



**ELWOOD VILLAGE BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES OF  
AUGUST 10, 2022**

**Call to Order**

The Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees, Village of Elwood, August 10, 2022, at 7:00 pm, was called to order by Village President Doug Jenco.

**Role Call**

Present: Village Board President Doug Jenco, Village Board Trustees: Michael Varman, Ron Schmidt, Jodie Bertucci, and Darryl Lab

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

Not Present: Trustees Tricia Maas and Kendy Elbersen

**The Meeting Opened With the Pledge to the Flag**

**Presentations and Public Hearings**

**School Resource Officer Discussion – Tim Page, Superintendent of Elwood School**

Mr. Page discussed school shootings and the safety measures Elwood School would like to incorporate. A School Resource Officer would be beneficial to promote a safe and secure atmosphere for students and staff.

**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 Village Board of Trustees Minutes – July 13, 2022
- Presentation of Bills – Paid Invoice Report June 26, 2022 through July 12, 2022 in the amount of \$1,852,477.67.
- Presentation of Bills – Paid Invoice Report July 14, 2022 through August 5, 2022 in the amount of \$143,309.60.
- Presentation of Bills – Unpaid Invoice Report in the amount of \$130,362.45.

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

## Reports & Communications From Village Officials

### Administration – Village Administrator Julie Friebele

#### June 2022 Financial Reports

The June 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.

#### Will County Center for Community Concerns Donation Request

Will County Center for Community Concerns is requesting a monetary donation. The agency provides programs and services such as counseling, utility assistance, homeless services and more at no cost to the customer. In 2021 the agency provided Village of Elwood residents with \$20,103 in direct client assistance. A motion was made by Trustee Lab to approve a donation to Will County Center for Community Concerns in the amount of \$1000.00. Trustee Bertucci seconded the motion. A vote was called: Trustee Varman – yes, Trustee Bertucci – yes, Trustee Schmidt – yes, Trustee Lab – yes. The motion carried.

### Police Department – Chief Fred Hayes

#### During the Month of June 2022

The Elwood Police Department responded to 296 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 74 citations:

- Local Citations (O.V.) 2
- State Citations 74
- Overweight Violations (0)
- Monthly Total 76
- 2022 Year to Date Total 690

Arrest Report Summary:

- Traffic Arrests 2
- Warrant Arrests 1
- Criminal 2
- Monthly Total 5
- Year to Date Total 44

#### **TRAINING REPORT:**

<b>OFFICER</b>	<b>CLASS</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>HOURS</b>
Ed Wright	Counter Smuggling Training	6/1-2/22	16
Sean Swabowski	Crisis Intervention Training (CIT)	6/6-10/22	40
Sean Swabowski	Responding to Stalking	6/14/22	8
Ken Jaburek	Responding to Stalking	6/14/22	8
Marc Reid	License Plate Recognition Technology	6/28/22	8

**Total Training Hours: 80**

- The vehicle that was stolen in Elwood was recovered with the assistance of the flock cameras.

**Authorization to Hire a Full Time Police Officer**

The Police Department currently has one (1) full time police officer vacancy. Chief Fred Hayes made a recommendation to appoint Anthony J. Drabik as a police officer to the Elwood Police Department. The applicant complies with all state laws requiring certification standards and meets the standards required by the Village Code of Ordinances. A motion was made by Trustee Lab to appoint Anthony J Drabik as a police officer to the Elwood Police Department. Trustee Schmidt seconded the motion. A vote was called: Trustee Varman – yes, Trustee Bertucci – yes, Trustee Schmidt – yes, Trustee Lab – yes. The motion carried.

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

**Sewer Plant**

Staff is in process of rebuilding the headworks screen. The screen catches the debris that is flushed down the sewers before being sucked up by the lift pumps.

**UV Channel**

One (1) of the two (2) channels at the UV building have been rebuilt, we are waiting for parts to rebuild the second channel. The channels and UV bulbs kill the last of the bacteria before the water is discharged from our sewer.

**Ditch Rollers**

We have replaced the first two (2) of four (4) shafts with new bearings on our outfall ditches and have parts ordered for the remaining two (2).

**Morris Street Generator**

We removed and replaced the blown head gasket on the backup generator.

**Village Administrator – Julie Friebele**

**Government Finance Officers Association**

The Village was notified that our annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year that ended April 30, 2021, has met the requirement to be awarded GFOA’s Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting. Thank you to our Finance Director Robbie Day for going above and beyond!

**Elwood Fire Protection District**

The Village received notice that as of June 12, 2022, the Elwood Fire Protection District announced that Christopher Locacius has assumed the position of Elwood’s new Fire Chief and Assistant Chief Jason Melahn has been promoted to Deputy Chief.

**Elwood Community Days, Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup> and Saturday August 20<sup>th</sup>.**

The Elwood Days flyer was mailed out to all Village of Elwood and Jackson Township residents on July 29<sup>th</sup>. We have food trucks, margarita truck, bands, rides, bingo, bags tournament, cup in hand kickball, soap box derby, and fireworks.

**Upcoming Village Meetings**

Planning and Zoning	Tuesday, August 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00 pm
Finance Committee	Tuesday, August 30 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 pm
Park Committee	Wednesday, September 28 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 pm
Village Board of Trustees	Wednesday, September 7 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm

### **Village President – Doug Jenco**

Thank you to Chief Hayes and the entire police department for the National Night Out event, it was spectacular! Public Works Director Larry Lohmar displayed some of the soap box derby cars at the event and they look fantastic. Thank you to Marie Rodgers for her artistry in painting the derby cars, great job. Thank you to the Cub Scouts, Fire Department, and everyone else who helped out with the event.

### **Other Business**

No other business was discussed.

### **Public Comments**

National Night Out refreshment ideas for next year's event.

### **Closed Session**

No closed session meeting was held.

### **Adjournment**

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

*Julie Friebele, Village Clerk*