

**Village of Elsie  
Council Meeting Minutes  
March 10, 2026**

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

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

Ex-Officios: Present: Village Manager/Police Chief Destinee Bryce, DPW Supervisor Chris Ormes, Clerk/Treasurer Kelsey Kelly.

**AGENDA CORRECTIONS, ADDITIONS, OR DELETIONS:** K. Witt motioned to approve the agenda as written, M. Helt seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

**MINUTES:**

February 10, 2026 – T. Carroll moved, K. Witt seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

**INVOICES:**

T. Carroll moved, K. Witt seconded to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$128,478.11 MOTION CARRIED.

**SPECIAL REPORTS:**

-County Update from Clinton County Commissioner Nicole Fickes – Not in attendance.

-Elsie Park Update: Ed White presented the council with a Park Improvement Plan, along with plans to clean up old tires and trash.

-CAAS Update from Kory Witt. T. Carroll moved to approve the CAAS budget, M. Helt seconded. MOTION APPROVED. Roll Call, All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

**PRESIDENT:**

No updates were provided by President Jason Freeman

**CLERK/TREASURER REPORT:**

Starting on April 1, 2026, BS&A will be increasing detailed record searches by \$0.60 per search. Past due utility accounts above a certain threshold will be sent notices. 187 water meter upgrade appointment notices were sent, with roughly 40 appointments made. Elsie.org website changes are underway to meet April 2027 compliance deadline. T. Carroll motioned to approve the Clerk/Treasurer Report, D. Ornelas seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

**POLICE/CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

In February 2026, there were 35 calls for service. The Elsie Police Department conducted 5 traffic stops, issuing 1 citation. A total of 138 hours were worked at the Elsie Police Department. Police activity consisted of traffic enforcement, motor carrier enforcement, one domestic, one assist to another agency, one MDOP, one DNR complaint, 1 follow-up investigation, multiple community policing events. Spring firearm qualifications are approaching. The department is working on MCOLES CP training hours. The Elsie Fire Department is partnering with Maple Rapids and the Michigan DNR to construct an ORV training course. Bicycle registration and gun locks are readily available at the village office, and 2026 golf cart permits should be available before March 31, 2026. Clinton County Central Dispatch will start tornado siren testing on April 4, 2026, at 12 PM, followed by monthly testing on the first Saturday of every month through October 2026. 8 code enforcement violations are being worked on. The next Ordinance Committee Meeting is on March 19, 2026, at 6:30PM at the Village Office. K. Witt motioned to approve the police/code enforcement report, S. Frink seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

**VILLAGE MANAGER:**

Village Manager Destinee Bryce has been working attentively on CDS application submissions which could assist with funding for the water infrastructure project. FD-CVT grants have been submitted to Treasury. Continued training through the Michigan Infrastructure Council's Asset Management. Continued coordination with Financial Controller Steve Adair to supply a healthy FY 27 budget. J. Ondrusek motioned to approve the Village Manager Report, D. Ornelas seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

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**DPW REPORT:**

Pothole patching has begun. One lagoon lift station pump takes twice as long to pump and is being evaluated. The E. Island lift station second new float was installed and is working as it should. The S. Ovid lift station is still being pumped using the trash pump until the new motors arrive and are installed. 119 new meters have been installed since receiving them. 2 burials were held at the Riverside Cemetery in February. T. Carroll motioned to approve the DPW report, M. Helt seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

**ACTION STEPS:**

- K. Witt motioned to approve FY27 Budget, S. Frink seconded. MOTION CARRIED. Roll Call, all ayes. MOTION CARRIED.
- T. Carroll motioned to approve Resolution 26-0001/80%/20% Employer/Employee Health Care Option, S. Frink seconded. MOTION CARRIED. Roll Call, all ayes. MOTION CARRIED.
- T. Carroll motioned to approve the Mers Defined Benefit Amendment, K. Witt seconded. MOTION CARRIED> Roll call, all ayes. MOTION CARRIED.
- T. Carroll motioned to approve \$1,500 payment for 26/27 Elsie Public Library contract, D. Ornelas seconded. Roll call, D. Ornelas; aye, T. Carroll; aye, M. Helt; nae, K. Witt; nae, S. Frink; nae, J. Ondrusek; J. Freeman; aye. MOTION CARRIED.
- M. Helt motioned to increase water rates by \$1.00 (per 1,000 gallons) and sewer rates by \$1.01 (per 1,000 gallons), T. Carroll seconded. MOTION CARRIED.
- J. Ondrusek motioned to change the Granger bulk item pickup date after the Elsie Dairy festival to June 27, 2026, K. Witt seconded. MOTION CARRIED.
- K. Witt motioned to approve hold of the Riverside Cemetery Cleanup on April 18, 2026, at 10:00 AM, S. Frink seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Village Resident inquired on tornado sirens, and storm drain/curb cleanup.
- Village Resident inquired on Hero Park brick correction, and the Elsie Lion's Club's involvement with cemetery flags currently being donated by Steve Melvin.
- Village resident raised concerns about council meeting organization and a 5–10-year master plan

**ADJOURNMENT:**

M. Helt motioned to adjourn the February 10, 2026, council meeting at 8:48 PM, S. Frink seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

Kelsey Kelly  
Village Clerk/Treasurer

Jason Freeman  
Village President