



VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES MEETING OF AUGUST 5, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees, Village of Elwood, August 5, 2020, at 7:00 PM, was called to order by Village President Doug Jenco.

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

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

The Meeting Opened with the Pledge to the Flag

Presentations and Public Hearings

Joseph "Spike" Berscheid - Appreciation of Outstanding Service

Village President Doug Jenco thanked Trustee Joseph "Spike" Berscheid for his dedicated commitment to the Village of Elwood and presented him with a plaque in appreciation of his outstanding service to our community.

ITEP Grant Mississippi Avenue Reconfiguration – Rich Gallas, Engineer

Village Engineer Rich Gallas presented a reconfiguration plan for Mississippi Avenue. The proposed plan contains a roundabout, which is a type of intersection characterized by a generally circular shape, that would create a way to be pedestrian-friendly and also restrict semi truck traffic on Mississippi Avenue within the Village's commercial and residential areas. Roundabouts have been demonstrated to provide a number of safety, operational, and other benefits when compared to other types of intersections.

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 – July 1, 2020
- Presentation of Bills – Paid Invoice Report June 23, 2020 through June 30, 2020, in the amount of \$44,375.47.
- Presentation of Bills – Paid Invoice Report July 2, 2020 through July 27, 2020, in the amount of \$31,131.96.
- Presentation of Bills – Unpaid Invoice Report in the amount of \$283,443.25.

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

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Administration – Village Administrator Julie Friebele

June 2020 Financial Report

The June 2020 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. The June 2020 Financial Report was also reviewed during the Finance Committee meeting held on July 28, 2020.

Intergovernmental Agreement Between the County of Will and the Village of Elwood for the Provision of Animal Control Services

Pursuant to the powers of the Intergovernmental Agreement to provide animal control service, the Village's Police Department agrees to provide specific information regarding the location of a stray animal and if found, the County will take custody of the stray animal. The County will hold the animal until the animal's owner contacts the Elwood Police Department, pays all fees and fines owed to the Village and is able to present a receipt or release to the County. A motion was made by Trustee Maas to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the County of Will and the Village of Elwood for the Provision of Animal Control Services. Trustee Lab seconded the motion. A vote was called: Trustee Maas – yes, Trustee Varman – yes, Trustee Schmidt – yes, Trustee Bertucci – yes, Trustee Lab – yes. The motion carried.

A Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways in the Amount of \$55,400.00

Each year, the Village needs to appropriate money from its Motor Fuel Tax account, which is managed by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). This money is used for, among other things, de-icing products. This year, we are proposing to use \$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 these funds. A motion was made by Trustee Lab to adopt a Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways in the amount of \$55,400.00. Trustee Varman seconded the motion. A vote was called: Trustee Maas – yes, Trustee Varman – yes, Trustee Schmidt – yes, Trustee Bertucci – yes, Trustee Lab – yes. The motion carried.

A Resolution Establishing the Honorary Name Lawrence M. Walsh Sr. Way for Chicago Avenue in the Village of Elwood

An honorary street name designation would allow recognition without requiring an official street or address change. With this method, the official name of a street would not change; the street name would remain for addressing purposes, and a new honorary street name sign would be added.

It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Lawrence M. Walsh Sr. on June 3, 2020. Few people have had such a profound impact on the Village of Elwood. Larry was involved in the community and provided his support and leadership in many ways. Larry Walsh's life-long civic engagement included service as an Illinois State Senator, an Elwood School Board member, the Jackson Township Supervisor, a Will County Board member, and served as the Will County Executive from 2004 until his passing.

The Village would like to commemorate the extraordinary life of this remarkable man with an honorary street name sign "Lawrence M. Walsh Sr. Way". We are requesting to institute honorary signs on Chicago Street. The installation of honorary name signs would be above the official street name signs at the following three (3) intersections: Chicago/Mississippi, Chicago/Bush, and Chicago/Diagonal. A motion was made by Trustee Bertucci to adopt a Resolution Establishing the Honorary Name Lawrence M. Walsh Sr. Way for Chicago Avenue in the Village of Elwood. Trustee Schmidt seconded the motion. A vote was called: Village President Jenco – yes, Trustee Maas – yes, Trustee Varman – yes, Trustee Schmidt – yes, Trustee Bertucci – yes, Trustee Lab – yes. The motion carried.

