

MEETING OF AUGUST 27, 2008

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Village of Elwood, was called to order at 7:00 PM, August 27, 2008. Acting President Ruban absent.

Also present: Aimee Ingalls, Ed Graham, L. Haussmann, Dave Albert, Scott Haywood

Meeting opened with Pledge to the Flag.

A motion by Trustee Matichak to appoint Trustee Strawn, Pro Tem President. Seconded by Trustee Bernhard. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mary Ann Morse – asked about the railing to be installed at Watsons?

Scott Haywood – will be done as soon as the pavement markings are done and then we will put up the railing.

Gerald Gruber, 826 Cobblestone – came in to pay my water bill and sign the form that I will be gone for the winter and was told the policy had changed and the water would not be turned off. Talked to Doug Jenco and it doesn't matter if the water is turned off or not. Want to know why the policy has changed. Asking you to review and keep the way it was.

Joe Neese, Deer Path - by turning the water is an insurance for me that nothing will happen while I am gone. I am responsible for what happens inside my home, it is more a peace of mind for me.

Aimee Ingalls – will review our policy.

Trustee Kucera – weeds at Mississippi and St. Louis. Have they been notified?

Aimee Ingalls – will check with Code Enforcement Officer and will get back to you.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Workshop of July 9, 2008 and the Regular Meeting of July 16, 2008 were presented.

A motion by Trustee Matichak to approve Workshop minutes of July 9, 2008 and the Regular meeting of July 16, 2008 as presented. Seconded by Trustee LaPaglia. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

Bills for the previous month were presented. Trustee Matichak asked questions.

A motion by Trustee Kucera to approve bills as presented. Seconded by Trustee Bernhard. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Matichak – yes, Acting Pro Tem President Strawn – yes. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION BY MANHATTAN LIBRARY

Kim Ciuffini representing the library. Building a library in Elwood, the current building is too small. Would like to have two (2) buildings, one in Elwood and one in Manhattan. Elwood would be in the same library district. Would like a campus setting. Drawings will be started soon. Would like your support and consideration to hold the property here and possibly donate land for the library.

Trustee Matichak – would you consider one large building instead of two?

Kim Ciuffini - feel it would be beneficial to have two buildings. People want a building here and we have also considered the cost. This will require a referendum.

GAS CITY – TRANSPORTATION ACCESS

A representative of Gas City asked for the support for a right-in, right-out access. Will be a 6,900 square foot retail center. Was originally planned for twenty (20) parking spaces, will back some of the out and revised the plan. No truck stopping. Hours of operation will be 5 AM to 11 PM, and no overnight parking. Asking for support with IDOT for the right-in, right-out access.

Trustee LaPaglia – reduce truck spots, do you have a traffic study from EPA regarding emissions? Need a study.

Representative of Gas City – we have reduced spots to twelve (12).

Lyman Tieman, Attorney for Gas City – will beef up landscaping. Our site abuts retention pond. No access easement on Route 53. Need your support for the access to Route 53.

Aimee Ingalls – you have a copy of a draft letter to IDOT that was drafted by Village Engineer. Asking to support the right-in and right-out. Also asking permission for the Village Administrator to sign the letter.

A motion by Trustee LaPaglia to accept letter and have Village Administrator sign. Seconded by Trustee Kucera. 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

Trustee LaPaglia – working with CenterPoint to correct some issues.

Aimee Ingalls – this ordinance is a carry over, working with CenterPoint, we have not come to a complete resolution, would like to work with them.

A motion by Trustee LaPaglia to table 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. Seconded by Trustee Jones. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried.

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCES 696 AND 781 IN THEIR ENTIRETY AND ESTABLISHING VEHICLE WEIGHT LIMITS, DIMENSIONS, TRUCK ROUTES AND PERMITS FOR THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD

Aimee Ingalls – Lou Haussmann from Baxter Woodman here to explain.

