



## **VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES MEETING OF AUGUST 14, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees, Village of Elwood, August 14, 2019, at 7:00 PM, was called to order by Village President Doug Jenco.

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

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

Not Present: Trustee Jodie Bertucci and Police Chief Fred Hayes

### **The Meeting Opened with the Pledge to the Flag Led By Cub Scout Pack 156 – Webelos 1**

#### **Presentations and Public Hearings**

- Jim Kiefer and Kevin Miller gave the Village Board an update on the progress of the JPower project.
- Asset Manager William Taylor of Elwood Energy discussed the improvements to Elwood Energy with the addition of the Black Start project.

#### **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 Lab to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- Presentation of Minutes – July 10, 2019
- Presentation of Closed Session Minutes (Not For Release) – July 10, 2019
- Presentation of Bills – Paid Invoice Report July 3, 2019 through July 9, 2019 in the amount of \$7,292.90.
- Presentation of Bills – Paid Invoice Report July 11, 2019 through July 25, 2019 in the amount of \$42,162.61.
- Presentation of Bills – Paid Invoice Report July 26, 2019 through August 9, 2019 in the amount of \$35,075.30.
- Presentation of Bills – Unpaid Invoice Report in the amount of \$204,087.11.

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

## **REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

### **Administration – Interim Village Administrator Julie Friebele**

#### **June 2019 Financial Report**

The June 2019 Financial Report prepared by Finance Director Robbie Day was presented. The report represents the Village of Elwood’s year to date revenues, expenses, and end of the month fund cash balances.

#### **Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Village of Elwood and the City of Joliet**

It is mutually desirable to construct and operate a controlled emergency water system interconnection of the Elwood system and the Joliet system to allow Joliet to provide potable water to JPower as needed in emergency situations.

The agenda item is pending.

#### **An Ordinance of the Village of Elwood With Respect to a Tax on Motor Fuel**

In October 2000 the Village adopted an ordinance establishing a privilege tax on the purchase of motor fuel at retail within the Village at the rate of \$0.01 per gallon. The staff contacted the surrounding communities and found that the communities that adopted a tax on motor fuel at retail varied from \$0.02 per gallon to \$0.04 per gallon. The tax rate on motor fuel at retail in the Village has remained the same since its inception 19 years ago. Staff recommends the board increase the tax rate from \$0.01 to \$0.03 per gallon. The tax is categorized as a Local Use Tax and goes directly into our general fund. The general fund can be used for Village costs such as police, public safety, streets, salaries, events, etc. A motion was made by Trustee Maas to adopt an Ordinance of the Village of Elwood With Respect to a Tax on Motor Fuel and to increase the tax rate from \$0.01 to \$0.03 per gallon. Trustee Varman seconded the motion. A vote was called: Trustee Maas – yes, Trustee Varman – yes, Trustee Berscheid – no, Trustee Schmidt – yes, Trustee Lab – yes. The motion carried.

#### **An Ordinance With Respect to Permitting Dogs in a Certain Public Park**

On July 10, 2019, the Village Board approved the request to allow dogs in a certain area of Lloyd Erickson Park, and implement a \$20 annual permit fee. In order to enforce the permit and fee the Board should consider adopting an ordinance with respect to permitting dogs in a certain public park. The Ordinance with Respect to Permitting Dogs in a Certain Public Park was presented as a first read, no action was taken.

#### **Police Department – Sergeant Andrew Andersen**

During the month of June 2019, the Elwood Police Department responded to 749 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 424 citations for the month of June 2019:

- Local Citations (O.V.)           13
- State Citations                   411
- Overweight Violations       (6)

Arrest Report Summary for the month of June 2019:

- Traffic Arrests                   36
- Warrant Arrests                 8
- Criminal                         1

**Training Hours in the month of June 2019 in the following category:**

<b>OFFICER</b>	<b>CLASS</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Anthony Lohmar	Active Attack Integrated Response	6/3-4/19	16
James Hartley	ALICE Active Shooter Response	6/25/19	8
Anthony Lohmar	ALICE Active Shooter Response	6/25/19	8

**Total Training Hours: 32**

**An Ordinance Adopting a Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Village of Elwood, Will County, Illinois and the Metropolitan Alliance of Police (MAPS) Chapter #387**

The Village of Elwood recognizes the MAPS Chapter #387 as the exclusive bargaining agent for the purpose of establishing salaries, wages, and other conditions of employment for all full-time and part-time officers within the police department of the Village of Elwood of the rank of patrol officer. The Labor agreement expired in 2017. The agreement is retroactive and is effective May 1, 2017 through April 30, 2021. A motion was made by Trustee Lab to forego the final reading and to adopt an Ordinance Adopting a Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Village of Elwood, Will County, Illinois and the Metropolitan Alliance of Police (MAPS) Chapter #387. Trustee Maas seconded the motion. A vote was called: Trustee Maas – yes, Trustee Varman – yes, Trustee Berscheid – yes, Trustee Schmidt – yes, Trustee Lab – yes. The motion carried.

