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VILLAGE OF ELLSWORTH COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
BANKS TOWNSHIP HALL
APRIL 14, 2025

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Rasmussen, Spearing, Sowers, A. Drenth, Bennett and M.Drenth

Absent: Dhillon, Potter, McCallum

Others: Jeff Potter, Beth Cooper, Alex Bushman, Katy Postmus

Meeting called to order by Rasmussen at 7:00 pm.

1. Motion by Bennett, Sowers to accept the March 10, 2025, regular minutes as presented. CARRIED 5-0

PUBLIC INPUT: Jeff Potter wanted to know if a decision has been made concerning High Street. Beth Cooper was present to give an update concerning the Recreation Plan.

Alex Bushman, representing Banks Township, asked that the Township and the Village continue working together as we have in the past.

Katy Postmus thanked the Council members for their dedication to the Village.

DEPARMENTAL REPORTS:

- a. Police: N/A
- b. Streets: Waiting to hear back from Paine-Dolan regarding prices to do some paving.
- c. Parks/Recreation: Beth Cooper gave a report regarding the Little League Program and looking at ways to clean up the water by the beach at River Park. Also need to purchase some new equipment for the Little League.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. DDA: Have finalized the Concerts in the Park for the summer.
- b. Planning Commission: Working on the Master Plan.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Sewer Project Update – Waiting for EGLE to approve a location for a drain field.
- b. VanDellen List – He is presently interested in purchasing a dock(s) for the Village.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. High Street -The next step is to have High Street surveyed.
- b. Village Truck – Need to purchase a new truck. Talked about the possibility have purchasing a truck that could also be used as a plow truck.
- c. Speed limit – Rasmussen has talked with our lawyers and there is a process that they will take us through to be able to raise the speed limit coming into the Village from 25mpf to 35 mph.
- d. Authority to call attorney – Determined that Jerry Rasmussen and Marlene Drenth will be the people to contact our attorney whenever the occasion arises that we need advice.
- e. Backhoe usage – The persons allowed to drive our backhoe will be Tex Drenth, Carl Krosnicki, Jerry Rasmussen, and Larry Essenberg.

ACTION ITEMS:

- 2. Motion by Sowers/seconded by Bennett to pay the bills. CARRIED 5-0

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- a. Rasmussen has discovered the Village will need to have a resolution regarding high water levels. Without that a homeowner within the Village will not be able to purchase flood insurance.
- b. There was discussion regarding the trail (railroad tracks) in town and if it should become a non-motorized trail.

- 3. Motion by Spearing/seconded by A. Drenth to adjourn at 8:10pm. CARRIED 5-0

Marlene Drenth, Village Clerk