

**DRAFT**  
**VILLAGE OF ELLSWORTH COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**BANKS TOWNSHIP HALL**  
**JULY 8, 2024**

Present: Campbell, Dhillon, A. Drenth, Sowers, McCallum, Bennett, Potter, and M. Drenth

Absent: Spearing

Others: Jacob Byrd, Jarris Rubingh, Cathy Odom, Al Odom, Stacey Truesdell, Sandra Davies-Webster, Emma Fitzgerald, Melissa Zelenak, Jerry Rasmussen

Meeting called to order by Campbell at 7:00pm

1. Motion by McCallum, Sowers to accept the regular minutes of June 10, 2024, as presented.  
CARRIED 6-0
- 1a. Motion by Campbell, Sowers to amend the agenda to include discussion regarding overnight docking at Community Park. CARRIED 6-0

**PUBLIC INPUT:** Stacey Truesdall is a candidate for Probate Court Judge.

Cathy Odom is a candidate for Antrim County Clerk.

Melissa Zelenak is representing Antrim County Conservation District.

Emma Fitzgerald is representing Michigan Green Communities.

Jerris Rubingh, Antrim County Commissioner – Gave a brief talk regarding Hemlock Tree Identification and the risk of the disease to trees in our area. Also informed us of several board openings within Antrim County.

Sandra Davies-Webster - Had questions regarding the funding for street improvements within the Village of Ellsworth. Also had questions regarding property that is owned by the Village of Ellsworth.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

- a. Police: N/A
- b. DPW: N/A
- c. Streets: N/A

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a. DDA: Reported on Concerts in the Square and on additional new signage they are working on.
- b. Planning Commission: July meeting rescheduled to August 15, 2024.
- c. Parks and Recreation: Wooden Shoe Campground has six new picnic tables. Discussion about a new director for the summer recreation program.

**DISCUSSION:**

- a. Paddle Antrim - Concert cost not to exceed \$300.00. Kickoff with Music and food to be held at River Park September 12, 2024.
- b. 2024 Pig Roast – Went very well.
- c. Wastewater Project – On hold.
- d. Banks Township road millage – Will vote on road millage on the November 5, 2024 ballot.
- e. Audit Report – Handed out reports followed with a brief discussion afterward.
- f. Short Term Rentals – Mike Bennett is researching.
- g. Overnight docking at Community Park docks – There will be no overnight docking. A sign has been ordered and will be put in place as soon as it arrives.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

2. Motion by Campbell, Dhillon to approve the budget amendments. CARRIED 6-0
3. Motion by Sowers, A. Drenth to approve the bills. CARRIED 6-0
4. Motion by Campbell, Sowers to adjourn at 7:55p.m. CARRIED 6-0

Marlene Drenth, Village Clerk