



VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees, Village of Elwood, September 4, 2019, at 7:00 PM, was called to order by Village President Doug Jenco.

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

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

The Meeting Opened with the Pledge to the Flag Led By Cub Scout Pack 156 – Webelos II Den

Presentations and Public Hearings

- Eric Andersen from Piper Jaffrey gave a short presentation regarding the Village's bond debt restructuring and the continual dropping of the interest rates.

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 14, 2019
- Presentation of Closed Session Minutes (Not For Release) – August 14, 2019
- Presentation of Bills – Paid Invoice Report August 10, 2019 through August 13, 2019, in the amount of \$535.00.
- Presentation of Bills – Paid Invoice Report August 15, 2019 through August 23, 2019, in the amount of \$57,850.75.
- Presentation of Bills – Unpaid Invoice Report in the amount of \$49,926.96.

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

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Administration – Village Administrator Julie Friebele

July 2019 Financial Report

The July 2019 Financial Report prepared by Finance Director Robbie Day was presented. The report represents the Village of Elwood's year to date revenues, expenses, and end of the month fund cash balances.

Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Village of Elwood and the City of Joliet

It is mutually desirable to construct and operate a controlled emergency water system interconnection of the Elwood system and the Joliet system to allow Joliet to provide potable water to JPower as needed in emergency situations.

The agenda item is pending.

An Ordinance With Respect to Permitting Dogs in a Certain Public Park

On July 10, 2019, the Village Board approved the request to allow dogs in a certain area of Lloyd Erickson Park, and implement a \$20 annual permit fee. In order to enforce the permit and fee, the Board should consider adopting an ordinance with respect to permitting dogs in a certain public park. A motion was made by Trustee Bertucci to adopt an Ordinance with Respect to Permitting Dogs in a Certain Public Park. Trustee Lab seconded the motion. A vote was called: Trustee Maas – yes, Trustee Varman – yes, Trustee Berscheid – yes, Trustee Bertucci – yes, Trustee Schmidt – yes, Trustee Lab – yes. The motion carried.

An Ordinance Levying and Extending A Special Tax in the Village of Elwood Special Service Area Number 1 for Tax Year 2019

In 2003 the Village adopted Ordinance No. 738 establishing Special Service Area Number 1 (SSA) and the tax rate of method set forth in Ordinance No. 735. The annual SSA ordinance contains a special tax roll and report which provides for the special tax to be levied and extended within the area on a basis that provides a rational relationship between the amount of the tax levied against each lot, block, tract and parcel of land in the special service area. Taxes for tax year 2019 shall be levied and extended in the SSA and shall become a lien upon the property as provided by law within the SSA in the amount of \$1,031,683 as set forth in the 2019 tax year special tax roll. Such taxes shall be in addition to all other taxes levied upon the property, shall be billed directly by the Village, shall be due thirty (30) days after mailing and, if not paid, shall be foreclosed as provided by law. A motion was made by Trustee Lab to forego the final reading and adopt an Ordinance Levying and Extending A Special Tax in the Village of Elwood Special Service Area Number 1 for Tax Year 2019. Trustee Varman seconded the motion. A vote was called: Trustee Maas – yes, Trustee Varman – yes, Trustee Berscheid – yes, Trustee Bertucci – yes, Trustee Schmidt – yes, Trustee Lab – yes. The motion carried.

An Ordinance Adopting the Village of Elwood Policies and Procedures for Preparing and Updating Disclosures

SEC Rule 15c2-12 Continuing Disclosure: Continuing disclosure requirements commit an issuer/obligated person to provide certain information on an ongoing basis, that consists of important information about municipal bonds that arise after the initial issuance. This information generally reflects the financial health or operating condition of the state or local government as it changes over time, or the occurrence of a specific event that can impact key features of the bonds, such as a default. Continuing disclosures are intended to assist investors in the suitability of the bond as well as the potential risk. By adopting an ordinance adopting the Village of Elwood policies and procedures for preparing and updating disclosures, the Village will establish procedures, require periodic training where necessary and allow compliance with SEC Rule 15c2-12. A motion was made by Trustee Bertucci to forego the final reading and adopt an Ordinance Adopting the Village of Elwood Policies and Procedures for Preparing and Updating Disclosures. Trustee Lab seconded the motion. A

vote was called: Trustee Maas – yes, Trustee Varman – yes, Trustee Berscheid – yes, Trustee Bertucci – yes, Trustee Schmidt – yes, Trustee Lab – yes. The motion carried.