Lou Haussmann – a new ordinance for truck traffic, raised local weight limit to six tons, making provisions for commercial delivery. Variance for utilizing more than twelve deliveries a month, fee table has been modified.

A motion by Trustee LaPaglia to approve An Ordinance Repealing Ordinances 696 and 781 in their Entirety and Establishing Vehicle Weight Limits, Dimensions, Truck Routes and Permits for the Village of Elwood. Seconded by Trustee Matichak. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried. Ordinance 920

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND/OR APPROVING THE PLACEMENT OF CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES AND REPEALING ORDINANCE 802 WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD

Lou Haussmann – updating yearly on all traffic control devices. Change in weight limit and snow route signs.

A motion by Trustee LaPaglia to approve An Ordinance Establishing and/or Approving the Placement of Certain Traffic Control Devices and Repealing Ordinance 802 Within the Village of Elwood. Seconded by Trustee Bernhard. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried. Ordinance 921

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A BOARD OF APPEALS FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT FOR THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD

Aimee Ingalls explained that under the Property Maintenance Code the violators have a right to appeal to a board. We have three (3) members that have agreed to serve and one (1) alternate.

Trustee Matichak – how many times can they appeal?

Aimee Ingalls – one time appeal.

A motion by Trustee LaPaglia to approve An Ordinance Establishing a Board of Appeals for Code Enforcement for the Village of Elwood. Seconded by Trustee Kucera. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried. Ordinance 922

APPROVAL OF BID PROPOSALS

Crack Sealing and Pavement Marking

Scott Haywood explained that they are basically doing truck routes. The low bidder for Crack Sealing was Scodeller Construction Co. in the amount of \$52,538.90 and Pavement Marking was Mark It Corp. for \$86,856.05. Recommendation from CTE to approve.

A motion by Trustee LaPaglia to accept the bid for Crack Sealing with Scodeller Construction in the amount of \$52,538.90. Seconded by Trustee Matchak. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Matchak – yes, Acting Pro Tem President Strawn – yes. Motion carried.

A motion by Trustee Matchak to accept the bid for Pavement Marking with Mark It Corp in the amount of \$86,856.05. Seconded by Trustee LaPaglia. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Matchak – yes, Acting Pro Tem President Strawn – yes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BID PROPOSALS

2008 Street Resurfacing Program

Lou Haussmann explained the program will come from MFT Funds. Will overlay Wood Street, Spencer Street, Gardner Street and a section of Baybury Drive. Will be a temporary overlay. Bids were opened and the low bidder was D Construction in the amount of \$85,756.16. Baxter Woodman is recommending to award the contract to D Construction. Will start later in September, they have a time limit.

A motion by Trustee Kucera to accept the bid for 2008 Street Resurfacing Program to D Construction in the amount of \$85,756.16. Seconded by Trustee Jones. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Matchak – yes, Acting Pro Tem President Strawn – yes. Motion carried.

CUSTOMER SERVICE AGREEMENT – CALL ONE

Aimee Ingalls – contract for our local phone rates. Will have to renew contract in December 2008. Rates per call. Suburban Purchase Coop thru Will County Governmental League which we are a member will be going out for bid on rates. Need you to allow Village Administrator to accept the low bid and proceed.

A motion by Trustee LaPaglia to allow Village Administrator to accept low bid and sign for Customer Service Agreement for Call One. Seconded by Trustee Jones. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Matchak – yes, Acting Pro Tem President Strawn – yes. Motion carried.

FINAL CHANGE ORDER – WIGHT – VILLAGE HALL

Aimee Ingalls – final change order with a refund balance of contingency in the amount of \$10,000.00. Job getting ready to be closed out.

Trustee Matchak – have they done everything that needs to be done?

Aimee Ingalls – everything is under warranty.

A motion by Trustee Kucera to approve Change Order for Wight in the amount of \$10,000.00. Seconded by Trustee LaPaglia. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Matchak – yes, Acting Pro Tem President Strawn – yes. Motion carried.

