



VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES MEETING OF JULY 7, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees, Village of Elwood, July 7, 2021, at 7:00 PM, was called to order by Village President Doug Jenco.

Role Call

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

Also, Present: Village Administrator/Village Clerk Julie Friebele, Director of Public Works Larry Lohmar, and Attorney Jordan Kielian

Not Present: Village Board Trustee: Tricia Maas and Police Chief Fred Hayes

The Meeting Opened with the Pledge to the Flag

Presentations and Public Hearings

On behalf of the residents of Elwood, the Village presented a Certificate of Recognition to Daniel Bosonetta in recognition of 30 years of service to the Elwood Community Consolidated School District 203.

Public Comments – Pertaining to Agenda Items

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

Consent Agenda

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

Presentation of Minutes – June 2, 2021

Presentation of Bills – Paid Invoice Report May 22, 2021 through June 1, 2021, in the amount of \$22,089.07.

Presentation of Bills – Paid Invoice Report June 3, 2021 through June 25, 2021, in the amount of \$1,479,522.80.

Presentation of Bills – Unpaid Invoice Report in the amount of \$103,025.76.

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

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Administration – Village Administrator Julie Friebele

May 2021 Financial Report

The May 2021 Financial Report prepared by Finance Director Robbie Day was presented to the Village Board for review. The report represents the Village of Elwood's year to date revenues, expenses, and end of the month fund cash balances.

An Ordinance Amending the Village of Elwood Code of Ordinances With Respect to Architectural Seals for Single Family Residential Construction

The Village does not have an ordinance that requires an architect seal on residential construction. An architect sealing or stamping a set of drawings implies that the architect is giving his/her “seal of approval” on the design and documentation for which they had direct supervision. There are common methods of construction and many details can be considered standard or typical. The placement of a typical detail has to be done carefully to understand how that detail interacts with the remainder of the building components. They review and comment on the drawings as they are prepared, edited and finalized. They can give their “seal of approval” because they have had direct supervision and exercised reasonable control over the process. In addition, the seal on the drawings states that these drawings comply with the applicable local building codes to the best of the design professional’s knowledge. A motion was made by Trustee Elberson to adopt an Ordinance Amending the Village of Elwood Code of Ordinances With Respect to Architectural Seals for Single Family Residential Construction. Trustee Lab seconded the motion. A vote was called: Trustee Lab – yes, Trustee Varman – yes, Trustee Elberson – yes, Trustee Bertucci – yes, Trustee Schmidt – yes. The motion carried.

A Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways in the Amount of \$75,900

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 propose using \$55,400 for rock salt and calcium chloride, \$6,500 for Elwood International Port Road street lights, and \$14,000 for St. Louis St. street lights. 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 in the Amount of \$75,900. Trustee Schmidt seconded the motion. A vote was called: Trustee Lab – yes, Trustee Varman – yes, Trustee Elberson – yes, Trustee Bertucci – yes, Trustee Schmidt – yes. The motion carried.

Police Department – Chief Fred Hayes

During the Month of May 2021

The Elwood Police Department responded to 416 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 130 citations:

- Local Citations (O.V.) 0
- State Citations 130
- Overweight Violations (8)
- Monthly Total 130
- 2021 Year to Date Total 1050

Arrest Report Summary:

- Traffic Arrests 7
- Warrant Arrests 1
- Criminal 1
- Monthly Total 9
- Year to Date Total 93

TRAINING REPORT: ALL ONLINE CLASSES

OFFICER	CLASS	DATE	Hours
Anthony Lohmar	Interviewing Techniques	5/4-4/2021	16
Ken Jaburek	Car Seat Technician	5-6-2021	8
James Hartley	Trauma Response to Sexual Assault	5-19-2021	8
Sean Swabowski	Investigating Street Crimes	5/24,25,26/2021	24

Total Training Hours: 56

Public Works – Director of Public Works Larry Lohmar

Street Lights for St. Louis Street

When the weather permits the bases for the street lights will be installed.

Emergency Generators

The generator for the Village Hall is scheduled to arrive on Friday, July 9th. In preparation for the generator, the concrete pad was installed by Public Works department.

