



**ELWOOD VILLAGE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES OF
SEPTEMBER 7, 2022**

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees, Village of Elwood, September 7, 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, Tricia Maas, Kendy Elberson, and Darryl Lab

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

The Meeting Opened With the Pledge to the Flag

Presentations and Public Hearings

2022 Grand Marshal Elwood Community Days

Norm Fanning thanked everyone so much for the honor of selecting him to be the Grand Marshal in the 2022 Elwood Community Days Parade! Mr. Fanning thanked the Village Board, Julie Friebele, and April Varman his driver in the parade. It was all so wonderful!

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 – August 10, 2022
- Presentation of Bills – Paid Invoice Report August 6, 2022 through August 9, 2022 in the amount of \$17,235.44.
- Presentation of Bills – Paid Invoice Report August 11, 2022 through August 26, 2022 in the amount of \$32,080.52.
- Presentation of Bills – Unpaid Invoice Report in the amount of \$106,909.33.

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

Reports & Communications From Village Officials

Administration – Village Administrator Julie Friebele

July 2022 Financial Reports

The July 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.

An Ordinance Abating the Tax Hereto Levied for the Year 2022 To Pay the principal of and interest on \$6,188,552.30 Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2006

If the Village adopts the Ordinance abating the tax hereto levied for the year 2022 in the amount of \$2,815,000.00 to pay the principal and interest on the \$6,188,552.30 Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2006 the payments will not be placed on the property tax rolls. A motion was made by Trustee Bertucci to adopt an Ordinance Abating the Tax Hereto Levied for the Year 2022 To Pay the principal of and interest on \$6,188,552.30 Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2006. Trustee Lab seconded the motion. A vote was called: Trustee Varman – yes, Trustee Bertucci – yes, Trustee Schmidt – yes, Trustee Maas – yes, Trustee Elberson – yes, and Trustee Lab – yes. The motion carried.

An Ordinance Abating the Tax Hereto Levied for the Year 2022 To Pay the principal of and interest on \$3,805,000.00 Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2010A

If the Village adopts the Ordinance abating the tax hereto levied for the year 2022 in the amount of \$325,135.00 to pay the principal and interest on the \$3,805,000.00 Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2010A the payments will not be placed on the property tax rolls. A motion was made by Trustee Maas to adopt an Ordinance Abating the Tax Hereto Levied for the Year 2022 To Pay the principal of and interest on \$3,805,000.00 Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2010A. Trustee Bertucci seconded the motion. A vote was called: Trustee Varman – yes, Trustee Bertucci – yes, Trustee Schmidt – yes, Trustee Maas – yes, Trustee Elberson – yes, and Trustee Lab – yes. The motion carried.

Police Department – Chief Fred Hayes

During the Month of July 2022

The Elwood Police Department responded to 279 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 38 citations:

- Local Citations (O.V.) 2
- State Citations 36
- Overweight Violations (2)
- Monthly Total 38
- 2022 Year to Date Total 728

Arrest Report Summary:

- Traffic Arrests 3
- Warrant Arrests 0
- Criminal 0

- Monthly Total 3
- Year to Date Total 47

TRAINING REPORT:

OFFICER	CLASS	DATE	HOURS
Anthony Lohmar	ALICE Instructor	7/4/22	8
Ed Wright	Canine Certification	7/20/22	8

Total Training Hours: 16

Request Authorization to Purchase a Public Safety Vehicle

The purchase of one (1) police vehicle with the Safety Accessory Package was budgeted for in the FY 2021-22 Capital Budget and the FY2022-23 Capital Budget. A motion was made by Trustee Lab to authorize the purchase of a public safety vehicle, 2023 Ford F-150, police responder patrol package, Panasonic Toughbook, and an in-car video camera and evidence storage system in the amount of \$57,409.76. Trustee Elberson seconded the motion. A vote was called: Trustee Varman – yes, Trustee Bertucci – yes, Trustee Schmidt – yes, Trustee Maas – yes, Trustee Elberson – yes, and Trustee Lab – yes. The motion carried.

Public Works – Director of Public Works Larry Lohmar

Sewer Plant

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

Storm Cleanup

Staff worked for four (4) days cleaning up the streets and chipping the tree debris after the storm hit a portion of Elwood.

Road Sweeping

The road sweeper was used for two (2) weeks to clean the Village roadways after the storm.

Water Service Repair

Staff repaired a water service leak in the Wyndstone Townhome Subdivision.

Elwood Community Days

The Public Works crew took part in the setup and take down for Elwood Days, Soap Box Derby & National Night Out.

Request Authorization to Purchase Fiber

Public Works staff has been installing fiber throughout the Village for the last four (4) years. The project is being completed in stages and will meet requirements for cyber security of our water and wastewater system. If approved this will allow us to complete the final connections. A motion was made by Trustee Elberson to authorize the purchase of fiber in the amount of \$100,000.00. Trustee Bertucci seconded the motion. A vote was called: Trustee Varman – yes, Trustee Bertucci – yes, Trustee Schmidt – yes, Trustee Maas – yes, Trustee Elberson – yes, and Trustee Lab – yes. The motion carried.

Village Administrator – Julie Friebele

Soap Box Derby

Public Works Director Larry Lohmar and the Public Works staff created an awesome event; it was wonderful. Thank you to Larry Lohmar, Matt Murphy, Brandon Doden, Scott Starkey, Dave Yakich, Tyler Crane, and Jacob Breusche! Fantastic!

2022 Elwood Community Days

Thank you to everyone that participated and volunteered in the 2022 Elwood Community Days event.

Lloyd Erickson Park

Sam Gersman wrote, “I attended a graduation party today at the Llyod Erickson Park and I wanted to take a minute to drop you a line to let you know what wonderful facilities you have for the use of the residents. This venue offers so much for everyone to enjoy! Everything was spotless and in such wonderful condition. I was also impressed with the Children's Garden, I took my niece and nephew through and they thoroughly enjoyed themselves along with the playground equipment in the park.

Kudos to all that maintain the park and the surrounding facilities! Thank you for providing such a wonderful park.”

Waste Management Fall Clean Up Day

Waste Management will provide a fall curbside collection of White Goods (refrigerators, water heaters, washers, dryers, etc.) and up to four automobile tires (no rims). No additional charge to residents.

Fall Family Fest

Fall Family Fest presented by the Village of Elwood, Children’s Garden located at 801 N Chicago Avenue, on October 2, 2022 from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm. There will be bale tossing, hayrack rides, pony rides, crafts, food, and much more. It’s a fun family event.

Upcoming Village Meetings

Planning and Zoning	Tuesday, September 27 th	7:00 pm
Finance Committee	Tuesday, September 27 th	4:00 pm
Park Committee	Wednesday, September 28 th	5:30 pm
Village Board of Trustees	Wednesday, October 5 th	7:00 pm

Village President – Doug Jenco

Thank you to Larry Lohmar and crew for the great job you guys did cleaning up after that storm we had.

Chief Hayes, thank you for traffic control during and after the storm, Community Days, and National Night out, you guys do a terrific job.

Thank you to Julie Friebele for organizing Elwood Days which is not an easy task. Cup in hand kick ball was great, Jacks Tap won 1st place. Bands were good and everyone had a wonderful time.

Thank you to the Village Board, hats off to you guys, I greatly appreciate all you do.

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 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