

Village of Elsie Council Minutes April 12, 2016

President Carie called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Members Present: President Scott Carie; Councilmembers: Jason Freeman, Tom Frink, Todd Carroll, Sue Bensinger, Kevin Ladiski, and Joe Ondrusek.

Members Absent: none

Ex-Officios Present: Clerk, A. Trierweiler; Police Chief, J. Spagnuolo, and Office Manager, S. Grinnell.

AGENDA: Freeman moved, Bensinger seconded to accept the agenda as written. MOTION CARRIED.

MINUTES: Frink moved, Ladiski seconded to approve the March 8, 2016 Public Hearing minutes as written. MOTION CARRIED. Ondrusek moved, Bensinger seconded to approve the March 8, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes as written. MOTION CARRIED.

INVOICES: Ondrusek moved, Freeman seconded to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$34,041.87. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION STEPS: 1. The Personnel Committee recommended several additions to the Personnel Manual Policies. There is going to be a workshop on April 19, 2016 at Duplain Township Hall at 7:00 pm. The council wants to go over the policy changes, so that everyone has input. 2. The Budget Committee recommended to the council the hiring of Abraham and Gaffney as the auditors for the Village for the 2015-2016 audit. The audit should be done in July.

SPECIAL REPORTS: Gene Nethaway, the American Legion Commander in Elsie was on hand to affirm with the council items regarding Memorial Day. The parade will begin at 10:00 am on May 30th. During the Memorial Day presentation they will be honoring all veterans.

PRESIDENT: Monthly sewer rates need to be addressed. According to Rural Development the rates need to be raised, so that General Funds are not being used to pay bills that should be paid using the sewer budget. Two Public Hearings will be held, the first will be held on April 19, 2016 at 6:45 p.m., and the second will be determined at that meeting. The council is requesting a \$5.00 per month, per household, increase.

TREASURER: Ondrusek moved, Bensinger seconded to approve the March 2016 Treasurer's Report as written. MOTION CARRIED.

POLICE REPORT: Freeman moved, Bensinger seconded to approve the March 2016 Police Report as written. MOTION CARRIED.

DPW REPORT: Ondrusek moved, Ladiski seconded to accept the DPW Report for the April 2016 Council Meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEES: PARK COMMITTEE: The Park Committee met on Monday, April 11th. The concession stand will be run by the O-E Youth Rec League. Suzette Bunge is in charge of the Rec. League this year. They will also be putting some money into backstops and needed

upgrades to the softball fields. Grass needs to be re-seeded in some spots, and dirt needs to be brought in for filler on the fields. Porta-johns should be placed this month. Pavilions need to be reserved, and paid for prior to use.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The Clinton Co. building inspector, Al Hoard, has condemned (red-tagged) buildings in Elsie. Trespassing in these buildings is a criminal offense, and trespassers can be prosecuted, as these buildings are very dangerous. The Village does not own the old school. The owner of the building has been contacted.

Ondrusek moved, Bensinger seconded to adjourn the April 12, 2016 Council Meeting at 7:56 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Scott E. Carie
Village President

Ann Trierweiler
Village Clerk