



## **VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES MEETING OF JULY 1, 2020**

The Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees, Village of Elwood, July 1, 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, Finance Director Robbie Day, Director of Public Works Larry Lohmar, Police Chief Fred Hayes, and Attorney Jordan Kielian

Not Present: Trustee Joe Berscheid

### **The Meeting Opened with the Pledge to the Flag**

### **Presentations and Public Hearings**

Bond Restructure Presentation was given by Eric Anderson, Piper/Sandler

- Mr. Anderson discussed a plan for a multi-phase restructuring of the Village's bond debt.
  - Window of opportunity
  - Private placement

### **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 – June 3, 2020
- Presentation of Bills – Paid Invoice Report May 23, 2020 through June 2, 2020, in the amount of \$60,077.18.
- Presentation of Bills – Paid Invoice Report June 4, 2020 through June 22, 2020, in the amount of \$499,648.21.
- Presentation of Bills – Unpaid Invoice Report in the amount of \$109,763.34.

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.

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

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

### May 2020 Financial Report

The May 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.

### An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$1,500,000 Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020A and \$17,500,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020B

The Village secured the services of Piper/Sandler to help guide us through the debt restructuring process, bond refinancing, and underwriter engagement services. Piper/Sandler believes the Village should concentrate its attention on the Series 2006 and 2010A Bonds. Restructuring Village bonds and refund outstanding Series 2006 and 2010A bonds now is necessary for the welfare of this government and affairs of the Village and is in the public's best interest. The Ordinance would provide the authority to the Village President, Village Clerk and the Village Finance Director as Designated Officers to accomplish the issuance, sale, and delivery of the 2020 Bonds. The Village President, Village Clerk and other Officials of the Village are authorized and directed to do and perform, or cause to be done or performed for or on behalf of the Village each and everything necessary for the issuance of the 2020 Bonds, including the proper execution and delivery of the 2020 Bonds and the Official Statement. A motion was made by Trustee Schmidt to forego the final reading and adopt an Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$1,500,000 Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020A and \$17,500,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020B. Trustee Lab 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.

### An Ordinance Adopting A Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement Between The Village Of Elwood, Will County, Illinois And General Chauffeurs, Sales Drivers And Helpers Union Local No. 179

The Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Village of Elwood and Union Local No. 179 expired as of April 30, 2020. The Village through its negotiating committee, and the Union have negotiated a new three (3) year Collective Bargaining Agreement. 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. This Agreement establishes a base salary of new employees hired as General Utility Maintenance Worker, and also sets a premium pay rate for Class C licensed Water Treatment Plant Operator's and premium pay for a Working Foreman. The negotiated annual percentage increases are as follows:

- Effective 5-1-2020 each employee shall receive a 2.5% increase to their base salary effective on 4/30/20
- Effective 5-1-2021 each employee shall receive a 2.25% increase to their base salary effective on 4/30/21
- Effective 5-1-2022 each employee shall receive a 2.25% increase to their base salary effective on 4/30/22

A motion was made by Trustee Schmidt to forego the final reading and adopt an Ordinance Adopting A Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement Between The Village Of Elwood, Will County, Illinois and General Chauffeurs, Sales Drivers And Helpers Union Local No. 179. 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 Motion to Authorize the Village Attorney to Institute Litigation With Respect to the Pre-Annexation Agreement Approved By the City of Joliet On April 17th, 2020, Concerning the Project Commonly Known as The Northpoint Development and to Ratify and Authorize Any and All Actions Previously Filed and Taken By the Village Attorney

A motion was made by Trustee Maas to authorize the Village Attorney to institute litigation with respect to the pre-annexation agreement approved by the City of Joliet on April 17th, 2020, concerning the project commonly known as the Northpoint Development and to ratify and authorize any and all actions previously filed and taken by the Village Attorney. Trustee Varman 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 May 2020**

The Elwood Police Department responded to 254 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 19 citations: (The reason for the low number is due to COVID19 Pandemic, the officers are reserving contact with individuals for major offenses)

- Local Citations (O.V.)           7
- State Citations                   12
- Overweight Violations       (0)
- Monthly Total                   19
- Year to Date Total           633

Arrest Report Summary:

- Traffic Arrests                   1
- Warrant Arrests                0
- Criminal                         0

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**TRAINING REPORT:**

<b>OFFICER</b>	<b>CLASS</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>Hours</b>
James Hartley	End Violence Against Women	5/7/20	11
Nick Vandal	End Violence Against Women	5/7/20	11
Ethan Anderson	Effective Report Writing	5/7/20	4
Nick Vandal	Sexual Assault Investigations	5/21/20	8
James Hartley	Sexual Assault Investigations	5/21/20	8
Sarah Zimmerman	Effective Report Writing	5/25/20	4

**Total Training Hours: 46**

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the police department implemented additional procedures for the safety of personnel and the public. Officers have all PPE required and plenty in inventory right now.

