



**ELWOOD VILLAGE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES OF
June 7, 2023**

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees, Village of Elwood, June 7, 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: Tricia Maas, Ron Schmidt, Jodie Bertucci, Kendy Elberson, and Michael Varman

Also, Present: Village Administrator/Village Clerk Julie Friebele, Police Chief Fred Hayes, Director of Public Works Larry Lohmar, Attorney David Silverman, and Attorney Adam Durkin

Not Present: Trustee Darryl Lab

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 Bertucci to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

Presentation of Minutes – May 3, 2023

Presentation of Bills – Paid Invoice Report April 22, 2023 through May 2, 2023, in the amount of \$62,379.34.

Presentation of Bills – Paid Invoice Report May 4, 2023 through May 19, 2023, in the amount of \$153,236.18.

Presentation of Bills – Unpaid Invoice Report in the amount of \$235,034.36

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

Reports & Communications From Village Officials

Administration – Village Administrator Julie Friebele

April 2023 Financial Reports

The 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 Adopting a Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Village of Elwood and the General Chauffeurs, Sales Drivers, and Helpers Union Local No. 179

The Village, through its negotiating committee, and the Union have negotiated a new three (3) year Collective Bargaining Agreement beginning July 1, 2023. It is the intent and purpose of this Agreement to set forth the respect to wage, hours of employment, and other conditions of employment that will be in effect during the term of this Agreement. Additionally, the Agreement establishes practices and procedures for a fair and orderly way of conducting certain relations between the parties; and to encourage and improve efficiency and productivity. A motion was made by Trustee Varman to adopt an Ordinance Adopting a Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Village of Elwood and the General Chauffeurs, Sales Drivers, and Helpers Union Local No. 179. Trustee Maas seconded the motion. A vote was called: Trustee Schmidt – yes, Trustee Elberson – yes, Trustee Bertucci – yes, Trustee Maas – yes, and Trustee Varman – yes. The motion carried.

OTM Enviromental Services, Inc. Contract

The Village's Water/Wastewater Operator resigned effective Friday, April 28, 2023. The Village has begun the process of seeking a new Water/Wastewater Operator. In the interim, the Village requested OTM Environmental Services, Inc. to provide a licensed water/wastewater operator to assist the Village. The operator will monitor the operations and provide operations reports as the Illinois EPA requires. A motion was made by Trustee Bertucci to approve and authorize the OTM Environmental Services, Inc. contract. Trustee Schmidt seconded the motion. A vote was called: Trustee Schmidt – yes, Trustee Elberson – yes, Trustee Bertucci – yes, Trustee Maas – yes, and Trustee Varman – yes. The motion carried.

A Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code

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 items regarding maintenance of the Village roadways. Estimated expenditures are \$82,900. 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 the Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code. Trustee Elberson seconded the motion. A vote was called: Trustee Schmidt – yes, Trustee Elberson – yes, Trustee Bertucci – yes, Trustee Maas – yes, and Trustee Varman – yes. The motion carried.

A Resolution Addressing Consent and Conflicts

Mitsubishi Power Americas, Inc. is exploring the possibility of developing an energy-related project within Elwood's jurisdiction. The Resolution proposed to grant a waiver to Mahoney, Silverman & Cross of the conflict of interest arising out of their current representation of the Village and their representation of Mitsubishi Power in connection with the project. The Resolution includes the conditions for the Village's consent to the waiver of potential conflicts and the appointment of Kenneth A. Carlson of Tracy, Johnson, and Wilson as Special Counsel to advise and counsel the Village President and Board of Trustees on issues associated with a possible Mitsubishi Project. A motion was made by Trustee Elberson to adopt a Resolution Addressing consent and Conflicts. Trustee Bertucci seconded the motion. A vote was called: Trustee Schmidt – yes, Trustee Elberson – yes, Trustee Bertucci – yes, Trustee Maas – yes, and Trustee Varman – yes. The motion carried.