**Public Works – Director of Public Works Larry Lohmar**

**Line Stripping:**

We put the new line stripping machine to good use. Public Works crews are learning all the little issues of road stripping. They continue to improve in both time and quality so far. We placed over 500 gallons of paint in both single and double lines throughout the village.

**Lloyd Erickson Park:**

Lloyd Erickson Park parking lot was sealed coated and the lines for parking were restriped.

**O'Connor Park:**

O'Connor Park parking lot was also sealed coated and the lines for parking were restriped.

**Wastewater Treatment Plant:**

Public Works crews replaced a 24" x 40' culvert at the wastewater treatment plant.

**Mosquito Spraying:**

We are continually mosquito spraying every Tuesday and Thursday, and we hope this is helping.

**Street Sweeping:**

We are sweeping streets in the Village to help keep the storm drains clear.

**Village Hall Pond Fountain:**

The fountain was removed and repaired and is now back in working order.

**Village Clerk – Julie Friebele**

***Elwood Community Days Celebration – "It's All About Hometown Pride"***

- *Lloyd Erickson Park – 801 N. Chicago Street*
- *Friday – Sunday, August 23, 24, and 25, 2019*
- *Presale Wrist Bands Available at Village Hall \$45.00 (\$65.00 at the gate)*
- *The Calendar is Posted on the Village of Elwood Website*

- *Talent Show Information Contact Jill at 815-370-9244*
- *Annual Tractor Show, Baby Contest, Craft Show*

***Southland Rivals Disc Golf Club Presents the 2019 Southland Open***

- *Archer Park Disc Golf Course*
- *Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup>*
- *Player Meeting at 9:30 am*
- *Food and Drinks Available*
- *More Information: southlandrivalsdgc@yahoo.com*

***Jackson Township Fishing Derby***

- *Lloyd Erickson, Elwood Pond*
- *Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>*
- *7:30 am – 9:30 am*
- *Youth Fishing Derby*

***Celebrate Safely: This Labor Day, Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over***

- *The Elwood Police Department is partnering with the Illinois State Police and local law enforcement across Illinois for the increased statewide effort. The high-visibility crackdown will run from August 16<sup>th</sup> through the holiday weekend into the early morning hours of September 3<sup>rd</sup>.*

***Village President – Doug Jenco***

- *President Jenco thanked all Village staff for the outstanding work they do.*
- *Doug also asked for people to volunteer their time to assist with the upcoming Elwood Community Days.*

***Police Chief Employment Agreement***

The employment agreement establishes certain conditions to employ Fred W. Hayes as Chief of Police to perform the functions and duties as required by the ordinances, rules and regulations of the Village and as may be assigned, and to perform other associated and legally required duties and functions as the Village Manager shall direct from time to time. A motion was made by Trustee Schmidt to approve the Police Chief Employment Agreement to employ Fred W. Hayes as Chief of Police for the Village of Elwood. Trustee Varman seconded the motion. A vote was called: Trustee Maas – yes, Trustee Varman – yes, Trustee Berscheid – yes, Trustee Schmidt – yes, Trustee Lab – yes. The motion carried.

***Western Will County Communication Center (WESCOM) Appointment***

WESCOM was formed in 1992 under the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of Illinois. It is a free-standing entity and a special unit of local government. WESCOM is governed by an Executive Board consisting of Mayors and Presidents of Fire Protection Districts or their designees. The Executive Board meets quarterly or as needed and sets policy for the organization.

Village President Jenco appointed Joseph "Spike" Berscheid as a voting policymaker on the Western Will County Communication Center Executive Board representing the Village of Elwood. A motion was made by Trustee Maas to approve and confirm the appointment of Joseph "Spike" Berscheid as a voting policymaker on the Western Will County Communication Center Executive Board representing

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

**Other Business**

There was no other business discussed.

**Public Comments**

Members of the audience did not have public comments.

**Closed Session**

A motion was made by Trustee Schmidt to go into closed session to consider:

- Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance Or Dismissal Of Specific Employee(s), Appointment of Village Official
- The Consideration To Purchase Lease or Acquire Specific Real Estate Property
- The Probable Or Imminent And Pending Litigation

Trustee Maas seconded the motion. A vote was called: Village President Jenco – yes, Trustee Varman – yes, Trustee Berscheid – yes, Trustee Maas – yes, Trustee Lab – yes, Trustee Schmidt – yes. The motion carried.

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

**Actions To Be Taken Following The Closed Session Meeting**

No actions were taken following the closed session meeting.

**Adjournment**

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

*Julie Friebele, Village Clerk*