

Elsie Council Minutes
April 12, 2022

President Tom Frink called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Members Present: President Tom Frink; Councilmembers: Kory Witt, Sam Frink, Todd Carroll and Joe Ondrusek, Dorothy Ornelas, Jason Freeman

Members Absent: Clerk, Susan Lightner, Excused

Ex-Officios Present: Village Manager, Shane Grinnell; and Treasurer Cindy Brzak

AGENDA: Carroll moved; Witt seconded to accept the agenda with the addition to – Special Reports -Kam Washburn – County Report – Add adoption of ordinance 32-23 Snow Removal as an action step.

MINUTES: Carroll moved; Witt seconded to approve the March 2022 Council Meeting Minutes as written. MOTION CARRIED.

INVOICES: Carroll moved; Witt seconded to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$54,086.07. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION STEP: The sidewalk ordinance was reviewed and talked about. The addition of requirements to remove snow from the side walk was added. Section 32-23 It was talked about at 2 public hearings. The changes will take effect May 1st 2022. There was no further discussion. Witt moved; Ornelas seconded to adopt said ordinance as presented. Roll call vote as follows: Tom Frink; Kory Witt, Sam Frink, Todd Carroll and Joe Ondrusek, Dorothy Ornelas, Jason Freeman voted Yes MOTION CARRIED

SPECIAL REPORTS: County Commissioner Kam Washburn gave an update of things going on in the county. There are some retirement's going on in the Clerk's office, treasurers' office and the sheriff's department. Also, he announced he will not be running for re-election and introduced who he is endorsing Val Vail-Shirley. Mr. Washburn also talked about the new state 800 MHz radio system that is now live with Police, Fire, EMS, Rad Comm, Clinton Transit, Elsie DPW. There have been a few bugs to work out, but overall, everything is going as planned.

PRESIDENT:

CLERK:

TREASURER: Carroll moved; Witt seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report as written. MOTION CARRIED.

POLICE: Carroll moved; Witt seconded to approve the Police Reports as written. MOTION CARRIED.

MANAGER REPORT: 1. Grinnell has been working with Mr. Jim Hyland on the Hero's Park plans. This will be built at the former Dorman house site. The plan is to have 12 flag poles for every branch of the service, along with Police, Fire and EMS. We are currently accepting donations to help with this park. 2. Grinnell also passed out and induced draft ballot language for a Police millage for the village. Grinnell suggested that we form a millage committee made up from members of the police committee and the budget committee, and to start looking into what rates, how much money is needed, etc. The goal would be to have it on the ballot in the Aug 2022 election, and to take effect in 2023. S Frink moved; Carroll seconded to approve the Managers Report. MOTION CARRIED.

DPW REPORT: Carroll moved; Witt seconded to approve the DPW Report & the Street paving bid as presented MOTION CARRIED.

COUNCILMEMBERS: Council members freeman requested to do public comment before council members report. This is due to a request made for the council to go into closed session in reference a personnel issue that needed to be talked about.

PUBLIC COMMENT:1. A representative from the Dairy Fest advised plans are moving along for dairy fest 2022. 2.Larry Melvin a village resident spoke and advised he was happy with the Code Enforcement and the Villages efforts on cleaning up the blight. He did mention a freezer that is in someone's yard, and he is afraid a child could get hurt or trapped in it. He was advised to talk with the Code Enforcement officer and they would look into it. 3. The OEYL and Big Reds youth league reps spoke. They are trying to work on a solution on scheduling for use of the fields in the park. Both groups were told that the village does not want to get into the scheduling, however would be happy to help if needed to be a mediator in the planning for next year's field use.4. Resident Mitch Ross addressed the council on receiving a bill from the village for the repair of his sidewalk. Mr. Ross advised that he is ok and understands his bill for 50% of the cost to repair the sidewalk but does not agree that he was billed for 50% of the removal of the tree that was causing the sidewalk issue. The council explained to Mr. Ross that the removal of the tree was necessary for repairing and re building the sidewalk Infront of his home, and his request to remove the tree charge was denied.

COMMITTEES: The council went into closed session at 8:13pm to discuss a personnel issue. Opened the meeting back up at 9:00pm

ADJOURNMENT: Witt moved, Ondrusek seconded to adjourn the February 8th, 2022, Council Meeting at 9:01 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Tom Frink
Village President

Shane Grinnell
Deputy Village Clerk