



**ELWOOD VILLAGE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES OF
May 4, 2022**

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees, Village of Elwood, May 4, 2022, at 7:00 pm, was called to order by Village President Doug Jenco.

Role Call

Present: Village Board President Doug Jenco, Village Board Trustees: Darryl Lab, Ron Schmidt, Jodie Bertucci, and Kendy Elberson

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

Not Present: Village Board Trustees: Tricia Maas and Michael Varman

The Meeting Opened With the Pledge to the Flag

Presentations and Public Hearings

Presentation: Habitat for Humanity - Gina Glasgow, Development Director

Gina discussed the Habitat duplex homes in the process of being built in Elwood. She talked about the home built at 119 Gardner Street that is now occupied by a single mom with three (3) daughters. Habitat is excited about the possibility of building a home at 108 Wood Street with the partnership of Walmart to assist in the building of the home. The architectural design of the home to be built was designed by Kevin Walsh who was a Will County Habitat for Humanity Board Member. Kevin went above and beyond to support the mission. The idea is to honor Kevin through a Memorial Build at 108 Wood Street, Elwood, IL

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 Bertucci to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- Presentation of Minutes – April 6, 2022
- Presentation of Closed Session Meeting Minutes Attorney Review
- Presentation of Bills – Paid Invoice Report March 29, 2022 through April 5, 2022, in the amount of \$64,521.35.
- Presentation of Bills – Paid Invoice Report April 7, 2022 through April 25, 2022, in the amount of \$78,165.33.
- Presentation of Bills – Unpaid Invoice Report in the amount of \$232,811.42.

Trustee Schmidt seconded the motion. A vote was called: Trustee Lab – yes, Trustee Elberson – yes, Trustee Bertucci – yes, Trustee Schmidt – yes. The motion carried.

Reports & Communications From Village Officials

Administration – Village Administrator Julie Friebele

March 2022 Financial Report

The March 2022 Financial Report, prepared by Finance Director Robbie Day, was presented to the Village Board for review. The reports represent the Village of Elwood's year to date revenues, expenses, and end of the month fund cash balances. The report was reviewed by the Finance Committee at the meeting held on April 26, 2022.

An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Real Property Owned by the Village of Elwood and the Execution of a Purchase and Sale Contract Respect Thereto

The Village is the owner of the property located at 108 Wood Street. The property is located in the Village's downtown area and has been vacant for a number of years. The Village staff desires to sell the property to promote and encourage economic development. The staff contacted Will County Habitat for Humanity to inquire if they might be interested in purchasing the property to continue their efforts in Elwood by partnering with families to transform their lives with homeownership. The appraised value and negotiated purchase price of the property is \$18,000. Habitat is very excited about moving forward with the Kevin Walsh Memorial Build on this lot.

This sale is not to utilize the method for sale of surplus property as set forth in the Municipal Code but to promote rehabilitation of the property and to relieve the Village of the burdens associated with the ownership and maintenance of the property and to exercise its power as a home rule unit of government to not follow the methods for sale of surplus property as set forth in the Municipal Code. The staff finds it is in the best interest of the Village and is an act of home rule authority to sell the property located at 108 Wood Street to Will County Habitat for Humanity for \$18,000.

A motion was made by Trustee Bertucci to adopt an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Real Property owned by the Village of Elwood and the execution of a Purchase and Sale Contract with respect thereto. Trustee Lab seconded the motion. A vote was called: Village President Jenco – yes, Trustee Lab – yes, Trustee Elbersen – yes, Trustee Bertucci – yes, Trustee Schmidt – no. The motion carried.

A Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways in the Amount of \$55,400

Annually, the Village appropriates money from its Motor Fuel Tax account, which is managed by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). The funds may be used for de-icing products and other things regarding maintenance of the Village roadways. This year, we estimate costs in the amount of \$55,400 for rock salt and calcium chloride.