Police Department – Chief Fred Hayes

During the month of June 2020

The Elwood Police Department responded to 529 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 273 citations: (The reason for the low year to date number is due to COVID19 Pandemic)

- Local Citations (O.V.) 9
- State Citations 264
- Overweight Violations (28)
- Monthly Total 273
- Year to Date Total 906

Arrest Report Summary:

- Traffic Arrests 33
- Warrant Arrests 2
- Criminal 3
- Monthly Total 38
- Year to Date Total 138

TRAINING REPORT:

OFFICER	CLASS	DATE	Hours
Ed Wright	Law For Police Canine	6/1/20	2
Paul Sedlacek	Mental Health Awareness	6/3/20	8
Ed Wright	Mental Health Awareness	6/2/20	8
Ken Jaburek	Mental Health Awareness	6/5/20	8
Andrew Anderson	Mental Health Awareness	6/8/20	8
Ethan Anderson	Criminal Case Law Update	6/16/20	2
Nick Vandal	Criminal Case Law Update	6/16/20	2

Total Training Hours: 38

Intergovernmental Agreement Allowing the Village of Manhattan to Use the Village of Elwood’s Weigh Station and Scales

On August 1, 2017 the Village of Elwood opened the first and only local police truck enforcement weigh station in Will County. The permanent scale house located at 26550 Elwood International Port Road (EIP) has state-of-the-art technology which allows police officers to safely weigh out Commercial Motor Vehicles (CMV’s) suspected of being overweight. Due to the high volume of overweight CMV traffic, the Elwood Police Department determined the use of permanent static scales would provide a more safe and efficient operating procedure for both drivers of CMV’s and Police Officers. Since it’s opening in 2017 through April 2020, the Elwood Police Department has stopped and weighed 1,408 CMV’s, resulting in over \$459,001 in posted bonds. In the spirit of cooperation, the Elwood Police Department has assisted several local police departments with the training, administration, and launching of a Truck Enforcement Program. This includes the use of the Elwood Police weigh station. One of those agencies, the Manhattan Police Department is now requesting to enter into a formal Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) allowing the Village of Manhattan to use the Elwood Police Departments weigh station and scales. A motion was made by Trustee Schmidt to

approve the Intergovernmental Agreement Allowing the Village of Manhattan to Use the Village of Elwood's Weigh Station and Scales. Trustee Bertucci seconded the motion. A vote was called: Trustee Maas – yes, Trustee Varman – yes, Trustee Schmidt – yes, Trustee Bertucci – yes, Trustee Lab – yes. The motion carried.

Public Works – Director of Public Works Larry Lohmar

Saint Louis Street Project:

St Louis Street project is moving along. The east side concrete box culvert has been delivered and installed, which will now allow them to start making the connection to Rt. 53.

Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) Vessels:

The vessel has been delivered and moved inside awaiting crews to stand it up and put it in place.

Well 8:

Well 8 construction is complete is online. The Village now has three (3) wells working and one (1) has a backup generator. There still are some small issues with the Scada programming that are in the process of being worked out.

Village Air Conditioning (AC) Unit:

The Village AC unit on the police side of Village Hall has had multiple problems over the last few weeks. We get one issue fixed another one pops up. We are doing our best to keep the AC running for the rest of the year but will need to look at replacing the system in next year's budget.

Village Hall Drain Tile:

There is a footing drain tile that runs from the rear outdoor basement steps under the police sally port, around the front of the building, and to the basement sumps. This tile is broke under the sally port and is full of roots in front of the building. We have managed to open it for now to keep water out of the basement but are working on a solution for a permanent fix.

