

MEETING OF JULY 16, 2008

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Village of Elwood, was called to order at 7:00 PM, July 16, 2008. One board member Trustee Matichak absent and Village Administrator Aimee Ingalls absent.

Also present: Ed Graham, Nick Narducci, Robbie Day, Jamie Wilkey from Ahem Auditors, George Passas, Ray Antoni, Floyd Garrett, Lenoard Pulaski, Greg Hickey, Tony Foth, Jim Bosonetta, Bob Bland and Dave Laveck.

Meeting opened with Pledge to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Floyd Garrett, 801 Wyndstone – regarding an article on the Veterans Cemetery on how to get into the cemetery. Would like to know who the article came from.

President Ruban suggested that he check with the post office to see where the flier came from.

Asked about the letter that was received from Jack McGuire's office regarding the closing of Brandon Road.

President Ruban – Joliet had two meetings regarding the closing. Road to be closed between Schweizer and Laraway. July 29th is the final meeting. There are public hearing notices all over the property. At one time was told that they would be straightening out the road.

George Passas, 827 Deer Path – have attended a couple of meetings on the rubbish in the Meadowbrook area. Scott cleaned up the weeds but was instructed not to clean up the area.

President Ruban – it is up to the landowner to clean up the debris.

George Passas – spoke with Officer Dufkis, the clean up was referred to the landowner, citation and fines were imposed. Village cannot go in and clean and maintain the property then put a lien on property. You have ordinances and I want to know why the ordinance are not enforced. You have a water ordinance, are you going to enforce? Must obey the ordinances that are written.

President Ruban – up to property owner to keep lots cleaned.

George Passas – you need to change your ordinance. Gave pictures of the property to trustees to look at.

President Ruban – what is your concern with Meadowbrook?

George Passas – daughter and grandkids live there, if you let things happen then there will be more problems.

The problem is the cost and not in the budget.

Ed Graham – ordinance does exist. Code Enforcement and Public Works have been addressing the issues, weeds and silt fencing. Court proceedings have taken place and fines have been issued. Policy that the individual take care of their property. Removal of debris require some type of removal and cost. Being addressed by the board. See what the Village can do in the next few days.

George Passas – is it the cost?

President Ruban – cost to remove, we feel lot owner is responsible.

George Passas – you have an ordinance that protects residents, ordinance tells you what has to be done and you are not doing that.

President Ruban – concern with weeds.

George Passas – one of my concerns is soil erosion and debris.

President Ruban – working on silt fencing.

Trustee Strawn – you cannot go on private property without getting in trouble.

President Ruban – some of the lots that have been cut need to be cut again.

George Passas – do you enforce the ordinance?

President Ruban – we will have to look over.

George Passas – are you going to enforce the ordinance? What is the next step for residents to do if you do not follow the ordinance?

Ed Graham – concerns of residents can be addressed. Public Works and Code Enforcement have tried to address the problem, get in compliance with codes. Your comments have been heard and will be acted on.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Workshop of June 11, 2008 and the Regular Meeting of June 18, 2008 were presented.

A motion by Trustee Strawn to approve minutes of June 11, 2008 and June 18, 2008 as presented. Seconded by Trustee Jones. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

Bills for the previous month were presented. Also to be included with the bill listing is the addition of the bill for Nick Narducci.

A motion by Trustee Strawn to approve bills as presented included the bill for Nick Narducci. Seconded by Trustee Bernhard. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried.

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED FROM CENTERPOINT INTERMODAL, LLC CONVEYING CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL ESTATE AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT FOR ACCESS THERETO FOR THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD

A motion by Trustee LaPaglia to table Ordinance Accepting a Special Warranty Deed from CenterPoint Intermodal, LLC Conveying Certain Parcels of Real Estate and Authorizing Execution of an Easement

Agreement for Access Thereto for the Village of Elwood. Seconded by Trustee Bernhard. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried.

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PARKING DURING SNOW REMOVAL OPERATIONS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD

Recommendation for 2” snow fall for the entire Village.

A motion by Trustee LaPaglia to approve Ordinance Regulating Parking During Snow Removal Operations Within the Village of Elwood. Seconded by Trustee Jones. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried.
Ordinance 919

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CITY OF CHICAGO’S BID FOR THE 2016 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMIC GAMES BY THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD

President Ruban – this is just to support, no financial obligation.

A motion by Trustee Kucera to approve Resolution Supporting the City of Chicago’s Bid for the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games by the Village of Elwood. Seconded by Trustee Bernhard. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – no, Trustee Strawn – yes. Motion carried.
Resolution 2008-09-01

PRESENTATION OF AUDIT

Nick Narducci introduced Jamie Wilkey from the audit firm of Lauterbach and Amen. They have done our audit for the last three (3) years.

Jamie Wilkey – you have received the Certificate of Achievement for last years audit. Highest level opinion you can receive.
Reviewed the funds and fund balances. Thanked Robbie and Nick for a good audit year.

A motion by Trustee LaPaglia to approve Audit as presented. Seconded by Trustee Strawn. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Strawn – yes. Motion carried.

LETTER OF CREDIT REDUCTION NO. 284

President Ruban – everything in the Letter of Credit has been completed and should be reduced to zero.

A motion by Trustee Jones to reduce the Letter of Credit in the amount of \$81,527.00 to a zero balance for Shoppes of Elwood, Lots 9 and 10. Letter of Credit No. 284. Seconded by Trustee LaPaglia. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Strawn – yes. Motion carried.

PAY REQUEST NO. 19 – WIGHT – Village Hall

Ed Graham – have reviewed the contract and its your best interest to approve the pay request in the amount of \$14,823.00.

A motion by Trustee LaPaglia to approve Pay Request No. 19 for Wight in the amount of \$14,823.00. Seconded by Trustee Strawn. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Strawn – yes. Motion carried.

BOARD REPORTS

Park and Recreation – Trustee LaPaglia

Park Committee working on fall programs.

Park Survey is out and getting responses.

Looking a soft ball, karate and games for seniors.

Soft ball fields, lights required, for right now will only play ball in the afternoon and not evenings.

Gazebo dedication coming up on July 31st.

Guns and Hoses Baseball game scheduled for August 3rd.

Soccer registration going on.

Finance Committee – Trustee Kucera

No report

Public Works – Trustee Strawn

Met with Wight regarding the punch list for the building.

Community Events – Trustee Bernhard

No report

STAFF REPORTS

Police Chief – Dave Albert

No report

Public Works Supervisor – Scott Haywood

No report

EMC – Bob Bland

Environmental Manager was out, seven (7) items out of 300 wrong. Had a couple of problems over the weekend. EMC may keep me on part time to do the paperwork for awhile.

A motion by Trustee Strawn to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Trustee Kucera. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried.

Pat Buchenau
Village Clerk