



VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES

MEETING OF JANUARY 9, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees, Village of Elwood, January 9, 2019, at 7:00 PM, was called to order by Village President Doug Jenco.

Present: Village Board President Doug Jenco, Village Board Trustees: Don LaPaglia, Jasen Melahn, Joe Berscheid, Mary Lopez, and Darryl Lab

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

Not Present: Village Board Trustee Mary Matichak

The Meeting Opened With the Pledge to the Flag

Presentations and Public Hearings

Village President Jenco presented certificates to the following Joliet Central senior students who reside in Elwood in recognition of the student's academic achievements and overall contributions to the school. Some of the students were unable to attend the meeting; their certificates will be mailed to them.

Kora Joan Bernhard

Kaitlin Ann Facchina

Alexander Robert Gregurich

Isabel Mary Hochleutner

Mikayla Marie Lange

Tara Nichole Tindall

Taylor Erin Voss

Aidan James Walsh

Vanessa Leigh Winters

Public Comments – Pertaining to Agenda Items

- Amy Walsh thanked the Village Board for recognizing the Joliet Central senior students' accomplishments.
- Michelle Peterson noted that today is National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day and thanked the Elwood Police Department for the wonderful job they do.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Melahn to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

Presentation of Minutes – November 28, 2018

Presentation of Minutes – December 5, 2018

Presentation of Closed Session Minutes – December 5, 2018 – Not For Release

Presentation of Bills – Paid Invoice Report November 22, 2018 through December 4, 2018, in the amount of \$53,227.21.

Presentation of Bills – Paid Invoice Report December 6, 2018 through December 14, 2018, in the amount of \$40,315.89.

Presentation of Bills – Unpaid Invoice Report in the amount of \$325,803.49.

Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. A vote was called: Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Melahn – yes, Trustee Berscheid – yes, Trustee Lopez – yes, Trustee Lab – yes. The motion carried.

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Administration – Interim Village Administrator Julie Friebele

November 2018 Financial Report

The November 2018 Financial Report prepared by Finance Director Robbie Day was presented and reviewed. The report was also reviewed during the Finance Committee meeting held on December 18, 2018. The report represents the Village of Elwood's year to date revenues, expenses, and end of the month fund cash balances.

An Ordinance Authorizing and Granting A Franchise to Northern Illinois Gas Company (D/B/A Nicor Gas Company) Its Successors and Assigns, to Construct, Operate and Maintain A Natural Gas Distributing System in and Through the Village of Elwood

This agenda item is pending; no board action was taken.

An Ordinance Adopting the Will County Stormwater Management Regulations

December 18, 2013, the Village of Elwood adopted Ordinance No. 1023 adopting the Will County Stormwater Management Regulations Ordinance effective January 1, 2004, and revised on March 25, 2010, adopted by reference in full as the stormwater management regulations for the Village. On November 15, 2018, Will County adopted Ordinance 18-305 amending Chapter 55, of the Storm Water Management Ordinance. As noted in a letter dated August 15, 2018, from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) no significant changes have been made to the flood hazard data for Will County. For a community to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), it must adopt and enforce floodplain management regulations that meet or exceed the minimum (NFIP) standards and requirements. The adoption of compliant floodplain management measures will provide protection for the Village of Elwood and will ensure its participation in the (NFIP). In addition to the penalties provided in Article 7 of the Will County Stormwater Management Ordinance, anyone deemed to be in violation of the regulations adopted by this chapter shall be fined not more than \$750 for each violation, and every day the violation continues shall constitute a separate offense. A motion was made by Trustee Melahn to forego the final reading and adopt an Ordinance Adopting the Will County Stormwater Management Regulations. Trustee Lab seconded the motion. A vote was called: Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Melahn – yes, Trustee Berscheid – yes, Trustee Lopez – yes, Trustee Lab – yes. The motion carried.

Jackson Township Twilighters Donation Request

Annually the Jackson Township Twilighters submit a letter to the Village Board requesting a monetary donation in support of their organization. The donation funds are used to reduce the individual members cost for senior programs, celebrations, and informational speakers. A motion was made by Trustee LaPaglia to approve the donation request and to make a donation in the amount of \$500.00 to the Jackson Township Twilighters. Trustee Melahn seconded the motion. A vote was called: Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Melahn – yes, Trustee Berscheid – yes, Trustee Lopez – yes, Trustee Lab – yes. The motion carried.

An Ordinance Amending the Ordinance Approving the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2018 and Ending April 30, 2019

Agenda item was moved under actions to be taken following the closed session meeting.

Police Department – Chief Fred Hayes

During the month of November 2018, the Elwood Police Department responded to 447 calls for service. To see additional details about the types of calls residents can visit the Village of Elwood website.

