



VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES MEETING OF MAY 1, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees, Village of Elwood, May 1, 2019, at 7:00 PM, was called to order by Village President Doug Jenco.

Present: Village Board President Doug Jenco, Village Board Trustees: Don LaPaglia, Joe Berscheid, Mary Lopez, Mary Matchak, and Darryl Lab

Also, Present: Interim Village Administrator/Village Clerk Julie Friebele, Police Chief Fred Hayes, Director of Public Works Larry Lohmar, Finance Director Robbie Day, and Attorney Jordan Kielian

Not Present: Village Trustee Jasen Melahn

The Meeting Opened with the Pledge to the Flag Led By Cub Scout Pack 156, Wolves Den

Presentations and Public Hearings

Village President Doug Jenco thanked Trustees: Don LaPaglia, Mary Lopez, and Jasen Melahn for their devoted commitment to the Village of Elwood.

Oath of Office

Village Clerk Julie Friebele administered the Oath of Office to Village President-Elect Doug Jenco.

Village Clerk Julie Friebele administered the Oath of Office to five (5) Trustees-Elect:

Joseph Berscheid – Village Trustee 2-year unexpired term

Jodie Bertucci – Village Trustee 2-year unexpired term

Darryl Lab – Village Trustee 4-year term

Tricia Maas – Village Trustee 4-year term

Michael Varman – Village Trustee 4-year term

Following Oath of Office staff and many residents applauded Village President Jenco, Trustees: Joseph Berscheid, Jodie Bertucci, Darryl Lab, Tricia Maas, and Michael Varman as they took their seats on the dais.

Will County States Attorney James Glasgow-Public Safety Canine Program

State's Attorney Glasgow provided for K- 9 units to be established in various police departments throughout Will County: "Sam" in Elwood. Glasgow also provided the training and K-9 transport equipment for the K-9 unit. He did this to take dangerous drug dealers off our streets and help save lives. These dogs also help prevent drug use by assisting our schools in monitoring for the presence of drugs and providing an opportunity for intervention and prevention.

Piper Jaffray Bond Restructure Presentation

Eric Anderson, Managing Director of Piper Jaffray, gave a detailed presentation concerning the Village's bond debt. Series 2006 and 2010B debt services are issues most impactful to the Village finances. At this time Piper Jaffray believes the Village should concentrate its attention on the Series 2006 Bonds noting the first several years of the refunding program will present challenges to managing the overall annual debt service objectives.

Public Comments – Pertaining to Agenda Items

Members of the audience did not have public comments pertaining to the agenda items.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Berscheid to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- Presentation of Minutes – April 3, 2019
- Presentation of Bills – Paid Invoice Report March 24, 2019 through April 2, 2019, in the amount of \$66,063.00.
- Presentation of Bills – Paid Invoice Report April 4, 2019 through April 19, 2019, in the amount of \$42,711.88.
- Presentation of Bills – Unpaid Invoice Report in the amount of \$132,673.15.

Trustee Bertucci seconded the motion. A vote was called: Trustee Maas – yes, Trustee Varman – yes, Trustee Berscheid – yes, Trustee Matichak – yes, Trustee Bertucci – yes, Trustee Lab – yes. The motion carried.

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Administration – Interim Village Administrator Julie Friebele

March 2019 Financial Report

The March 2019 Financial Report prepared by Finance Director Robbie Day was presented. The report was also reviewed during the Finance Committee meeting held on April 23, 2019. The report represents the Village of Elwood's year to date revenues, expenses, and end of the month fund cash balances.

Foth Property - Village Real Estate Tax Rebate

On April 15, 2009 the Village Board adopted Ordinance 943. Said Ordinance authorized the execution of a development agreement for certain property commonly referred to as the Foth property, located near the intersection of Diagonal and Tehle Roads. One of the conditions in consideration for entering into the developmental agreement, was that the Village shall rebate, to the extent allowed by law, all ad valorem real estate taxes imposed by or for the benefit of the Village, which shall be limited to municipal, road and bridge fund levies. The process for receiving the rebate for any given tax year shall require owners to provide a paid receipt documenting the payment of the tax bill.

Mr. Foth submitted his tax bills and receipts for tax years 2009 through 2016 and paid 2010 through 2017 and requested a rebate of ad valorem real estate taxes imposed by the Village in the amount of \$4,574.90.

A motion was made by Trustee Matichak to approve the request for the rebate of ad valorem real estate taxes imposed by or for the benefit of the Village on the Foth property for tax years 2009 through 2016 and paid 2010 through 2017 in the amount of \$4,574.90. Trustee Maas seconded the motion. A vote was called: Trustee Maas – yes, Trustee Varman – yes, Trustee Berscheid – yes, Trustee Matichak – yes, Trustee Bertucci – yes, Trustee Lab – yes. The motion carried.

Police Department – Chief Fred Hayes

During the month of March 2019, the Elwood Police Department responded to 573 calls for service. To see additional details about the types of calls residents can visit the Village of Elwood website.

