



**ELWOOD VILLAGE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES OF
FEBRUARY 1, 2023**

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees, Village of Elwood, February 1, 2023, 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, Tricia Maas, Darryl Lab, Kendy Elberson, and Michael Varman

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

Not Present: Trustee Jodie Bertucci

The Meeting Opened With the Pledge to the Flag

Presentations and Public Hearings

None

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 Schmidt to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

Presentation of Minutes – January 11, 2023

Presentation of Bills – Paid Invoice Report January 1, 2023 through January 10, 2023 in the amount of \$31,155.89.

Presentation of Bills – Paid Invoice Report January 12, 2023 through January 27, 2023 in the amount of \$74,287.57.

Presentation of Bills – Unpaid Invoice Report in the amount of \$555,515.82.

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

Reports & Communications From Village Officials

Administration – Village Administrator Julie Friebele

December 2022 Financial Reports

The December 2022 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.

Police Department – Chief Fred Hayes

During the Month of December 2022

The Elwood Police Department responded to 286 calls for service. For more details concerning the types of calls, residents can visit the Village of Elwood website.

Police officers issued citations:

- Local Citations (O.V.) 3
- State Citations 76
- Overweight Violations (0)
- Monthly Total 79
- 2022 Year to Date Total 1192

Arrest Report Summary:

- Traffic Arrests 5
- Warrant Arrests 1
- Criminal 1
- Monthly Total 7
- Year to Date Total 88

TRAINING REPORT:

<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
Ed Wright	Tactical Field Interviewing	12/08/2022	16
Nick Adams	Tactical De-Escalation	12/13/2022	8
Robert Wellen	Gang Combat Dynamics	12/15-16/22	16

Total Training Hours: 40

Public Works – Director of Public Works Larry Lohmar

Sewer Repair

Public Works repaired the main sewer line on North Street due to damage by Surf Wireless.

Police Scales

The Weigh Station cell cups were replaced at the weigh station because of normal rust and use.

Plow Truck Repairs

Hydraulic lines were repaired on two (2) of our plow trucks, welding of hinges on the dump box on another truck, and the rebuild of a plow lift cylinder for Public Works truck no. 6.

Skid Steer Tracks

The tracks were replaced on our Cat Skid Steer.

Vac Trailer

Multiple repairs were made to the water pump and electrical system on our vac trailer.

Well “10”

Well “10” is out of service for the fourth time since July 2021. Discussion ensued regarding the repeated failure of the newly installed equipment, timeline of events, proposal to repair, and warranty. Public Works Director Larry Lohmar and Village Administrator Julie Friebele will seek legal advice.

Village Administrator – Julie Friebele

Bringing the Library to Downtown Elwood

Library Director Ashley Hopper and the Linden Group provided drafts of the Elwood building renovation of the building located at 111 E. Mississippi for the new library branch in downtown Elwood. The architect is making a few adjustments and will submit the final plans to the Village.

2006 Series Bonds

We completed the engagement documents and sent them to Robert Vail, the Senior Vice President of Bernardi and Associates so they can act as Placement Agent/Bond Underwriter for the potential restructuring of the Village 2006 bonds. The documents allow Bernardi to privately place the bonds or act as an underwriter for the bond issue. We are hopeful of hearing some good news in the near future.

FLAP Grant

The Village applied for an Elwood Area Bike Connector, Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) grant. The projected path would lead from Elwood to the Iron Bridge to Midewin and Wilmington to the Kankakee River. Six (6) communities were chosen to receive funding. Based upon FLAP scoring, Application IL 48 Elwood was partially funded. While on the application we requested \$3,035,000, the Illinois Programming Decisions Committee (PDC) voted to partially fund this project at \$335,000. We are grateful for the funding and will try to find additional grant funding to support the total project.

Budget

Staff is working on the 2023-2024 Budget. We will schedule meetings with the Trustees individually and the department heads to address questions or concerns. We intend to hold a Public Hearing on March 1, 2023, and adopt the budget at the April 5, 2023, Village Board Meeting.

Public Works

Dave Yakich retired from the Public Works Department on January 6, 2023, creating a vacant position. The General Utility Maintenance Worker available position was posted for the required ten (10) days. Our current seasonal Public Works employee Rhea Kerrigan applied for the position and joined the Public Works team filling the vacancy effective February 1, 2023.

Euchre Tournament Fundraiser for Elwood Community Days

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023 AT 3 PM

Location: Jacks Tap

This is a fundraiser sponsored by residents, to benefit Elwood Community Days (Not sponsored by the Village of Elwood)

\$30/person if paid in advance

\$35/person @ the door (if space available)

- * 1st,2nd, 3rd place prizes
- * Loaner pool prize
- * Random partners/ change every game
- * Deal goes around table twice only
- * TV Raffle sponsored by Silver Dollar Restaurant.
- * 50/50 Raffle

Beverages available for purchase at Jack's Tap

The event is posted on the Village Facebook site and is posted outside of the main entrance doors also flyers are available in the vestibule at the main entrance

Children's Garden Calendar

The Children's Garden Calendar of events there is fun to be had in the garden! Planting Day, Music in the Garden by: Hammered Dulcimer, Ukulele Moonshiners, Silverstrings, Landon James Tribute to the King, and Ray Koncar & the Boys. The calendar is posted on the Village Facebook site and is posted outside of the main entrance doors also flyers are available in the vestibule at the main entrance.

Consolidated Election, April 4, 2023

Three (3) Village Trustees - Four (4) Year Term

1. Tricia L. Maas
2. Michael J. Varman
3. Darryl P. Lab

Early Voting begins on Monday, 20th day of March 2023, and continues for two weeks.

Upcoming Village Meetings

Planning and Zoning	Tuesday, February 28 th	7:00 pm
Finance Committee	Tuesday, February 28 th	4:00 pm
Village Board of Trustees	Wednesday, March 1 st	7:00 pm

Village President – Doug Jenco

- Public Works is short handed and still doing a fantastic job.
- Village Administration staff and Police Department are doing a great job.
- We are working on getting the Surf Wireless problems handled.

Other Business

No other business was discussed.

Public Comments

Members of the audience did not have public comments.

Closed Session

No closed session meeting was held.

Adjournment

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

Julie Friebele, Village Clerk