Police officers issued a total of 205 citations for the month of November 2018:

- Local Citations (O.V.) 10
- State Citations 195
- Overweight Violations (1)
- This is a decrease from last year due to a shortage of personnel in the department.

Arrest Report Summary for the month of November 2018:

- Traffic Arrests 24
- Warrant Arrests 6
- Criminal 0

Training Hours in the month of November 2018 in the following category:

OFFICER/SERGEANT	CLASS	DATE	HOURS
Nick Vandal	Courtroom Testimony	11/7/18	8
Ken Jaburek	Taser Risk Management	11/15/18	8
Anthony Lohmar	Live Scan Certification	11/16/18	2
Nick Vandal	Live Scan Certification	11/16/18	2
Nick Adams	Second Division Vehicle Update	11/26/18	8
Ken Jaburek	Second Division Vehicle Update	11/26/18	8
James Hartley	Traffic Incident Management	11/27/18	4
Nick VFandal	Traffic Incident Management	11/27/18	4
Nick Vandal	Pipeline Incident Response	10/22/18	2

Total Training Hours: 46

Public Works – Director of Public Works Larry Lohmar

Department Report

All plow equipment is prepped and ready to go. We ordered and received 160 ton of salt which for now has our salt shed full waiting for the first big snow.

Public works employees spent 1 1/2 weeks cutting trees making access for the grapple excavator to drive along the creek bank while removing some nine (9) beaver dams that the beavers had built causing the water to back up from the south end of town all the way to Hoff road. Crews also spent some time cleaning out the dams the beavers had built inside the twin 48” culverts that go under the railroad tracks. The Village is hiring a trapper to come in and help with this problem; the beavers can build them faster than we can remove them.

Christmas decorations are being removed and put away in storage.

Wooded Cove street light replacement is complete.

The crew will be replacing the lift pumps at the Creekside lift station on Friday under our preventive maintenance program.

Public works crews retrofitted the lights in the Village hall parking lots with LED lights/fixtures. LED lights will save the Village substantially on their electric bills. The ComEd rebate programs help pay for approximately 40-50% of the cost of the new fixtures.

Village Clerk – Julie Friebele

Jackson Township and Village of Elwood partner annually to create holiday baskets to enrich the holidays for individuals in need. Due to this partnership, we were able to assist 40 families with Thanksgiving holiday baskets and 45 families with Christmas holiday baskets.

Upcoming Village Events

- Family Fun Night (games and refreshments) – Friday, January 11, 2019, 6:30pm – 8:00pm
- Family Fun Night (games and refreshments) – Friday, February 1, 2019, 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Village President – Doug Jenco

Village President Jenco wished everyone a Happy New Year!

In recognition of the National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, President Jenco thanked the Elwood Police Department, Trustees: Don LaPaglia a retired officer, and Joe Berscheid a current Will County Deputy, and all the individuals in law enforcement for their service.

Other Business

There was no other business discussed.

Public Comments

Members of the audience did not have public comments.

Closed Session

- i. A motion was made by Trustee LaPaglia to go into closed session to consider the 1) Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance Or Dismissal Of Specific Employee(s), Appointment of Village Official, 2) Collective Bargaining. Trustee Berscheid seconded the motion. A vote was called: Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Melahn – yes, Trustee Berscheid – yes, Trustee Lopez – yes, Trustee Lab – yes. The motion carried.
- ii. A motion was made by Trustee Melahn to reconvene open session. Trustee Lab seconded the motion. A vote was called: A vote was called: Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Melahn – yes, Trustee Berscheid – yes, Trustee Lopez – yes, Trustee Lab – yes. The motion carried.

Actions To Be Taken Following The Closed Session Meeting

Police Sergeant Salary Adjustment

A motion was made by Trustee Lab to approve the Police Sergeant salary adjustment. Trustee Melahn seconded the motion. A vote was called: Village President Jenco – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – no, Trustee Melahn – yes, Trustee Berscheid – no, Trustee Lopez – yes, Trustee Lab – yes. The motion carried.

An Ordinance Amending the Ordinance Approving the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2018 and Ending April 30, 2019

A motion was made by Trustee Melahn to forego the final reading and adopt an Ordinance Amending the Ordinance Approving the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2018 and Ending April 30, 2019, line item transfer from 01-21-2019 to 01-21-100 in the amount of \$5,280.00. Trustee Lab seconded the motion. A vote was called: Village President Jenco – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – no, Trustee Melahn – yes, Trustee Berscheid – yes, Trustee Lopez – yes, Trustee Lab – yes. The motion carried.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee LaPaglia to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Melahn seconded the motion. All the Village Board Trustees present voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

Julie Friebele, Village Clerk