



VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees, Village of Elwood, September 5, 2018, at 7:00 PM, was called to order by Village President Doug Jenco.

Present: Village Board President Doug Jenco, Village Board Trustees: Jasen Melahn, Darryl P. Lab, Joe Berscheid, and Mary Lopez

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

Not Present: Village Board Trustees: Don LaPaglia, and Mary Matichak

The meeting opened with the Pledge to the Flag.

Public Comments – Pertaining to Agenda Items

A member of the audience discussed the following topic:

- Resolution to object to the NorthPoint Development Project in Will County

Presentations and Public Hearings

No presentations or public hearings were conducted.

Consent Agenda

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

- Presentation of Minutes – August 1, 2018
- Presentation of Bills – Paid Invoice Report August 2, 2018, through August 24, 2018, in the amount of \$41,324.53.
- Presentation of Bills – Unpaid Invoice Report in the amount of \$350,314.62.

Trustee Lab seconded the motion. A vote was called: Trustee Melahn – yes, Trustee Berscheid – yes, Trustee Lopez – yes, Trustee Lab – yes. The motion carried.

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Administration

July 2018 Financial Report

The July 2018 Financial Report prepared by Finance Director Robbie Day was presented and reviewed. The report represents the Village of Elwood's year to date revenues, expenses, and end of the month fund cash balances.

Ordinance for the Combined First Amendment to the Annexation Agreement Dated November 30, 1998 between the Village of Elwood, an Illinois Home Rule Municipal corporation and Elwood Energy LLC and Development Agreement among Village of Elwood, Elwood Energy LLC, Elwood Expansion LLC and Jackson Generation, LLC

This agenda item is pending; no board action was taken.

An Ordinance Authorizing and Granting A Franchise to Northern Illinois Gas Company (D/B/A Nicor Gas Company) Its Successors and Assigns, to Construct, Operate and Maintain A Natural Gas Distributing System in and Through the Village of Elwood

This agenda item is pending; no board action was taken.

Safebuilt Planner Services Proposal

The Safebuilt proposal for planning services is to assist the Village staff with development requests. Safebuilt would review and prepare staff reports and present these cases to the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Village Board. The costs for these services would be passed through to the applicants via our professional fee agreement. A motion was made by Trustee Lab to approve the Safebuilt Planner Services Proposal. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. A vote was called: Trustee Melahn – yes, Trustee Berscheid – yes, Trustee Lopez – yes, Trustee Lab – yes. The motion carried.

An Ordinance Providing for the Design Standards of Small Wireless Facilities

It is in the best interest of the Village and its citizens to adopt an ordinance regulating design standards for the connection of small wireless facilities within the Village. Compliance with the design standards shall be included in the application for any small wireless facility and that the proposed design will aesthetically and architecturally match and conform with the utility pole, wireless support structure, or surroundings otherwise. The concealment designs of the small wireless facilities must be kept in a like new condition at all times. First Read, no board action was taken.

An Ordinance Levying and Extending a Special Service Area Tax (SSA) Number 1 Tax Year 2018

The annual Special Service Area (SSA) Ordinance contains a special tax roll and report which provides for the special tax to be levied and extended within the area on a basis that provides a rational relationship between the amount of the tax levied against each lot, block, tract and parcel of land in the special service area.

Taxes for tax year 2018 shall be levied and extended in the SSA and shall become a lien upon the property as provided by law within the SSA in the amount of \$1,032,014 as set forth in the 2018 tax year special tax roll. A motion was made by Trustee Melahn to forego the final reading and adopt an Ordinance Levying and Extending a Special Tax in the Village of Elwood Special Service Area Number 1 for Tax Year 2018. Trustee Lab seconded the motion. A vote was called: Trustee Melahn – yes, Trustee Berscheid – yes, Trustee Lopez – yes, Trustee Lab – yes. The motion carried.

Resolution to Object to the NorthPoint Development Project in Will County Illinois

Northpoint has filed an application with the Will County Land Use Department for rezoning to County I-1 District. Because the property subject to the application is situated within 1 ½ miles of the corporate limits of the Village, the Village is authorized by the Will County Zoning ordinance and the State Counties Code to file a Written Protest commonly known as a Legal Objection. The significance of the Village making a Legal Objection is that the vote by the County Board to approve the application will be increased from a simple majority of the members of the County Board (14) to ¾ of the County Board members (20). A motion was made by Trustee Lopez to adopt a Resolution Making a Written Protest to the Application for a Zoning Map amendment to I-1 in Will County Land Use Case ZC-18-056. Trustee Lab seconded the motion. A vote was called: Trustee Melahn – yes, Trustee Berscheid – yes, Trustee Lopez – yes, Trustee Lab – yes. The motion carried.