The appropriation must be approved by the Board and subsequently by IDOT in order for the Village to use funds from the Motor Fuel Tax account.

A motion was made by Trustee Bertucci to adopt a Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code. Trustee Schmidt seconded the motion. A vote was called: Trustee Lab – yes, Trustee Elbersen – yes, Trustee Bertucci – yes, Trustee Schmidt – yes. The motion carried.

Police Department – Chief Fred Hayes – Presented by Sergeant Marc Reid

During the Month of March 2022

The Elwood Police Department responded to 602 calls for service. For more details concerning the types of calls, residents can visit the Village of Elwood website.

Police officers issued a total of 107 citations:

- Local Citations (O.V.) 2
- State Citations 184
- Overweight Violations (3)
- Monthly Total 186
- 2022 Year to Date Total 456

Arrest Report Summary:

- Traffic Arrests 4
- Warrant Arrests 1
- Criminal 2
- Monthly Total 7
- Year to Date Total 23

TRAINING REPORT:

OFFICER	CLASS	DATE	HOURS
Sarah Zimmerman	Elderly service Officer Training	3/2-3/22	16
Ed Wright	Illinois Cannabis Laws	3/8/22	8
Nick Adams	Truck Enforcement	3/8/22	8
Sean Swabowski	Tactical Emergency Casualty Care	3/9/22	8
Marc Reid	Tactical Emergency Casualty Care	3/9/22	8
Anthony Lomar	Tactical Emergency Casualty Care	3/9/22	8
Ken Jaburek	CIT Mental Health Awareness & Response	3/9/22	8
Nick Adams	CIT Mental Health Awareness & Response	3/9/22	8

Total Training Hours: 72

Public Works – Director of Public Works Larry Lohmar

Village Parks

The signs at all of the Village Parks were taken down so that Marie Rodgers could repaint them once complete the signs were reinstalled and look great!

Emergency Generators

Staff performed the scheduled maintenance on all the Village’s standby emergency generators.

Village Hall Heat

Glad to report that the Village hall heat has been running nicely.

Winter Clean Up

Staff has been cleaning up debris after the winter snow. Cleaned and repaired damage to grass in areas, shoulder mending, and storm inlet cleaning.

Park Water Turn On

As of April 22, 2022, all of the Village parks have the water turned back on for the season.

Fire Alarm Inspection

The annual inspection of the Village Hall fire alarm was completed and the Village passed.

Street Sign Repair/Fixing

Staff has been going through the Village, replacing faded signs, and installing a concrete base to support the signs.

Elwood Public Works 1st Annual Soap Box Derby Race

Attention all parents and kids: Here is an opportunity for parents to work with their son or daughter to design and build a Soap Box Derby Car to compete in the 1st Annual Elwood Public Works Derby Race.

August 20th (Elwood Days)

Time: 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm Races

Registration: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Contact: Larry or Matt at 815-423-1077 for more information!

Village Administrator – Julie Friebele

Health, Life, Dental, Vision Insurance Annual Renewal

We are meeting on May 11th with Alliant/Mesirow representative Paul Mizera. The insurance committee made up of Village employee representatives from administration, public works and police departments will meet to review the proposed options. I will bring the proposal to the Village Board for consideration on June 1st.

Planning and Zoning Meeting and Public Hearing April 26, 2022

The Plan Commission meeting and Public Hearing on April 26, 2022, was recessed and we will reconvene the meeting on May 10, 2022, at 7:00 pm to continue the Planning & Zoning Commission Public Hearing for the proposed issuance of a Special Use Permit for a Planned Unit Development in the C-2 Zoning District to provide for the use of a Dealership and Showroom for the sale and lease of new and used small and midsize construction equipment and machinery. The property consists of approximately 5.446 acres, generally located: East of the intersection of Highway 53 and North of Mississippi Avenue, within the corporate limits of the Village of Elwood.

CenterPoint CY4

The Village received the as built plans for CY4 they were reviewed and are approved. They are submitting plans for an administration building so there will be additional development on the site.

