



VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES MEETING OF FEBRUARY 18, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, Village of Elwood, February 18, 2015 at 7:00 PM, was called to order by Village President William E. Offerman

Present: Village President William E. Offerman, Trustees Don LaPaglia, Jasen Melahn, Doug Jenco, Frances "Bud" Jones, Dean Lowrance

Also Present: Village Administrator Nick Narducci, Director of Public Works Max Bosso, Police Chief Fred Hayes, Recreation Coordinator Jamie Mack, Attorney Tom Gilbert

Not Present: Village Clerk Patricia Buchenau, Trustee Mary Matchak

Meeting opened with Pledge to the Flag

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Floyd Garrett, Elwood, IL – Would like to put together a brochure to promote travel/visitors to the Elwood area.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES – December 17, 2014

Motion was made by Trustee Melahn to approve minutes of December 17, 2014 as presented. Motion was seconded by Trustee LaPaglia. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

Motion was made by Trustee Jones to approve bills as presented in the amount of \$315,868.03, payouts to be added to bill listing. Motion was seconded by Trustee LaPaglia. A voice vote was called: Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Melahn – yes, Trustee Jenco – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Lowrance –yes, Motion carried.

NIMEC BID STATUS

Nick Narducci, Village Administrator – NIMEC Bid Status bid out electricity for water and sewer plant. All communities locked in today. The board already voted to give the village administrator the authority to approve the low bid. Current rate is 4.91. New rate is 5.13. in twelve months it goes down to 5.06.

RESOLUTION REGARDING GRADE SEPARATION

The Illinois Commerce Commission executed a temporary closure of the rail crossing at Walter Strawn Drive. The Illinois Commerce Commission ordered a study to determine if a grade separation is needed and where it would be best located. Nick Narducci, Village Administrator – and Mayor Offerman explained that the cost of a grade separation is significantly higher than at other locations and still more dangerous because of the rail line’s close proximity to Route 53. Also, the Village believes there are superior alternatives to that of a grade separation in the intersection of the Union Pacific rail tracks and Strawn Road and that in addition, to recent closing of the railroad crossing will lead to a more proper use of the improved access to and from Interstate I-55 at Arsenal road as was envisioned when the improvements were originally planned.

Motion was made by Trustee Jones to approve Resolution Regarding Grade Separation. Motion was seconded by Trustee LaPaglia. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried. - Resolution No. 2014-2015-05

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM ON ALL WAREHOUSING STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD.

Nick Narducci, Village Administrator – This proposal would have to be brought to the Planning and Zoning board for recommendation. He explained that the village already has plenty of warehousing and the moratorium would apply to newly annexed parcels and new Planned Developments.

Motion was made by Trustee Melahn to send the Resolution Establishing a Moratorium on All Warehousing Storage and Distribution Facilities within the Village of Elwood to the Planning and Zoning Board. Motion was seconded by Trustee Jones. A voice vote was called: Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Melahn – yes, Trustee Jenco – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Lowrance –yes, Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION FOR FINAL PAYMENT – Mississippi Avenue Resurfacing – P. T. Ferro Construction

Max Bosso – Mississippi Avenue Resurfacing is completed. Recommend final payment in the amount of \$87,615.96.

Motion was made by Trustee Melahn to approve final payment for P.T. Ferro for the Mississippi Avenue Resurfacing in the amount of \$87,615.96. Motion was seconded by Trustee LaPaglia. A voice vote was called: Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Melahn – yes, Trustee Jenco – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Lowrance –yes, Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION FOR PARTIAL PAYMENT – Lloyd Erickson Park Pond– P. T. Ferro Construction

Max Bosso – Request partial payment in the amount of \$103,550.00 for work completed in connection with Lloyd Erickson Park Pond for earth excavation, filter fabric and stone rip rap RR-5.