Police Department – Chief Fred Hayes

During the month of July 2018, the Elwood Police Department responded to 554 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 351 citations for the month of July 2018:

- Local Citations (O.V.) 5
- State Citations 346
- Overweight Violations (4)

Arrest Report Summary for the month of July 2018:

- Traffic Arrests 42
- Warrant Arrests 6
- Criminal 2

Training Hours in the month of July 2018 in the following category:

OFFICER	CLASS	DATE	HOURS
Ed Wright	Annual Narcotics Canine Certification	7/9/18	8
Ed Wright	Counter-Smuggling Training	7/17-20/18	32
Nick Adams	Domestic Violence	7/23/18	5
Jennifer Kickert	Car Seat Safety Technician Skill Builder	7/26/18	6
Anthony Lohmar	Firearms Simulator Training "FATS"	7/26/18	2
Ken Jaburek	Firearms Simulator Training "FATS"	7/26/18	2
Ed Wright	Firearms Simulator Training "FATS"	7/26/18	2
Total Training Hours:			57

Chief Hayes Additional Topics:

- Police Officer Jennifer Kickert submitted her letter of resignation effective Saturday, September 8, 2018.
- The police department received the 1st place award for the Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge. Elwood competed in the 1 to 10 full-time officer's division. The first-place award places Elwood as one of the premiere agencies in the state for their approach to traffic safety.
- On September 8th, Rise for Climate, Jobs, and Justice movement will hold a march and rally in Elwood. They are expecting approximately 500 people. The rally will take place in O'Connor Park. The march will start on Deer Run south to Walter Strawn west to Elwood International Port Road south to BNSF where protesters will present their petition for change.
- IDOT awarded Elwood Police Department over \$35,000 in traffic safety enforcement grants.
- The Village of Elwood has experienced an increase in residential complaints in reference to nuisance animals. There are concerns about an overabundance of skunks populating the residential areas throughout the village. By Illinois law, an animal removal permit must be requested from the IDNR before most species of wildlife may be removed from private property by the resident or a nuisance wildlife control operator. The placement of traps on private property requires the consent of the owner and IDNR permit. The Police Department will proceed with utilizing Ace in a Hole Wild Animal Control to assist in the removal of nuisance animals.

Authorization to Purchase Mobile Data Terminals

The use of mobile computers or Mobile Data Terminals (MDT's) in police vehicles is an essential tool to accomplish the job. Police Officers use them for a variety of applications and to receive information from 911 Center. A motion was made by Trustee Melahn to approve the purchase of 4 MDT's Panasonic Toughbook's from CDS Office Technologies for a cost of \$22,496. Trustee Lab seconded the motion. A vote was called: Trustee Melahn – yes, Trustee Berscheid – yes, Trustee Lopez – yes, Trustee Lab – yes. The motion carried.

Authorization to Hire a Full Time Police Officer

The police department currently has one full time vacancy. The department recognizes the need to hire one full time police officer. Applications for the position of patrol officer were sought through contacts with various law enforcement

agencies in Will County and posted on social media. A 30-day posting was also placed on the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Discover Policing web site. All applicants for the position of police officer were required to comply with all state laws requiring certification standards promulgated by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board (ILETSB). Chief Hayes recommends the appointment of Nicholas Vandal as a police officer to the Elwood Police Department. A motion was made by Trustee Melahn to approve and appoint Nicholas Vandal as a police officer to the Elwood Police Department. Trustee Lab seconded the motion. A vote was called: Trustee Melahn – yes, Trustee Berscheid – yes, Trustee Lopez – yes, Trustee Lab – yes. The motion carried.

Public Works – Superintendent Larry Lohmar

Walmart:

Walmart will be doing some safety changes to their entrance off of Walton Drive. They are doing these changes to stop the left-hand turns from southbound traffic. The southbound traffic turning left into Walmart has cause backups and accidents. By placing jersey barriers from their gate out to the shoulder of Walton Drive and along with painting the left turn lane on Walton Drive with yellow striping should eliminate the left-hand turn. They also will be moving the west side staging lane stop bar approximately 50' to the south to allow for better vision when trucks are pulling out onto Walton Drive. In addition to this, they will also be installing signs along Walton Drive that state no parking, standing or stopping at any time. Walmart also instructs their drivers to take EIP to Walter Strawn and then to Walton Drive for staging to be checked in. Walmart to pay all cost for improvements.

Illinois State Water Survey:

The ISWS will be installing a water level monitoring equipment in Elwood's well # 7 for a long-term water planning purposes. This is part of a more extensive monitoring network termed the "Deep Sandstone Network" the network consists of 6 other wells in the Chicagoland area. The equipment would include a pressure transducer and telemetry system all battery powered, and solar charged that reports water levels in real time. This would benefit the Village at no cost to the village by allowing water levels to be recorded in the sandstone aquifers while the Village's wells are running, thus helping monitor our water levels.

