

## **Elsie Council Minutes February 14, 2023**

President Pro Tem Jason Freeman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

Members Absent: Clerk, Susan Lightner, President Tom Frink (both excused)

Ex-Officios Present: Village Manager, S. Grinnell.

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

MINUTES: Ondrusek moved, Ornelas seconded to approve the January 10, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes as written. MOTION CARRIED.

INVOICES: S Frink moved, Witt seconded to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$82,04173 MOTION CARRIED.

PRESIDENT: President Pro Tem Freeman accepted the resignation of Village Treasurer Cindy Burzak with regret. Manager Grinnell will post the position and the personnel committee will seek/ review applications. Grinnell is the deputy treasurer and will fill in until a new treasurer is selected.

CLERK: none

TREASURER: Carroll moved, Ornelas seconded to approve the January 2023 Treasurer's Report as written. MOTION CARRIED.

POLICE: Witt moved, Ondrusek seconded to approve the January 2023 Police Report as written. MOTION CARRIED.

MANAGER/CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Grinnell advised the council that the Clinton County Treasurers office had contacted him and advised the old JR school located at Pine and N Ovid St. will be going up for a tax sale. The Village could purchase the building. He advised the issue is if the Village does not own the building its hard to apply for funding to remove the building, however if the village did purchase the building, then the village would have to assume the liability. There was much discussion and Grinnell advised he would keep the council updated, and the council did not have to decide right away. Grinnell also advise that he will check with the Village Insurance company. Grinnell stated he rather see a developer come in and do something with it VS the village to take ownership of it.

Manager Grinnell advised that DPW staff member Matt Spencer will be leaving the village DPW as a fulltime employee but is willing to stay on as a part time/on call employee. The Personnel committee interviewed two candidates, and they selected Current part time employee Keagan Ormes to be moved to fulltime status. Grinnell advised this will leave an open position for a

cemetery grounds keeper as Keagan was currently in that position. Grinnell also noted that Supervisor Ormes was not in the interviews or the selection process due to conflict of interest.

Grinnell advised the Village had been paying about \$10,000 a year for phone services. Granit company came in and can change the phones out to an internet based phone system, and it would save the village about \$8,000 a year.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:** Supervisor Ormes reports that he will be starting classes this month to get ready to take the wastewater exam in May. Testing on the monitoring wells has been postponed due to them needing to be cleaned out first. Still waiting on 2 valve stems to arrive for them to be installed. Waiting to hear back from Kennedy on a price for a panel upgrade. They've been having issues with both dump trucks, including having to have repairs done to both. Truck 2 had brake lines and rear calipers replaced. It was found that it will need front end work, estimated at \$1,000.

Manager Grinnell also advised the lawn mower that was ordered for the cemetery still has not come in. It's been over a year. The dealer did advise they could get the same size mower with a rear discharge by going with a different brand. It would save about \$1,000 on the total invoice. Grinnell advised he told them to go ahead and change the order.

**COMMITTEES:** none

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Manager Grinnell reported that the Ovid Boy Scout Troop is taking care of our flag rotation in our Heroes Park. In return they are using the time and the poles to practice flag etiquette. It's a win-win for both the Village and the Boy Scouts. The council thanked the scouts for helping the Village out and it's much appreciated.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Carroll moved, S. Frink seconded to adjourn the February 14, 2023, Council Meeting at 20:35 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Jason Freeman  
Village President Pro Tem

Shane E Grinnell  
Deputy Village Clerk