Motion was made by Trustee LaPaglia to approve partial payment for P. T. Ferro Construction in the amount of \$103,550.00. Motion was seconded by Trustee Jones. A voice vote was called: Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Melahn – yes, Trustee Jenco – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Lowrance –yes, Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police – Chief Hayes

Monthly call totals not available for January 2015 – Will County 911 is in the process of installing a new computer aided dispatch program and are working out some issues with its electronic documentation.

Traffic Report – 17 Local Citations (OV), 228 State Citations and 16 Overweight Violations for a total of 245 for the month and year to date total of 245.

Since Walter Strawn crossing closure there have been 417 citations for disobeying traffic signs.

Arrest Report – 6 Traffic Arrests, 4 Warrant Arrests and 2 Criminal Arrests for a total of 12 for the month and year to date total of 266.

Training Report – a total of 84 hours for the month.

James Hartley	Truck Enforcement Training
Nick Adams	Truck Enforcement Training
Andrew Anderson	Truck Enforcement Training
William Glinski	Constitutional Law Update for Police
Jennifer Kickert	Constitutional Law Update for Police
Randy Lightfoot	Illinois Juvenile Court Act Update
James Hartley	Leadership Institute for First Line Supervisors

Public Works – Max Bosso

Walter Strawn Reconstruction remains on schedule. Start date is May 15, 2015; preconstruction meeting is being scheduled for March/April. Construction duration will not last more than 45 days.

St. Louis Realignment – Some land acquisition will be required. Plan will be submitted to Illinois Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Commission. Will be in front of the board either March or April for approval.

Weigh Station – Going to check out other weight station projects to determine what will work best for Village of Elwood.

Closure of Walter Strawn Rail Crossing – January 28th at 6:00am Walter Strawn Crossing was officially closed. Thank you to the Police Department for all the support and for allowing public works staff and contractors to work in a very safe environment during the closure of the crossing. Public Works installed almost 50 signs to let drivers know about the closure in advance. The village will contract an independent traffic study of 27 different intersections in the area to determine the impacts of the Walter Strawn closure. Anticipate the study will confirm earlier reports that the impacts in the surrounding communities are negligible.

High Speed Rail – Ongoing items: reviewing plans at crossings, land purchase and extend utility chases.

J.U.L.I.E.Digs – January 2015 – Responded to 25 calls.

Budget 2015-2016 – Already held 2 meetings with PW staff. Will present budget to the Village Administrator during the month of March.

CMAP – Regional Truck Permitting Plan would like to unify permits. Newly implemented Regional Freight Transportation Committee.

Snow Storms – For the season plowed 4,411 lane miles. January/February blizzard plowed 1,932 lane miles. Each PW staff plowed approx. 36 hours in a 48 hours period. Warming shelter was set-up and ready to accommodate up to 25 people overnight.

Water-Wastewater – Water produced, 6,274,000 gallons. Waste water treated, 8,059,800 gallons. Downtown water leak took 2 days to repair by Village of Elwood staff, J.S. Alberico Contracting and Highland Plumbing.

Staff Training

January 23, 2015 most PW staff attended a 2 hour Northern Illinois Pipeline Association meeting in Joliet, regarding Safety Excavation.

February 3, 2015 Matt Murphy completed a 5 week course in the practice and processes of Brazing Soldering and Welding

Recreation Coordinator – Jamie Mack

The reservations are being taken for the new planting garden. Deadline to register is April 3rd.

The cost is \$25 for a plot 10x10. Will post in newsletter.

Will join efforts with Floyd Garret and put together a Village of Elwood brochure

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business

VILLAGE PRESIDENT COMMENTS

Would like to thank Chief Hayes/police department and Max Bosso/public works department for the tremendous amount of work that went into planning and executing the safe closing of Walter Strawn Crossing.

Would like to thank the Public Works department for the great job they did with the snow removal and the administration staff for setting up the warming center during the January/February snow storms.

Motion was made by Trustee LaPaglia to adjourn meeting. Motion was seconded by Trustee Melahn. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried.

Minutes by, Julie Friebele