Pockey Way Lift Station:

Progress on the upgrade to Pockey Way lift station is in full steam when completed the station will be high enough so when the area floods the station will remain in operation. The station will also have backup power in the event of a power loss.

Water repair:

An emergency water repair was made to a 12" main on Monday the 27th. The crew had to shut water off to two (2) businesses in the CenterPoint Property. With proper organizing, the water shut down was kept to two (2) hours while the crew completed the repair.

Water quality:

There is air in the water lines which causes it to look white from the tap, but if you wait a minute, it will clear up. The water is safe. We are working on removing the air in the lines by flushing the system, but it takes time.

Elwood International Port Road

Elwood International Port Road buckled due to the extreme heat. We are in the process of an emergency repair to the road and should have it completed and back open by Monday.

Brandon Road Utility Easements - Plat of Dedication, Plat of Easement (Public Utility & Drainage), and Plat of Easement (Temporary Construction)

The Village has an agreement that CenterPoint will extend our water/sewer lines North to Noel Road. In order to extend the lines, the Village must first obtain a Plat of Dedication, Plat of Easement (Public Utility & Drainage), and Plat of Easement (Temporary Construction) from the property owners along the East side of Brandon Road. The property owners were contacted and agreed to grant the Village the aforesaid easements. A motion was made by Trustee Melahn to approve the Brandon Road Utility Easements - Plat of Dedication, Plat of Easement (Public Utility & Drainage), and Plat of Easement (Temporary Construction) to extend our water/sewer lines North to Noel Road. Trustee Berscheid seconded

the motion. A vote was called: Trustee Melahn – yes, Trustee Berscheid – yes, Trustee Lopez – yes, Trustee Lab – yes. The motion carried.

Village Clerk – Julie Friebele

- August 31, 2018, the Village Clerk issued a Press Release as follows:
The Consolidated Election will be held on April 2, 2019.
The Village of Elwood will have the following positions available:
(1) Village President, two-year unexpired term
(3) Trustee positions, four-year term
(2) Trustee positions, two-year unexpired term
Petition packets for Village of Elwood Village President and Trustee positions are available for pick up at the Village Clerk’s Office in the Elwood Village Hall, 401 E. Mississippi Avenue. Hours are – Monday - Friday 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m.
First day to circulate petitions is September 18, 2018.
The first day to file petitions is December 10, 2018, at 8:30 a.m.
The last day to file is December 17, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. The 2019 Candidates Guide is available on the website – <https://www.elections.il.gov/>
- Fall Family Fest at the Children’s Garden October 7, 2018, 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm, Admission: \$12 per child. Crafts, Hayrack rides, pony rides, face painting, and other activities are free with admission. Food will be available for purchase. There will also be the great pumpkin raffle and all proceeds from the raffle will go to the Jackson Township food pantry. For questions, please call the garden at 815-693-0214.
- The Halloween celebration is quickly approaching, and we are looking for volunteers to help with the event. If you are interested, please contact Marie Rodgers at the Village Hall.

Village President – Doug Jenco

- Mayor Jenco thanked the audience for coming to the board meeting and their interest in the Village.
- Thank you to my wife (Lori Jenco) for coordinating the Elwood Days Celebration event. She did a great job. Thank you also to the public works department for the great job they did for the event. There were no complaints, everyone worked together, and it was fantastic.
- If anyone has any questions or concerns with or about anything in the Village, please contact the Village Hall or the mayor directly as opposed to posting it on social media. We would like the opportunity to work directly with the residents to resolve concerns or answer any questions you might have.

Other Business

There was no other business discussed.

Public Comments

Members of the audience discussed the following:

- Yellow/Cloudy Water
- Elwood Community Day – Great Job
- Stop Sign Traffic Enforcement
- Bat Awareness
- NorthPoint Resolution
- Rise for Climate, Jobs, and Justice Movement March
- Finance Committee

Closed Session

- i. A motion was made by Trustee Berscheid go into closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employee(s), appointment of Village Official.

Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. A vote was called: Trustee Melahn – yes, Trustee Berscheid – yes, Trustee Lopez – yes, Trustee Lab – yes. The motion carried.

- ii. A motion was made by Trustee Lopez to reconvene open session. Trustee Berscheid seconded the motion. A vote was called: Trustee Melahn – yes, Trustee Berscheid – yes, Trustee Lopez – yes, Trustee Lab – yes. The motion carried.

Actions To Be Taken Following The Closed Session Meeting

No Actions were taken.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Lopez 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