



## **ELWOOD VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 13, 2022**

### **Call to Order**

The Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees, Village of Elwood, July 13, 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, Darryl Lab, and Kendy Elberson

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**

No presentations or public hearings were held.

### **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 – June 1, 2022
- Presentation of Special Meeting Village Board of Trustees – June 22, 2022
- Presentation of Bills – Paid Invoice Report May 28, 2022 through May 31, 2022 in the amount of \$13,835.64.
- Presentation of Bills – Paid Invoice Report June 2, 2022 through June 25, 2022 in the amount of \$2,158,023.50.
- Presentation of Bills – Unpaid Invoice Report in the amount of \$99,048.63.

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

### **Reports & Communications From Village Officials**

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

##### **April 2022 and May 2022 Financial Reports**

The April 2022 and May 2022 Financial Reports, prepared by Finance Director Robbie Day, were presented to the Village Board for review. The reports represent the Village of Elwood's year to date revenues, expenses, and end of the month fund cash balances. The report was reviewed by the Finance Committee at the meeting held on June 28, 2022.

**An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale Of Surplus Real Property Owned By the Village of Elwood and the Execution of a Purchase and Sale Contract With Respect Thereto**

The Village is the owner of the property located at 111 E. Mississippi Avenue. The property is located in the Village’s downtown area and the building has been unoccupied for a number of years. The Village staff desires to sell the property to promote rehabilitation of the downtown area and to encourage economic development. The Village Board approved a listing agreement at the meeting held on February 2, 2022. The Library Board of Trustees is asking the Village Board of Trustees to consider their offer of \$50,000. The property would provide the library to better serve the residents of Elwood. The library has been partnering with Elwood Community Consolidated School District 203 for the past couple of years to provide every student with library cards to share valuable resources.

A motion was made by Trustee Maas to adopt an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale Of Surplus Real Property Owned By the Village of Elwood and the Execution of a Purchase and Sale Contract With Respect Thereto. Trustee Bertucci seconded the motion. A vote was called: Trustee Varman – yes, Trustee Elberson – yes, Trustee Bertucci – yes, Trustee Schmidt – yes, Trustee Lab – yes, Trustee Maas – yes. The motion carried.

**Village Hall AC Filtration System, Replacement of Twenty (20) and Thirty (30) Ton Air Conditioner Units, Air Flow Boxes, and Blower Wheels**

The Village Hall’s air conditioning system is not working properly and is in need of being replaced. The Village received notice that the State of Illinois Non-Entitlement Units are receiving payment from ARPA’s Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery fund. The Village is receiving in total \$303,080.74 and is approved to use the funds for air conditioning and an air filtration system.

At the Special Meeting held on June 22, 2022, the Board approved the replacement of the Elwood Village Hall twenty (20) and thirty (30) ton air conditioners at a cost not to exceed \$275,000 which gave us the opportunity to start the process. The quote from PDM dated July 11, 2022, now also includes the air filtration system which is a key component and is required to use the ARPA Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery funds for this project.

A motion was made by Trustee Elberson to approve the replacement of the Elwood Village Hall Twenty (20) and Thirty (30) Ton Air Conditioner Units and an air filtration system at a cost not to exceed \$303,080.74. Trustee Lab seconded the motion. A vote was called: Trustee Varman – yes, Trustee Elberson – yes, Trustee Bertucci – yes, Trustee Schmidt – yes, Trustee Lab – yes, Trustee Maas – yes. The motion carried.