PAY REQUEST – UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD CROSSING

Wayside Signal (Detection of Incoming Trains and Sidewalk Extension

Aimee Ingalls – there are two pay requests, same job, part of Mississippi, IDOT and State paid a portion. One request for \$107,320.54 and one for \$747.70. Total due \$108,068.24. Work completed and CTE recommend approval.

A motion by Trustee Matchak to approve payment of two requests in the amount of \$108,068.24. Seconded by Trustee LaPaglia. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Matchak – yes, Acting Pro Tem President Strawn – yes. Motion carried.

PAY REQUEST – VILLAGE HALL

Bond Payment Request

Aimee Ingalls – this a payment for interest on bond for Village Hall. In the amount of \$145,923.75.

A motion by Trustee LaPaglia to approve payment for interest on the bond for the Village Hall in the amount of \$145,923.75. Seconded by Trustee Jones. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Matchak – yes, Acting Pro Tem President Strawn – yes. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee Matchak – regarding water shut off. Why should everyone be penalized, I agree with Gerry Gruber.

Aimee Ingalls – will be an agenda item in September. Pay minimum per month, everyone pays minimum bill monthly.

Trustee Matchak – can public works dig up dead trees.

Scott Haywood – doing a survey on tree.

BOARD REPORTS

Park and Recreation Committee – Trustee LaPaglia

Talked to CenterPoint to see if we can take over parks. Something needs to be done. Soccer going. Adult fall programs, softball and fitness being planned.

Finance Committee – Trustee Kucera

Nothing to report

Public Works – Trustee Strawn

Nothing to report

Community Events – Trustee Bernhard

Nothing to report

STAFF REPORTS

Village Administrator – Aimee Ingalls

My report is in your book

Police Chief – Dave Albert

Explained about the program of ILES. We are partnering with the Fire Department. Will be able to get equipment for police and fire. Will be

getting about \$150,000 worth of equipment, no cost to Village. Will use our agency as a Training Center.

Public Works Supervisor – Scott Haywood

Little Park – the door frame that was destroyed on the bathroom came in today. The bathrooms will be up and operational by Community Days. Parking lot paved at the two (2) pavilions that were installed. Community Day banners have been installed.

EMC

Jeff Saylor, Area Manager for EMC – proposal to continue the partnership, we are staffing two full time operators and one manager for a twenty-four hour operation. Bob Bland has resigned and Corey Byington is the Facility Manager.

Corey Byington – was a quite month, one main issue, several boil orders and they came back clean.

Acting Pro Tem President Strawn asked for a moment of silent prayer in memory of President Ruban.

A motion by Trustee Matchak to go into Executive Session for the following items: 1) Executive Session Minutes, 2) Personnel and 3) Village Administrator Contract. Seconded by Trustee LaPaglia. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Matchak – yes, Acting Pro Tem President Strawn – yes. Motion carried.

A motion by Trustee Matchak to go back in open session. Seconded by Trustee LaPaglia. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Matchak – yes, Acting Pro Tem President Strawn – yes. Motion carried.

ACTION AUTHORIZED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion by Trustee LaPaglia to approve Executive Session minutes of January 16, 2008 with amendment and not release due to Litigation. The salary section can be released. Seconded by Trustee Bernhard. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried.

A motion by Trustee LaPaglia to approve Executive Session minutes of February 13, 2008, Litigation can be released. Seconded by Trustee Jones. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried.

A motion by Trustee Matchak to approve Executive Session minutes of March 19, 2008 and release. Seconded by Trustee LaPaglia. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried.

A motion by Trustee Matchak to approve Executive Session minutes of April 16, 2008 and do not release. Seconded by Trustee Kucera. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried.

Trustee Strawn asked if the whole board has to review the minutes?

Ed Graham stated that all Trustees present at the meeting must review the minutes.

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

Pat Buchenau
Village Clerk