

**VILLAGE OF ELLSWORTH
BUDGET HEARING
BANKS TOWNSHIP HALL
FEBRUARY 12, 2024**

Present: Spearing, Sowers, A. Drenth, Bennet, Dhillon, McCallum, M. Drenth

Absent: Campbell, Potter

Others: Police Chief Byrd, Jarris Rubingh

Spearing opened budget hearing at 7:00 PM

The Finance Committee presented the 2024-2025 budget. A short discussion on the budget was held.

Meeting closed at 7:10 PM

**VILLAGE OF ELLSWORTH COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
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Meeting called to order by Spearing at 7:10 PM

1. Motion by Bennett, McCallum to accept the January 08, 2024, Minutes as presented. CARRIED. 6-0

PUBLIC INPUT: Discussed the need for security cameras at the recycling center.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

- a. Police: Observing high traffic area around the Gold Nugget.
- b. DPW: N/A
- c. Streets: N/A

COMMITTEE REPORT

- a. Planning Commission: Did not meet.

- b. Finance Committee: 2024-2025 Budget was discussed with Council members.
- c. DDA: The new logo/direction signs have been put in place.

DISCUSSION:

- a. 2024 Pig Roast – June 14 and 15 2024.
- b. Wastewater Sewer Project – No updates.
- c. Raise limit on Village credit card – More businesses are requesting credit card payments.
- d. Police facilities – Further discussion at March 2024 meeting.
- e. Seed Grant Award – Received a grant in the amount of \$7,000.00 to hire a consultant to aid in the planning of ways to improve the parks in the Village.
- f. Movies in the Park – Met with SAFE members from Ellsworth Community School to discuss their plans for sponsoring several movies at the pavilion this summer.
- g. Consumers and Ellsworth Farmers Exchange – Need to talk with the manager of EFX about the way to proceed with requesting that Consumers put in new power lines on the EFX property.

ACTION ITEMS:

- 2. Motion by McCallum, Bennett to approve the 2024-2025 Budget. CARRIED 6-0
- 3. Motion by Sowers, Dhillon to raise the Village credit card limit to \$12,000.00. CARRIED 6-0
- 4. Motion by Sowers, A. Drenth to approve the budget amendments. CARRIED 6-0
- 5. Motion by Sowers, A. Drenth to send Antrim County Board of Commissioners a letter requesting that they install security cameras at the recycling center. CARRIED 6-0
- 6. Motion by Dhillon, McCallum to pay the bills. CARRIED 6-0
- 7. Motion by Sowers, A. Drenth to adjourn at 8:00 pm. CARRIED 6-0

Marlene Drenth, Village Clerk