

Elsie Council Minutes January 21st 2025

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

Members Present: President Jason Freeman; Council members: Dorothy Ornelas, Kory Witt, Todd Carroll, Sam Frink, Joe Ondrusek, Mark Helt

Ex-Officios Present: Interim Manager/Police Chief Bryce, DPW Supervisor Ormes, Clerk/Treasurer Tiffany Frank

AGENDA: Joe Ondrusek moved; Kory Witt seconded to accept the agenda as written. MOTION CARRIED.

MINUTES: Correction to written December invoices, change from \$47,14.18 to \$47,614.18.

Sam Frink moved, Dorothy Ornelas seconded to approve the December 2024, Council Meeting Minutes with stated correction. MOTION CARRIED.

INVOICES: Todd Carroll moved; Mark Helt seconded to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$74,279.91
MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION STEPS:

1. Date and time of February 11th, 2025 @ 6:45PM at Duplain Township Hall set for public hearing for vacation of right of way Third Street between Pine and E. Main.
Todd Carroll motioned, Sam Frink seconded to set meeting date and time as stated, MOTION CARRIED.
2. Appointment of Clerk; President Jason Freeman nominated Tiffany Frank as clerk.
ROLLCALL

SPECIAL REPORTS

CLERK:

Calendar of 2025 council meetings presented on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM presented for approval with question regarding November 11, due to Veterans Day. Decision to move the November 2025 council meeting to the first Tuesday of the month was agreed, 2025 calendar approved with change.

Sam Frink moved; Kory Witt seconded to approve the Clerk report. MOTION CARRIED

TREASURER:

Kory Witt moved; Todd Carroll seconded to approve the Treasurer report. MOTION CARRIED

POLICE:

The Elsie Police Department conducted four traffic stops with a total of 939 miles placed on patrol cars 82 and 83; total of 162 gallons of fuel utilized. Complaints have increased from last month with a total of 63 calls for service. Police activity for the month of December consisted of civil disputes, 911 hang ups, animal complaints, traffic enforcement and one adult protective service complaint.

Elsie Police Department is currently participating in the annual Safety Pup Program. The program is hosted by Community Safety of America. The program provides Ovid-Elsie School District with several books and literature regarding child safety, stranger danger and violence awareness for ages 5-12. Funding is by means of donations made by local businesses with a current total raised \$1989.00.

Mark Helt moved; Kory Witt seconded to approve December 2024 police report. MOTION CARRIED

MANAGER:

Vacation process regarding public hearing per Village ordinance zoning Sec. 40-4 (B) street within village is vacated and the previous right of way becomes part of parcels adjacent to the vacated street, the newly vacated street property shall be deemed to be a part of the same zoning district as the property to which it is attached.

Meeting held with Clinton County Catalyst Tim Fair on December 18th, 2024, with several projects discussed including Elsie Sewer project, grant opportunities and DDA. Request made to be placed on the meeting agenda for February and or March to discuss Elsie sewer proposal with Randy Redmer.

December 27th Deb Parker with the Clinton County Catalyst assisted with submitting the State of Michigan Cyber Security Grant. Grant is regarding funds for BS&A Cloud and secure.gov email addresses for all Village of Elsie employees and the Village of Elsie website.

Woodhill Grp has been busy assisting with financial audit as well as correspondence with the State of Michigan Treasury Department and grant writing of which four grant applications were completed regarding the State of Michigan FDCVT Grant.

A meeting will be held with F&V Engineering next week regarding the proposed road improvement project for the anticipation of the Elsie Lagoon Project.

Mark Helt moved; Todd Carroll seconded to approve the Dec 2024 Manager Report MOTION CARRIED.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

E. Island lift station: Having issues with pump 1, possibly garbage on the bottom of the tank. GA Hunt will need to come in and clean it out.

Concerns regarding cream colored dump truck, with continued maintenance issues.

Todd Carroll: moved, Kory Witt seconded to approve the DPW report as written. MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEES:

1. Fire Board update
2. CAAS Board update

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Nicole Fickles, Clinton County Commissioner requested feedback regarding time of day for holding board of commissioner meetings.
2. Dairy Festival representative Brooke requested blessing to hold the Elsie Dairy Festival this year July 10, 11 and 12th 2025. The theme of the festival is to be the history of Elsie. Brooke advised of intent to deliver donated dairy festival funds to improvements scheduled to be made to the park.

ADJOURNMENT: Village council meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm and moved to closed session. Mark Helt moved; Sam Frink seconded to adjourn the meeting and move into closed session. ROLLCALL:

Jason Freeman
Village President

Tiffany Frank
Village Clerk/Treasurer