Village Hall Roof

The materials are ordered and should be delivered within eight (8) to ten (10) weeks.

Water Main Break

Public Works repaired two (2) water leaks last month.

Village Hall Pump Installed

During the last few rains/downpours the Village Hall took on water through the basement door, which caused flooding in the lower lever. A pump and pit were installed at Village Hall in the rear stairs leading into the lower level to stop the flooding problem.

Sweeper

The road sweeper is repaired and back in service.

Recent Storms

Proud to say that with the recent 8 ¼ inches of rain, all of the Village streets were flood free.

Village Administrator – Julie Friebele

Illinois Department of Transportation

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is moving closer to implementing higher speed passenger rail service on the Chicago to St. Louis corridor. On or about July 7, 2021, Amtrak trains on this corridor will begin operating at speeds up to 90 mph. Trains will continue to operate at 90 mph for several weeks without a change in schedule to ensure everything on the system is running properly and to monitor the actual travel time between stations. This is the final step of system testing before a time saving schedule change goes into effect. With trains operating at 90 mph, warning device and gate activation will happen sooner. This will cause motorists and pedestrians to wait longer before the train reaches the crossing.

New Employee - Administrative Assistant & Code Enforcement

The Village hired Richard Berndt to fill the vacant Administrative Assistant & Code Enforcement position.

Mr. Berndt will be working from Noon – 4:30 pm, Monday – Friday.

His duties will include but are not limited to:

- Assist Village personnel as needed and/or required; and
- Review building permit applications and supporting documents for proper form and will send them to B&F Technical for processing.
- Maintain files and process applications for contractor and business licenses.
- Conducts a variety of inspections for code enforcement, such as property maintenance, housing, etc.
- Prepares courtesy notices, and notices of violations.

Amazon Smile

The Village Shops at amazon for some office supplies & event items. Amazon Smile will donate 0.5% of eligible purchases to our favorite charitable organization with no fees & no extra cost. On June 18th we received a quarterly notice that Amazon Smile made a charitable donation to the Angelman Syndrome Foundation Inc., in the amount of \$1,830.26 as a result of qualifying purchases made by the Village and other customers who selected the same charity.

Elwood Community Days 2021

The event will be held on August 20, 21, and 22, 2021. As in years past there will be a carnival, parade, food, entertainment, and plenty of opportunities to gather with friends and neighbors. An event flyer will be sent out as soon as possible.

National Night Out 2021

Elwood Police Department National Night Out 2021 is August 3rd from 6-8 pm at Tyler Park. This nationwide event is designed to heighten drug prevention and crime awareness, generate support and participation in local anti-crime efforts, and strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community partnerships. It is where together, we are making communities safer, more caring places to live and work.

Tyler Park Renovation

The Elwood beautification Committee, Elwood History Club, and the Village of Elwood are sponsoring a Tyler Park Renovation on Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at 6:00 pm. The renovation is being dedicated in the memory of Marilyn Tyler who passed away on June 11, 2021. Volunteers are needed to assist with trimming the walkways, planting, power washing, and prepping and painting the bathroom. For more information, you may contact Joy Ronald 773-630-2359.

Elwood Children's Garden Presents Music in the Garden

The Jib Brothers, good old rock and roll.

Thursday, July 8th 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Silver Strings Band, combination of classic country, bluegrass and rock.

Thursday, August 5th 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Dixie Bandits, New Orleans at it's finest.

Thursday, September 7th 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Upcoming Village Meetings

Planning and Zoning	Tuesday, July 27th	7:00 pm
Finance Committee	Tuesday, July 27th	4:00 pm
Park Committee	Wednesday, July 28th	6:00 pm
Village Board	Wednesday, August 11th	7:00 pm (2 nd Wednesday of the month)

Village President – Doug Jenco

- Thank you to the Village Administration Staff; you do a wonderful job.
- We are a cooling and warming shelter and am happy to let everyone know that we have the system repaired and working.
- Everyone, great job.

Other Business

No other business was discussed.

Public Comments

Members of the audience discussed the following:

- Building Permits, Inspections, and Fees
- Cost of property improvements
- Reapportionment of Will County District Under Two Redistricting Plans.

Closed Session

Closed session was not conducted.

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