

**Village of Elsie
Special Council Minutes
July 26, 2018**

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

Members Present: President T. Frink; Councilmembers: Jason Freeman, Dorothy Ornelas, Todd Carroll, and Joe Ondrusek.

Members Absent: Jim Hyland.

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

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

This meeting is an informational meeting, for the public, regarding rescue services; Elsie Area Ambulance is closing as of April 1, 2019 and the proposals on the table at this time are as follows:

- 1.) Elsie Area Fire Department will provide first response/rescue services to Chapin, Fairfield, Duplain Twps., and the Village of Elsie. This will be a non-transporting unit that will provide service to any 911 calls requiring medical assistance, as well as continuing fire coverage. This unit will be staffed by our firefighters that are EMTs and Medical First Responder, who are already medically trained. With the large budget savings from not having the ambulance service (since they financially cannot continue providing services) EAFD is asking for a very small portion of the budget savings to begin running rescue, or
- 2.) Contracting services with Clinton Area Rescue Services, where your first responders will be coming from St. Johns/Eureka.

SPECIAL REPORTS: Rescue Services-EAFD- 1. Duplain Township Supervisor, Bruce Levey, started out comments regarding rescue services, stating that he felt this was a good thing to give information to the public regarding rescue services. 2. A slide show was presented by Capt. Shane Grinnell of the Elsie Area Fire Department. Very informative communication was given regarding how EAFD runs and how they could easily transition to Fire/Rescue. 3. Eric Brown with Ovid-Middlebury FD/Rescue was available to answer questions regarding fire rescue. 4. Elsie Area Fire Department members were available to help alleviate several concerns of the community. 5. Fairfield Township Supervisor, Rick Zemla, stated that he felt the transition from Elsie Area Ambulance to Elsie Area Fire/Rescue was something necessary. They feel it is important to have a Rescue Unit available for their community members. Tough decisions have to be made and someone has to make them. 6. Chapin Township is thankful for everything being done to help their township. 7. The Village of Elsie Council President, Tom Frink, noted that there is no question that service needs to stay in Elsie for Elsie and the surrounding areas.

PUBLIC COMMENT: 1. Lee Thelen, with Greenbush Township, discussed how their Rescue Service would include members of this community; Rescue would not be coming from St. Johns. 2. Each individual township has to decide who they want for rescue service. They have to look at all options before any decisions are made. They attempt to pick the most fiscally responsible option for all concerned. There is a 2.5 millage, at this time, for Fire and Ambulance in Duplain Township and several people stated that they feel the money should be used for training and equipment for the Fire Department and Rescue Service. They should have the best training and equipment available.

ADJOURNMENT: Freeman moved, Ondrusek seconded to adjourn the July 26, 2018 Special Council Meeting at 8:50 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Tom Frink
Village President

Ann Trierweiler
Village Clerk