An Ordinance Dissolving the Village of Elwood Deer Run Industrial Park Economic Development Project Area Fund and Terminating the Designation as an Economic Development Project Area

The Village of Elwood adopted Ordinance No. 618 on June 12, 2000, adopting The Tax Increment Allocation Financing Relating to the Deer Run Industrial Park Economic

Development Project Area. Ordinance No. 618 provides that not later than 23 years from the date of adoption establishing the Economic Development Project Area the Village shall adopt an Ordinance Dissolving the Special Tax Allocation Fund and Terminate the Designation of the Economic Development Project Area. The matter is scheduled for termination on June 13, 2023. After the payment of all bills and obligations, any money in the TIF Fund will be declared as surplus and returned to the Taxing Districts through the Will County Treasurer.

The County Clerk's office advised the Village that beginning with year 2023, payable in 2024, the affected taxing districts will have their extension limitations calculated to include the incremental TIF tax in their Limiting Rate Formula as new growth.

A motion was made by Trustee Maas to adopt an Ordinance Dissolving the Village of Elwood Deer Run Industrial Park Economic Development Project Area Fund and Terminating the Designation as an Economic Development Project Area. Trustee Varman seconded the motion. A vote was called: Trustee Schmidt – yes, Trustee Elbersen – yes, Trustee Bertucci – yes, Trustee Maas – yes, and Trustee Varman – yes. The motion carried.

Police Department – Chief Fred Hayes

During the Month of April 2023

The Elwood Police Department responded to 314 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.) 0
- State Citations 75
- Overweight Violations (6)
- Monthly Total 75
- Year to Date Total 356

Arrest Report Summary:

- Traffic Arrests 1
- Warrant Arrests 0
- Criminal 2
- Monthly Total 3
- Year to Date Total 33

TRAINING REPORT:

OFFICER	CLASS	DATE	HOURS
Sarah Zimmerman	Interviewing and Interrogations	4/3-6/23	24
Robert Wellen	Interviewing and Interrogations	4/3-6/23	24
Sean Swabowski	Intercepting School Violence	4/10-11/23	16
Robert Wellen	Basic Truck Enforcement	4/10-14/23	40
Anthony Drabik	Basic Truck Enforcement	4/10-14/23	40
Sarah Zimmerman	Social Media Online Investigations	4/17-18/23	16
Marc Reid	News Media Training	4/26/23	8

Total Training Hours: 168

Public Works – Director of Public Works Larry Lohmar

Mosquito Spraying

Mosquito spraying in the Village begins tonight and will continue every Wednesday throughout the summer.

Concrete Walks

Concrete walks are repaired in Wooded Cove and grass patching along the walkways will begin soon.

Surf Internet

Surf completed most of the lawn repairs with the exception of just a few areas to be completed.

Village Hall

The air conditioning work at the Village Hall is complete and is just in time for the summer heat.

Village Administrator – Julie Friebele

Larry Walsh Sr. Post Office Dedication

Friday, June 2nd a dedication ceremony was held naming the Elwood Post Office In Honor of Lawrence M "Larry" Walsh Sr. by an Act of Congress. The event was quite an honor for his family and friends, and a tribute to the man who dedicated his life to this community.

Senator Rachel Ventura

Illinois General Assembly recently passed the 2024 budget. Senator Ventura was able to secure capital funding in the amount of \$200,000 to help advance the construction of a Public Works building. The DCEO grant process to release the funds can take 1-3 years.

Stronger Together Blood Drive

The Village of Elwood and Elwood Fire Protection District are partnering to provide a blood drive. The drive will be held in the Community Room on Friday, June 9th from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. Donate blood and be entered for a chance to win a motorcycle! Each donation saves three (3) lives.

Elwood Community Days

Elwood Community Days is a three (3) day fun-filled event this year scheduled on August 18th, 19th, and 20th.