- Traffic stops are limited to severe offenses not minor offenses. Citation counts were lower in April than in March.

- June we started to do truck enforcement again and have designed a way to issue citations with limited contact.
- Officer Zimmerman’s police academy training was interrupted do to the COVID-19 Pandemic, but she has now completed the police academy training.
- July 4<sup>th</sup> Campaign – Village is involved in the campaign. We will be stopping all violators including but not limited to seat belts, phone use, DUI, and speeding.
- Fireworks Campaign – Leave the fireworks to the professionals.
- Drug dealing at 116 Morris Street in Elwood was confirmed. Three people were arrested. Court status is scheduled on July 6, 2020.

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

**Saint Louis Street Project:**

Construction on St Louis Street is coming along nicely gravel bases, and underdrains have been installed along with the storm sewer lines. They are currently working on Route 53 medium coring for the new road base.

**WWTP Vessels:**

We have been told that the vessel is ahead of schedule and should be finished the third to fourth week of July. In the meantime, they have completed the valve change out on the salt tanks.

**WWTP Repairs:**

Our blowers at the plant have been repaired and we now have all three working again.

**Storm Clean-up:**

In the last storms high winds broke a lot of limbs off throughout town, along with power outages on the southeast side of town. The public works crew were out on Saturday to clean-up trees and large limbs blocking roads. The Village Hall and lift stations were on generator power until Comed’s power was restored.

**ComEd:**

We have a great working relationship with Representative Lisa Aprati from ComEd.

**Village Clerk – Julie Friebele**

In House Bill 0062 - Public Act 101-0029, Article 16, Section 5460 State Representative Larry Walsh Jr submitted legislation in the sum of \$750,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Village of Elwood for costs associated with roof repairs at the Village Hall.

The legislation limited the Village only to use the appropriated funds to repair the Village Hall roof. There are multiple improvements the Village would be able to achieve with \$750,000. The Village requested Representative Walsh to amend the legislation language to Capital Improvements at the Village Hall. The legislation was amended and became effective today, July 1st, to reflect costs associated with Capital Improvements at the Village Hall.

- The roof is in need of total replacement. The grant will allow us to replace the existing asphalt roof with a more durable metal roof.

- The generator at the Village Hall is inadequate and only powers part of the building when the power goes out. The new generator will have the capacity to run the entire Village Hall, including the HVAC system. The Village Hall is both a warming center and a cooling center, and it is vital that we are able to provide those services, particularly when an outage occurs.
- The HVAC system requires replacing as it does not work correctly. As noted above, the Village Hall is both a warming center and a cooling center, and it is vital that we are able to provide those services.

**Village President – Doug Jenco**

- We are in Phase 4 of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Please keep following the social distancing and be careful.
- Elwood Community Days – Still looking for the event to be able to take place. We are configuring the event and making plans to abide by the distancing guidelines. State licenses are required to hold the event; therefore, if they are not issued the event will have to be canceled.
- The Disc Golf course is open and we have a league playing there now. The league is talking about fund raising and making the current 10 hole course a regulation 18 hole course.
- Thank you to all the staff, really appreciate all you do.

**Other Business**

Thank you to the Village Administration regarding the litigation.

The flower planters that were placed at the intersection of Chicago and Mississippi by the Beautification Committee look beautiful.

Former Elwood Resident – While she was living in Elwood, she planted a tree which meant a lot to her and the family. After her kids were grown, she moved to another community. Shortly after moving she found out that she had stage 3 cancer. Her wish was to have the tree that she planted in Elwood moved to her new home. Ron Plunk, owner of Allied Nursery, heard her story and granted her wish. He had the tree moved from Elwood to it's new home at no cost.

**Public Comments**

Members of the audience did not have public comments.

**Closed Session**

No Closed Session meeting was held.

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

No Closed Session meeting was held; therefore, there were no actions to be considered.

**Adjournment**

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

*Julie Friebele, Village Clerk*