Police officers issued a total of 283 citations for the month of March 2019:

- Local Citations (O.V.) 7
- State Citations 276
- Overweight Violations (2)

Arrest Report Summary for the month of March 2019:

- Traffic Arrests 19
- Warrant Arrests 2
- Criminal 2

Training Hours in the month of March 2019 in the following category:

OFFICER	CLASS	DATE	Hours
Edward Wright	Constitutional Law Update	3/7/19	8
Edward Wright	Canine Team Narcotics Detection Test	3/13/19	8
Ethan Anderson	Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement	3/19-20/19	16
Nick Vandal	Child Safety Seat Technician	3/26-28/19	24
Ethan Anderson	Interviewing & Interrogations	3/26-28/19	24
Tony Lohmar	Active Attack Integrated Response Course	3/29/19	8

Total Training Hours: 88

Authorization to Hire Full Time Police Officer

The police departments organizational structure is budgeted for FY2018/19 at 11 sworn police officers, which includes a Chief, two (2) Sergeants, and eight (8) patrol officers. The department currently has one (1) full time vacancy due to the recent resignation of a Former-Officer.

The resulting vacancy continues to create operational and schedule shortages. In order to adequately staff patrol coverage the use of full-time officers is beneficial to the Village. Full Time officers are utilized to perform general duty police work in the protection of life and property, enforcement of laws, investigation of crimes and other incidents, preserving the peace, problem-solving, and related work as required.

A motion was made by Trustee Matichak to authorize the hiring of full time Police Officer Sean Swabowski. Trustee Maas seconded the motion. A vote was called: Trustee Maas – yes, Trustee Varman – yes, Trustee Berscheid – yes, Trustee Matichak – yes, Trustee Bertucci – yes, Trustee Lab – yes. The motion carried.

Public Works – Director of Public Works Larry Lohmar

Mowing:

All mowers, string trimmers, and blowers have been serviced and are ready for the season.

Plow Trucks:

Most of the trucks have had the plows and salt spreaders removed for the summer.

Winter Cleanup of Equipment:

Crews pressure washed all the equipment after the winter salt and cleaned inside along with hand waxing the exteriors.

Public Works Traffic Control Trailer:

Public Works purchased an enclosed trailer which was uplifted by our crew with amber warning lights and a directional arrow on the rear. This trailer hauls all of our barricades large and small along with traffic cones, oil dry, and other items needed for traffic control. You will see this trailer used for Village events or to assist police and fire in cases of emergency when traffic control or detouring is needed. Having this trailer setup like this will make it more efficient and faster to respond when needed.

Pot Holes:

Crews are still out filling potholes where needed.

Storm Preparation:

In preparation for the storm season, public works crews checked all storm catch basins, ponds, restrictors, village ditches, and outfalls to be clear of all debris. After each storm, this is all checked again.

Lighting:

We completed changing out the lights on the bathrooms and gazebo at Tyler Park along with the outside lights at O'Conner Park to LED's.

The Fire department will be conducting hydrant flushing starting on May 4th.

Nitel Master Service Agreement

The Village is considering an upgrade to a fiber optic service for their internet needs. The use of glass instead of copper-based technology makes fiber optic internet less prone to outages and down time. Fiber upload and download speeds are faster. A motion was made by Trustee Matichak to authorize the execution of the Nitel Master Service Agreement for fiber optic service. Trustee Lab seconded the motion. A vote was called: Trustee Maas – yes, Trustee Varman – yes, Trustee Berscheid – yes, Trustee Matichak – yes, Trustee Bertucci – yes, Trustee Lab – yes. The motion carried.

Village Clerk – Julie Friebele

Senior Services

The Village received a thank you card from Barry Kolanowski, Executive Director of Senior Services Will County for the \$500 donation.

Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie

The Village received a thank you letter from Wade Spang, Prairie Supervisor of Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie for partnering with them to display in the Village Hall artifacts from the National Register of Historic Places eligible Rodgers/Schumacher Farmstead Site.

Red Carpet Corridor

- *History Club at the Village Hall*
- *401 E. Mississippi Avenue*
- *Saturday, May 4, 2019*
- *Time: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm*

Drive-In Movie – The Sandlot

- *Lloyd Erickson Park – 801 N. Chicago Street*
- *Saturday, May 4, 2019*
- *Begins at dusk – concession stand – taco truck*

Spring Clean Up – Waste Management

- *Spring curbside collection*
- *Monday, May 6, 2019*
- *White goods, up to four (4) rimless tires*

Elwood Community Blood Drive

- *Elwood Village Hall*
- *Wednesday, May 8, 2019*
- *Time: 3:00 pm – 6:30 pm*

Lloyd Erickson Park – Old Pavilion Rebuild

- *801 N. Chicago Street*
- *Saturday – Sunday, May 18-19/2019*
- *Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm*

Children’s Garden 2019 Planting Day

- *801 N. Chicago Street*
- *Saturday, May 18, 2019*
- *Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm*

Elwood Community Days Celebration

- *Lloyd Erickson Park – 801 N. Chicago Street*
- *Friday – Sunday, August 23, 24, and 25, 2019*

Village President – Doug Jenco

President Jenco thanked Trustees: Jasen Melahn, Don LaPaglia, Mary Lopez for the exceptional service they provided to the Village of Elwood. He also welcomed the newly elected trustees: Jodie Bertucci, Tricia Maas, and Michael Varman.

Proclamation – Childhood Apraxia of Speech Day

Village President Jenco on behalf of the Village Board of Trustees, and on behalf of all the residents of Elwood, proclaimed May 14th as Childhood Apraxia of Speech Day.

Other Business

There was no other business discussed.

Public Comments

A member of the audience discussed the following:

- Welcomed the newly elected trustees
- Request for an AED white box for the AED located in the lower level of Village Hall

Closed Session

No closed session meeting.

Actions To Be Taken Following The Closed Session Meeting

No closed session, no actions were taken.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Matichak to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Berscheid seconded the motion. All the Village Board Trustees present voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

Julie Friebele, Village Clerk