- Friday, August 18th, at Tyler Park 5 pm -10 pm, Magic Show, DJ & Street Dance
- Saturday, August 19th, at Lloyd Erickson Park kicks off with the Fishing Derby at 7:30 am, Parade at 11:00 am. Throughout the day there are multiple shows, games, live music by the Junkyard Dawgs & The Band Sundance and amazing fireworks.
- Sunday, August 20th, Classic Car Show at 9:30 am, Soapbox Derby at 10:30 am, and Ukulele Strummers at 2 pm.

Music in the Garden – No Cost to Attend

Tuesday, June 13th Bill Robinson - Hammered Dulcimer Music, lively, fun, toe-tapping upbeat Folk and Traditional Music.

Tuesday, June 27th Ukulele Moonshiners Band, music that combines joy, laughter, and audience participation. Walking Tacos will be available.

Tuesday, July 11th Silverstrings Band, fun time with Older Country, Oldies, and Bluegrass music.

Elwood Children's Garden Calendar June 2023

- June 8th & 22nd Story Time with Mrs. Dorie Pre K – 2nd Grade – 9:30 am – 10:00 am

Lloyd Erickson Park

Friday, June 23rd, Solar Light Butterfly Craft, visit the Children's Garden, and a snack will be provided. 10:00 am – Noon

Elwood Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is empty and in need of donations. Your donations of food would be greatly appreciated. You may drop off the food items in the Food Pantry container which is located outside of the Elwood Church.

Upcoming Village Meetings

Planning and Zoning	Tuesday, June 27 th	7:00 pm
Finance Committee	Tuesday, June 27 th	4:00 pm
Village Board of Trustees	Wednesday, July 12 th (2 nd Wednesday)	7:00 pm

Village President – Doug Jenco

- Elwood Police Department is now fully staffed. Thank you Fred Hayes for providing a lot more presence and creating a safe community.
- Appreciate Public Works Larry Lohmar, fantastic job and no complaints.
- Thank you to the Village Board, we have come together and made a great team.
- Village Administrator Julie Friebele does an excellent job and is here working through thick and thin.
- Thank you to the Administration Staff; they do a great job.
- Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery held its Memorial Day ceremony to honor those in the armed service who made the ultimate sacrifice. At the event two (2) of Elwood's young ladies Mia Buss and Kady Talon gave speeches about why Memorial Day is important to them. The girls did a fantastic job, and I am sure that their parents are very proud of them.
- The Post Office dedication for Larry Walsh Sr. was well deserved. Larry was good for the community and the type of guy that never forgot a name. I keep a picture of him to keep me grounded.
- Happy 4th of July, stay safe!

Other Business

No other business was discussed.

Public Comments

- Representative Foster was taking a good close look at the post office during the dedication to Larry Walsh Sr.
- Elwood Food Pantry is in need of food supplies other than canned soup or vegetables.
- Hydrangea/multi use building is being built.
- Park Street apartments, trash is piling up. Buildings are in bad condition.
- Resident called the Elwood Police Department concerned about a guy sleeping in his car outside the resident's home. Ended up the guy was his grandson waiting outside until the family woke up.

Closed Session

A motion was made by Trustee Bertucci to go into closed session meeting to discuss the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance Or Dismissal Of Specific Employee(s), Appointment of Village Official. Trustee Schmidt seconded the motion. A vote was called: Trustee Schmidt – yes, Trustee Elberson – yes, Trustee Bertucci – yes, Trustee Maas – yes, and Trustee Varman – yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Bertucci to reconvene open session. Trustee Schmidt seconded the motion. The Village Board voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

Authorization to Hire a Full Time General Utility Maintenance Worker

A motion was made by Trustee Elberson to authorize and hire a full time General Utility Maintenance Worker. Trustee Bertucci seconded the motion. A vote was called: Trustee Schmidt – yes, Trustee Elberson – yes, Trustee Bertucci – yes, Trustee Maas – yes, and Trustee Varman – yes. The motion carried.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Bertucci 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