Grass in Curbs:

We need your help to remind your neighbors not to blow the grass clippings into the streets. This grass is flowing into our storm drains and plugging them up. If this continues, we will eventually have a major cost to have a company come out and clean all the debris from the pipes to keep the streets from flooding in heavy rains. Even though public works cleans the storm drains on a regular basis, we would appreciate it if the residents would help keep them clean.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Return Activated Sludge Pump Variable Frequency Drive Replacement

The Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) is 17 years old, and due to a number of factors, wear and tear, age, and budget constraints items to keep the plant running are wearing out and need replacement. One of these items is the Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) on the return activated sludge (RAS) pump. The existing VFD experienced a hardware fault which could not be repaired. After testing and troubleshooting, the VFD is in need of replacement. The existing drive was made by Allen-Bradley; therefore, we needed to find a VFD that would fit in our existing motor control buckets. Without having to change the buckets, we found the Allen-Bradley Power Flex 753 AC Drive will fit our existing buckets. After weighing all options and careful consideration, we request to replace the existing equipment with the new Allen-Bradley Power Flex 753 AC Drive from Concentric Integration contract for the amount of \$19,370.00 dollars and electrical proposal from Copperfield Communication & Electric Co. contract for the amount of \$4,525.00 dollars for a total repair cost of \$23,895.00. Trustee Bertucci made a motion to approve the Allen-Bradley Power Flex 753 AC Drive from Concentric Integration contract for the amount of \$19,370.00 dollars and electrical proposal from Copperfield Communication & Electric Co. contract for the amount of \$4,525.00

dollars for a total repair cost of \$23,895.00. Trustee Schmidt seconded the motion. A vote was called: Trustee Maas – yes, Trustee Varman – yes, Trustee Schmidt – yes, Trustee Bertucci – yes, Trustee Lab – yes. The motion carried.

Village Administrator – Julie Friebele

No report was presented.

Village President – Doug Jenco

- I don't know how Public Works accomplishes all they do with only five (5) guys.
- The Police Department does a fantastic job.
- The five (5) person Administration staff, I don't know how they do it.

I am honored to be the Village President of Elwood. I am proud of our staff and Village Board of Trustees. Thank you all!

Appointment of a Village Official

The agenda item is deferred and will be considered after the Closed Session meeting.

Other Business

No other business was discussed.

Public Comments

Members of the audience did not have public comments.

Closed Session

A motion was made by Trustee Varman to go into Closed Session to consider the appointment of a Village Official. Trustee Bertucci seconded the motion. A vote was called: Village President Jenco – yes, Trustee Maas – yes, Trustee Varman – yes, Trustee Schmidt – yes, Trustee Bertucci – yes, Trustee Lab – yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Schmidt to reconvene open session. Trustee Bertucci seconded the motion. A vote was called: Village President Jenco – yes, Trustee Maas – yes, Trustee Varman – yes, Trustee Schmidt – yes, Trustee Bertucci – yes, Trustee Lab – yes. The motion carried.

Actions To Be Taken Following The Closed Session Meeting

- **Appointment of a Village Official**
Village President Jenco made the appointment of Kendy Elberson to serve as a Village Trustee of the Village of Elwood filling the vacancy seat on the Village Board until the next Consolidated Election to be held in April 2021. A motion was made by Trustee Lab to approve and confirm Village President Jenco's appointment of Kendy Elberson to serve as a Village Trustee of the Village of Elwood filling the vacancy seat on the Village Board until the next Consolidated Election to be held in April 2021. Trustee Schmidt seconded the motion. A vote was called: Trustee Maas – no, Trustee Varman – yes, Trustee Schmidt – yes, Trustee Bertucci – yes, Trustee Lab – yes. The motion carried.

Oath of Office

Village Clerk Julie Friebele administered the Oath of Office to Trustee Kendy Elberson.

Following Oath of Office Village Board, staff and many residents applauded as Trustee Kendy Elberson took her seat on the dais.

Adjournment

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

Julie Friebele, Village Clerk