Location of Flowerpots on Village of Elwood Easements

Joanne Rachke, the moderator of the Elwood History Club, is requesting that the Village allow two (2) permanent flowerpots 24” x 42” to be placed in the Village easements at the corners of Mississippi Avenue and Chicago Street as part of a beautification project. The History Club will fund and implement the entire project. A motion was made by Trustee Bertucci to allow two (2) permanent flowerpots 24” x 42” to be placed in the Village easements at the corners of Mississippi Avenue and Chicago Street as part of a beautification project. Chief Hayes and Director of Public Works Lohmar will approve the placement of the flowerpots so they do not obstruct the sightline of traffic. Trustee Maas seconded the motion. A vote was called: Trustee Maas – yes, Trustee Varman – yes, Trustee Berscheid – yes, Trustee Bertucci – yes, Trustee Schmidt – yes, Trustee Lab – yes. The motion carried.

Police Department – Chief Fred Hayes

During the month of July 2019, the Elwood Police Department responded to 671 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 302 citations for the month of July 2019:

- Local Citations (O.V.) 4
- State Citations 298
- Overweight Violations (32)

Arrest Report Summary for the month of July 2019:

- Traffic Arrests 30
- Warrant Arrests 2
- Criminal 1

Training Hours in the month of July 2019 in the following category:

OFFICER	CLASS	DATE	Hours
James Hartley	ALICE Active Shooter Response	7/5/19	4
Anthony Lohmar	TASER Certification	7/13/19	2
Ken Jaburek	TASER Certification	7/13/19	2
Randy Lightfoot	CPR & First Aid	7/16/19	4
James Hartley	CPR & First Aid	7/16/19	4
Andrew Anderson	CPR & First Aid	7/17/19	4
Nick Vandal	CPR & First Aid	7/17/19	4
Nick Adams	Communication in the Police Environment	7/17/19	5
Nick Adams	Mental Health Awareness	7/18/19	8

Total Training Hours: 37

Oath of Office Police Officer Brad Lande

Village Clerk Julie Friebele administered the Oath of Office to Police Officer Brad Lande

Elwood Police Department Labor Day Enforcement Statistics

The Elwood Police Department conducted 122 traffic stops, made eight (8) arrests and issued 163 traffic citations including a total of 40 seat belt citations during the recent Labor Day “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over? and Click it or Ticket” safety campaign.

The law enforcement effort was funded by federal traffic study funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation as part of “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over? and “Click it or Ticket” programs.

Public Works – Director of Public Works Larry Lohmar

Street Lights:

The new streetlights are installed along Chicago Avenue and at the bridge heading north out of town. This benefits the school children walking home from school and our residents that use the walks along Chicago Avenue.

Parking Lots:

We are in the process of seal coating all of the Village parking lots and walk paths. This process will help to preserve them.

Water Buffalo Boxes and MTU’s:

We are in the process of repairing and replacing multiple water meter buffalo boxes and MTU’s throughout the Village.

Ditch Cleaning:

Public Works cleaned and re-ditched areas in the Village where the water was not draining properly.

Fiber Duct:

We installed 3,700 linear feet of duct for our fiber network.

Village Clerk – Julie Friebele

Fall Cleanup Day

- Monday, September 30th
- Waste Management will pick up:
White goods & up to 4 automobile tires (no rims)

Fall Family Fest

- Elwood Children’s Garden
- Sunday, October 6th
- 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm
- \$12.00 per child
- Crafts, Hayrack Rides, Petting Zoo, and much more.

Triad Picnic Open Invite

- Lloyd Erickson Park
- Tuesday, September 10th
- 10:00 am
- Tour Children's Garden
- Lunch (bring a dish to pass)
- Bingo

Village President – Doug Jenco

- President Jenco thanked all the volunteers that assisted with the Elwood Community Days event. Doug thanked Lori Jenco for organizing the event, which was a great success.

Other Business

There was no other business discussed.

Public Comments

Members of the audience discussed the following topics:

- Thank you to Jodie Bertucci for attending the Joliet Council meeting regarding the proposed Cedar Creek Development
- Elwood Park Street apartments violations concerning refuse/dumpsters
- Sidewalk repairs needed.
- Shipping container on Mississippi Avenue
- Village Newsletter

Closed Session

No Closed Session.

Actions To Be Taken Following The Closed Session Meeting

No closed session, no actions were taken.

Adjournment

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

Julie Frichele, Village Clerk