendershott to approve the bills for October 1 to October 31 in the amount of \$17,096.17. Yeas - 5.

Department heads were heard from.

D.Holmes stressed to the new Council the importance of keeping an active representation on the BLUA Board and the Fire Board.

AGENDA:

1.D/A deleted

2. D/A Use of Water License - Dave Bissell. The amount to pay Dave Bissell who has acted as the licensed water operator for the Village since the departure of the former Superintendent. Bissell had said that he had called around and was told that anywhere from \$350 to \$500 was reasonable. S.Bower had contacted Rural Water and was told between \$250 and \$500 but a lot depended on the amount of Bissell's involvement with the Village. Rural Water said that if they (RW) are hired they charge more as do engineering firms. It is necessary for the Village to have a licensed operator. D.Bower said that he had contacted Fred Gum 1st as he is a Village resident and taxpayer. Gum declined. Bissell was more than happy to be of help. K.Bonney recently took his test for his water license. Motion by R.Manville supported by D.Bower to pay Bissell \$400 per month beginning August 7, 2010 and continuing until Bonney is able to get his water license. Yeas - 5.

Public Comment was heard.

Diane Jenks thanked Doug Holmes for all that he has done.

Reg Manville thanked all of those Council members that were leaving.

Scott Gest also thanked the Council members that were leaving.

Marcia Stobie also thanked departing Council members.

The Council was applauded at the end of the meeting.

Motion to adjourn was accepted.

Sharyn Bower, Village Clerk