

MEETING OF OCTOBER 15, 2008

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Village of Elwood, was called to order at 7:00 PM, October 15, 2008. All board members present.

Also present: Aimee Ingalls, Ed Graham, Scott Haywood, and Dave Albert

Meeting opened with Pledge to Flag.

APPOINTMENT OF VILLAGE TRUSTEE

President Strawn presented Bob Wagner to be appointed as a Village Trustee to fill vacancy.

A motion by Trustee Kucera to approve the appointment of Bob Wagner as Trustee to fill the vacancy. Motion seconded by Trustee Bernhard. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Matichak – pass.
Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Elaine Pochiro representing Hartz Construction. Commenting on the revised Comprehensive Plan. The revision of the comprehensive plan affects 58 acres of their property. Splits their property in two, will locate single family next to industrial and the industrial part would have no truck access, did not require CenterPoint to extend the road, Mississippi was built with higher standards, no traffic on Mississippi. Think about this and ask staff to go back and work on.

Ed Graham – defer until action this evening.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Workshop of September 10, 2008 and the Regular Meeting of September 17, 2008 were presented.

A motion by Trustee Matchak to approve the minutes of the Workshop of September 10, 2008 and the Regular Meeting of September 17, 2008. Motion seconded by Trustee LaPaglia. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

Bills for the previous month were presented.

A motion by Trustee Kucera to approve bills as presented. Motion seconded by Trustee LaPaglia. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Matchak – yes, Trustee Wagner – yes. Motion carried.

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN OFFICIAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD

Aimee Ingalls – the Comprehensive Plan had Public Hearing with the Zoning and Planning Board, was recommended for approval. There were public comments made during the public hearing and have been taken into consideration.

A motion by Trustee Jones for approval of Comprehensive Plan for the Village of Elwood. Motion seconded by Trustee LaPaglia. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Matchak – yes, Trustee Wagner – yes. Motion carried. Ordinance 923

AN ORDINANCE ABATING CERTAIN REAL ESTATE TAXES HERETOFORE
LEVIED FOR THE TAX LEVY YEAR 2008 FOR THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL
AND INTEREST ON GENERAL OBLIGATION IMPROVEMENT BONDS,
SERIES 2005 HERETOFORE ISSUED BY THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD

A motion by Trustee LaPaglia to approve An Ordinance Abating Certain Real Estate Taxes Heretofore Levied for the Tax Levy Year 2008 for the Payment of Principal and Interest on General Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2005 Heretofore Issued by the Village of Elwood. Motion seconded by Trustee Jones. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Matichak – yes, Trustee Wagner – yes. Motion carried. Ordinance 924

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING SOLICITATION, PEDDLING AND
CANVASSING ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD

Aimee Ingalls – recommending to table.

A motion by Trustee Kucera to table An Ordinance Regulating Solicitation, Peddling and Canvassing Activities within the Village of Elwood. Motion seconded by Trustee Jones. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried.

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING POLICIES FOR HIRING NON-MANAGEMENT
(FULL TIME, PART TIME AND SEASONAL) EMPLOYEES FOR THE VILLAGE
OF ELWOOD

Aimee Ingalls – needs to be an adjustment in the policy,

Ed Graham – should be an amendment that action to be taken by Village Administrator and not the board. Recommend to table until the November meeting.

A motion by Trustee LaPaglia to table An Ordinance Adopting Policies for Hiring Non-Management (Full Time, Part Time and Seasonal)

Employees for the Village of Elwood. Motion seconded by Trustee Jones. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried.

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN IDENTITY THEFT PREVENTION PROGRAM FOR THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD

Ed Graham – this is a federal government mandate, we are a creditor. Village mandated to adopt policy to help defer identity theft, must be in place by November 1, 2008.

A motion by Trustee LaPaglia to approve An Ordinance Establishing an Identity Theft Prevention Program for the Village of Elwood. Motion seconded by Trustee Jones. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried.

Ordinance 925

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE EMPLOYMENT HANDBOOK FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD NOT OTHERWISE GOVERNED BY A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT.

Aimee Ingalls – recommending to table.

A motion by Trustee LaPaglia to table Resolution Amending the Employment Handbook for the Employees of the Village of Elwood Not Otherwise Governed by a Collective Bargaining Agreement. Motion seconded by Trustee Kucera. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried.

O'CONNOR – IRA MORGAN (Staff Recommendation)

A motion by Trustee Matichak to approve the re-naming of Walter Strawn Road to Ira Morgan Road. Motion seconded by Trustee Kucera. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – no, Trustee Matichak – yes, Trustee Wagner – yes. Motion carried.

SECONDARY EMPLOYMENT – Police Department

Aimee Ingalls – current procedures, looking at additional policy with indemnification agreement. Need something from labor attorney, this applies to the police.

MEADOWBROOK SUBDIVISION – Incomplete Improvements

Aimee Ingalls – received a letter from Chalen’s Attorney in response to the letter written by Ed Graham for improvements in Meadowbrook #5. Staff needs time to review and bring a plan back to you. He will do the snow plowing. I have talked to the developer. Letter not clear as to what he is willing to do.

Ed Graham – had an agreement that this would be taken care of this year. Consider action in November that would protect the Village and the residents.

BOARD REPORTS

The following boards had nothing to report.

Park and Recreation Committee

Finance Committee

Public Works

Community Events

Trustee Matichak thanked Public Works for the new trees.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

The following departments made the following report.

Police – Chief Albert – reported on letter to IDOT regarding traffic count.

EMC – Corey Byington – with the rain we had, there was flooding and went over our limits.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion by Trustee LaPaglia for Executive Session for discussion on Litigation. Motion seconded by Trustee Jones. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Matichak – yes, Trustee Wagner – yes. Motion carried.

BACK IN OPEN SESSION

A motion by Trustee Bernhard to return to open session. Motion seconded by Trustee Kucera. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Matichak – yes, Trustee Wagner – yes. Motion carried.

ACTION ON ISSUES RAISED THROUGH EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action to be taken.

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

Pat Buchenau
Village Clerk