**Police Department – Chief Fred Hayes – Presented by Sergeant Marc Reid**

**During the Month of May 2022**

The Elwood Police Department responded to 340 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 370 citations:

- Local Citations (O.V.) 2
- State Citations 69
- Overweight Violations (0)
- Monthly Total 71
- 2022 Year to Date Total 614

Arrest Report Summary:

- Traffic Arrests 6
- Warrant Arrests 1
- Criminal 0
- Monthly Total 7
- Year to Date Total 39

**TRAINING REPORT:**

<b>OFFICER</b>	<b>CLASS</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>HOURS</b>
Ken Jaburek	Yoga for First Responders	5/5/22	8
Ed Wright	Emotional survival for Law Enforcement	5/6/22	8
Marc Reid	Emotional survival for Law Enforcement	5/6/22	8
Sarah Zimmerman	LE Defensive Driving for SUV's	5/27/22	8
Sean Swabowski	LE Defensive Driving for SUV's	5/31/22	8
Robert Wellen	LE Defensive Driving for SUV's	5/31/22	8
Ken Jaburek	LE Defensive Driving for SUV's	5/31/22	8

**Total Training Hours: 72**

- National Night Out will be held at Tyler Park on Tuesday, August 2, 2022, from 6-8 pm. Join us for another great year of celebrating with our community!
- The Village currently has a Police Officer vacancy. We will begin the interviewing process of six (6) candidates on July 22, 2022 to fill the vacant position.
- The Village is starting with three (3) Flock cameras and eventually will be increased to five (5). The cameras have been very successful in assisting law enforcement and play a critical role in making communities safer. The cameras only take a picture of the vehicle's license plate, not the driver. If the vehicle has been stolen or is suspected of being in a crime law enforcement will be notified. The Village will not be limited to cameras that we own for services, it gives us the ability to connect and work together with other law enforcement agencies to extend our search capacity. The cameras are installed and will go live next week.

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

**Water Leaks**

The Village had a water leak in our 10" raw water line from Well 10 to the Water Plant. The Public Works Department found a 4" hole in the water line which was promptly repaired.

Public Works also repaired a water leak on Matteson Street.

**Well 10**

Well 10 was down due to equipment malfunction. The repairs were made and Well 10 is now back up running and pumping as normal.

**Concrete**

Village Hall staff entrance sidewalk and steps was in need of replacement. The sidewalk/steps were removed and replaced with an ADA compliant ramp.

A concrete slab was installed to display the Route 66 sign at the visitor's site. The visitor's site is located at the corner of Douglas Street and Mississippi Avenue.

**Surf Wireless**

The Surf Wireless install is ongoing but moving slowly. Each phase must be completed before Surf is allowed to move to the next phase.

**Village Administrator – Julie Friebele**

**Bike Trail Grant**

The Village received a letter regarding the “ Federal Lands Access Program” (FLAP) issued by the Central Bureau of Local Roads and Streets. FLAP provides funding for a federal lands access transportation facility and is defined as a public highway, bridge, trail, or transit system located on, adjacent to, or that provides access to federal lands for which the transportation facility’s jurisdiction or maintenance responsibility is with a state, county, municipality, township, or tribal government. We are applying for this grant for a bike trail.

Since Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery & Midewin are federal lands quite possibly we can receive full funding for a bike path connecting the federal lands from Elwood to the Iron Bridge and safely cross Route 53 to access Midewin Tall Grass Prairie.

**Water Tower Grant**

The Village is beginning the process of applying for a grant for a water tower.

**National Night Out**

Come join us for another great year of celebrating with our community!

The event enhances the relationship between residents and law enforcement in the community. It assists in strengthening neighborhoods and police relations.

- Tyler Park, 101 N Chicago Avenue, Elwood
- Tuesday, August 2, 2022
- Time: 6-8 pm
- Great food, bounce house, raffles, and more!

**Elwood Community Days**

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

Once again, we will need volunteers to assist with the event.

**Upcoming Village Meetings**

Planning and Zoning	Tuesday, July 26 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm
Finance Committee	Tuesday, July 26 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 pm
Park Committee	Wednesday, July 27 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 pm
Village Board of Trustees	Wednesday, Aug 10 <sup>th</sup> (2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday)	7:00 pm

**Village President – Doug Jenco**

- Thank you to everyone that works for the Village, you do a fantastic job.
- We heard that there was some complaints concerning the weeds in the playground area of Tyler Park. The issue was addressed and quickly taken care of.

**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*