CenterPoint CY5

CenterPoint submitted paperwork to proceed with the development on the site known as CY5. They provided build to suit site modifications for three (3) tenants. They are installing a water main, sanitary, and fiber conduit along Noel Road.

JPower/Jackson Generation

JPower began its commercial operations today, May 4th. With the beginning of commercial operations kicked off the annual Global Contribution payments to the Village. JPower sent the bank transfer today for the first payment in the amount of \$198,082. The payment is prorated and reflects today's date. In the future the Village will receive an annual payment of \$300,000.

Elwood Community Days

Elwood Community Days, Friday, August 19th and Saturday August 20th.

Both days we will have the beer garden and margarita truck; our local businesses Raceway Pizza and LaPasadita Restaurant confirmed they will be food vending and I am in the process of securing additional food vendors. I posted the request on Facebook reaching out to food truck owners/vendors looking to fill a limited number of spots for our event.

Friday Bands:

Junk Yard Dogs will perform from 5 – 7 pm.

Righteous Hillbillies will perform from 8 pm. - midnight.

Saturday will be busy:

Parade at 11:00 am

Scheduled after the parade are a creature show, magic show, pony rides, a petting zoo, foam pit, zip line, rock wall, soapbox derby, cup in hand kickball, bingo, and a bags tournament.

The band Poison'd Crue will perform from 8-midnight.

Once again, we will need volunteers to assist with the event. Please give Julie a call to sign up!

Easter Egg Hunt

The kids and adults had a great time at the Easter Egg Hunt; thank you to all that participated.

Route 66 Red Carpet Corridor

At the corner of Mississippi Avenue and Douglas Street - Saturday, May 7, 2022 at 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. While visiting Elwood folks can pick up route brochures, event stickers, and other handouts. Visit the History Club for giveaways, Elwood Church's bake sale, Cub Scouts for informational scouting material, Girl Scouts cookie sale, Children's Garden for book markers, garden event flyers, and also we will have craft vendors.

Stop at the Douglas Street Wayside Exhibits. This year marks the 80 anniversary of the June 5, 1942, Elwood Ordnance Plant explosion where 48 workers were killed. The workers there were doing more than just a job. There were helping fight the war, working on the home front supporting fathers and sons on the war front. The Statue of the **Munitions Man** is a memorial to the munitions workers that were killed in the explosion. **Rosie the Riveter** is the iconic image that inspired so many women to shed tradition, roll up their sleeves and join the cause.

Marie Rodgers painted the Route 66 Street signs, they look great! Nice job Marie.

There is also going to be a surprise new photo opportunity that should not be missed!

Upcoming Village Meetings

Special Planning and Zoning	Tuesday, May 10 th	7:00 pm
Park Committee	Wednesday, May 25 th	5:30 pm
Finance Committee	Tuesday, May 31 st	4:00 pm
Village Board of Trustees	Wednesday, June 1 st	7:00 pm

Village President – Doug Jenco

- Thank you to Administrator Julie Friebele for coordinating Elwood Community Days event.
- Marie Rodgers did a great job on the park signs and the Route 66 sign on Douglas Street.
- Thanks to Larry Lohmar for getting the Route 66 signs up.
- The Scouts cleaned up all of the ponds and they look fantastic.
- Beautification Committee does a nice job.
- I stocked the ponds with fish over the weekend.
- Administrator Friebele and I attended “Bike Your Kids To School Day” at the Elwood Community School. We handed out stress balls to all of the kids whether or not they were able to ride their bikes to school. It was a good event, and it is nice to partner with the school.

Other Business

No other business was discussed.

Public Comments

Route 53 is in need of repair. It is a State Route and we do not have information regarding time of repair.

Closed Session

No closed session meeting was held.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Bertucci to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Schmidt seconded the motion. The Village Board all voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

Julie Friebele, Village Clerk