

Village of Elsie Council Minutes August 8, 2017

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

Members Present: President S. Carie; Councilmembers, Todd Carroll, Jim Hyland, Dorothy Ornelas, Jason Freeman, Joe Ondrusek, and Tom Frink.

Members Absent:

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

AGENDA: Ondrusek moved, Ornelas seconded to accept the agenda with additions to PRESIDENT: Free Fall Festival update. CLERK: Ordinance violations, and DPW-Water tower report. MOTION CARRIED.

MINUTES: Frink moved, Carroll seconded to approve the July 11, 2017 Public Hearing and July 11, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes as written. MOTION CARRIED.

INVOICES: Freeman moved, Hyland seconded to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$112,860.81. MOTION CARRIED.

SPECIAL REPORTS: ZONING BOARD: The property on the NW corner of Ovid and Pine is for sale. A person who would like to purchase this property has requested this property be changed from Commercial to Residential. The attorney for the Village states that the owner of the property is the person who needs to change this zoning. The owner has never requested that this be done.

PRESIDENT: 1. **Ordinance #169: Amendments to Open Burning Ordinance for the Village of Elsie. Ordinance Chapter 6: Article III.** Carroll moved, Freeman seconded to accept Ordinance #169 Roll Call Vote: Ondrusek, Aye, Freeman-Aye, Ornelas-Aye, Carie- Aye, Frink-Aye, Carroll-Aye, Hyland-Aye. MOTION CARRIED. 2. There was a very nice thank-you letter given to the council from the Elsie Dairy Festival. 3. The Free Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 7th. This festival is specifically held to help the Elsie Food Bank. There will be 50/50 and small raffles, and as always vendors get a space for free.

CLERK: 1. **ACTION STEP:** There has been an issue with the utility bill payments corresponding with the ordinance regarding these utility payments. Chapter 13-UTILITIES, Section 13:31 was brought to the board. There was a suggestion that either the ordinance be properly used, or that a change be made in the office, as to how these bills may be handled differently. 2. There have been several complaints regarding ordinance violations from different residents. The issue has not been taken care of, and the question was brought to the council as to how this should be handled. The Police Committee will meet on Tuesday, August 15th at 7:00 pm to discuss hiring criteria for a Code Enforcer.

TREASURER: Ondrusek moved, Freeman seconded to approve the July 2017 Treasurer's Report as written. MOTION CARRIED.

POLICE: Freeman moved, Ondrusek seconded to approve the June and July 2017 Police Reports as written. MOTION CARRIED.

DPW: 1. S. Grinnell had the final water tank cleaning and inspection report available for the council. 2. The village water meters need to be updated. There have been issues with the DPW workers being able to get clear readings on the meters now in existence. SENSUS is the meter reader now being used and the meters are now plastic. Neptune is the meter reader that is being looked at to replace this, as well as the meters, as Neptune meters are not plastic.

PUBLIC COMMENT: 1. The DPW was thanked for the quick clean-up work, for cleaning up the broken trees in the Duplain Twp. Cemetery. 2. The Village will not be shutting the stop light off during Dairy Festival, as it is too hard to reprogram it.

Freeman moved, Ornelas seconded to adjourn the August 8, 2017 Council Meeting at 8:21 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Scott E. Carie
Village President

Ann Trierweiler
Village Clerk