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VILLAGE OF ELLSWORTH COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
BANKS TOWNSHIP HALL
JANUARY 11, 2024

Present: Campbell, Dhillon, Spearing, Bennett and M. Drenth

Absent: Potter, A. Drenth, Sowers, McCallum

Others: Jacob Byrd

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

1. Motion by Spearing, Dhillon to accept the regular minutes of December 11, 2023, as presented.
CARRIED 4-0

PUBLIC INPUT:

DEPARMENTAL REPORTS:

- a. Police: N/A
- b. DPW: Waiting for a new bid to resurface the track.
- c. Streets: N/A

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. DDA: Meeting Wednesday January 10, 2024, to finalize location for the kiosk.
- b. Planning Commission: The January 11, 2024, meeting has been postponed until January 17, 2024.
- c. Parks and Recreation: Dhillon will meet with Sarah Essenberg, 2023 recreation director, to discuss if she is interested in continuing as director for the 2024 season.
- d. Finance Committee: Next year's budget meeting will be held Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 6:00pm.

DISCUSSION:

- a. Millage rate for 2024
- b. Wastewater project – Held meeting with Senator Damoose and Representative Roth to discuss

seeking additional funding for our Wastewater Project.

c. Pig Roast 2024 – Going forward.

d. Antrim County Foundation – Spearing has contacted the newly formed Foundation to set up a meeting with them.

e. Paddle Antrim – Successful event. Will be looking for someone to replace Mary Faculak when her term on their board expires.

f. Parks Planning Meeting – Spearing has applied for a planning grant through Rotary Charities of Traverse City.

g. Police Department – Discussion regarding an office building and a garage for the Police Car.

ACTION ITEMS:

2. Motion by Campbell, Spearing to approve the budget amendments. CARRIED 4-0

3. Motion by Campbell, Spearing to approve the use of the Village Backhoe for Township Clean-up day May 11, 2024. CARRIED 4-0

4. Motion by Spearing, Bennett to allocate ARPA funds to the Water Fund. CARRIED 4-0

5. Motion by Spearing, Dhillon to approve a cost of living wage increase of 3.2% to all Village employees except for the police officer who will have an increase to \$25.00 dollars per hour. CARRIED 4-0

6. Motion by Bennett, Dhillon to pay the bills. CARRIED 4-0

7. Motion by Dhillon, Campbell to adjourn at 7:50pm. CARRIED 4-0

Marlene Drenth, Village Clerk