

MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, Village of Elwood, was called to order at 7:00 PM, September 21, 2011 by President Offerman. Trustee Matichak absent.

Also present: Nick Narducci, Tom Gilbert, Chief Nick Weiss and Max Bosso

Meeting opened with Pledge to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Matt from Sunshine Foods, 108 E. Mississippi – regarding a request for a Class B Liquor License, would like the board to re-consider the request.

HARTZ PRESENTATION

Charles Smith from Arete Knight Architects presented a slide presentation on Elwood Business Park located on the Hartz property. Concept plan was presented a year ago, re-position due to the market changing, develop more market opportunities. Doing a business park, want your input with anticipation to bring to the market. 400 acres with woods and rough terrain on the back of the property, 204 acres to be developed, concern about the image of project and landscaping. Be able to respond to market over a period of years, potential of jobs being created, additional housing in area, looking for space close to the intermodal to generate jobs and income.

President Offerman – trucking is a huge business in this community.

Carl Smith – traffic will be minimal.

President Offerman - asked about lots being smaller.

Carl Smith – want to keep lots smaller.

President Offerman – asked about more landscaping.

Carl Smith – yes, develop an ordinance that will go along with this project.

President Offerman – no TIF.

Carl Smith – we are looking for concept plan, TIF not on the table.

President Offerman – will this connect with the property across Route 53?

Carl Smith – retail is up for grabs, we are working on property around town square and not Route 53.

Trustee Melahn – looks good and needs to be checked into, good for growth and business

President Offerman – will talk with board and public for comments. Thanked them for the presentation.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES – Special Meeting, July 27, 2011 and Regular Meeting, August 17, 2011

Motion was made by Trustee Melahn to approve minutes of Special Meeting of July 27, 2011 as presented. Motion was seconded by Trustee LaPaglia. A voice vote was called: Trustee Jenco – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Melahn – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Trustee LaPaglia to approve minutes of Regular Meeting of August 17, 2011 as presented. Motion was seconded by Trustee Melahn. A voice vote was called: Trustee Jenco – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Melahn – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

Motion was made by Trustee Jones to approve bills as presented in the amount of \$179,475.24. Motion was seconded by Trustee Jenco. A voice vote was called: Trustee Jenco – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Melahn – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes. Motion carried.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT – August 31, 2011

Motion was made by Trustee Melahn to approve Monthly Financial Report as presented. Motion was seconded by Trustee Jones. A voice vote was called: Trustee Jenco – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Melahn – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes. Motion carried.

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT TO SECTION 162.071 I-4 LARGE-SCALE INDUSTRIAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT OF THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD ZONING ORDINANCE

Nick Narducci – this is a text amendment to the zoning ordinance, part of the settlement agreement with DECO Loan.

Motion was made by Trustee Melahn to approve An Ordinance Approving a Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment to Section 162.071 I-4 Large-Scale Industrial Planned Development District of the Village of Elwood Zoning Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Trustee Jenco. A voice vote was called: Trustee Jenco – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee

LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Melahn – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes. Motion carried. Ordinance 988

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD, SECTION 160.11 WITH RESPECT TO ENGINEERING FEES

Max Bosso – engineering fees to pay consultant, establish hourly rates to be charged to developers for engineering fees and other fees. I will be acting as the Village Engineer.

Motion by Trustee LaPaglia to approve An Ordinance Amending the Code of the Village of Elwood Section 160.11 With Respect to Engineering Fees. Motion was seconded by Trustee Jones. A voice vote was called: Trustee Jenco – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Melahn – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes. Motion carried. Ordinance 989

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OR DISPOSAL OF CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD

Max Bosso – we have taken an inventory of old property that needs to be discarded. Some of the items are with the police department, maintenance and computer equipment.

Motion was made by Trustee LaPaglia to approve An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale or Disposal of Certain Personal Property Owned by the Village of Elwood. Motion was seconded by Trustee Melahn. A voice vote was called: Trustee Jenco – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Melahn – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes. Motion carried. Ordinance 990

RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN OFFICIAL ZONING MAP 2011

Nick Narducci – required to up-date annually. Two large annexations have been included on this map, Army Property and Abraham Lincoln Cemetery. Zoning and Planning has approved the zoning map.

Motion was made by Trustee LaPaglia to approve Resolution Adopting an Official Zoning Map 2011. Motion was seconded by Trustee Jones. A voice vote was called: Trustee Jenco – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Melahn – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes. Motion carried. Resolution 2011-2012-2

VIDEO GAMING

Tom Gilbert – this bill is two years old, the state gets a percentage of tax off the gambling machines and the Village is entitled to 1/6 percent. We do not have to do anything, if you want to stop then you have to adopt an ordinance prohibiting gambling. There can also be a public referendum to stop the gambling. Home Rule communities can impose a fee per terminal per year and you have to decide if you want to do that.

RECOMMENDATION FOR PAYMENT

Payment Estimate – Gardner Street - \$10,445.12, Capital Improvement Phase 2 - \$170,961.99 and Diagonal Road Culvert - \$121,105.74

Max Bosso – we have five projects going on right now, explained the three projects for payment. The Diagonal Road Culvert has a 5% retainage being held.

Motion was made by Trustee Melahn to approve payment estimates for Gardner Street in the amount of \$10,445.12, Capital Improvement Phase 2 in the amount of \$170,961.99 and Diagonal Road Culvert in the amount of \$121,105.74. Motion was seconded by Trustee LaPaglia. A voice vote was called: Trustee Jenco – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Melahn – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police – Chief Weiss

Revenue from the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the month was \$48,873.74.

The following citations were issued 96 traffic citations, 161 ordinance violation citations and 26 warning citations, of the ordinance violation citations 28 were for overweight truck violations.

Ten arrests were made for the month.

Reported on the theft investigation of paper products and plastic cutlery from the Georgia-Pacific warehouse, two subjects were arrested and in custody.

Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program was a budget request. We are the smallest agency to complete Tier 2 which has 183 standards to comply. An accredited agency will remain accredited for a term of four years.

Policy and Procedure Manual almost completed a lot of paper work already done.

Public Works – Max Bosso

Progress on Projects – reviewed the status of the projects.

Resident Call Log – since last board meeting had 31 resident inquiries, 27 have been addressed or answered four items unresolved should be completed within the next 30-45 days.

Illiana meeting was held September 19th, three main paths of highway and in the progress of preparing maps.

IDOT Meeting – Route 53 & Illiana- realize that a traffic signal is needed at Route 53 and Hof Road, doing a study to be completed in January.

Miscellaneous – not moving forward with the project of replacing HVAC system from gas to electric, Com Ed will not provide free electricity for heating purposes, only for cooling purposes.

Tree Clean Up – Public Works worked very hard to clean up trees after the storm, hired Homer Tree Service to come in and help, they worked two full days and still did not get done. Tried to get done before Community Days but was unable to accomplish.

President Offerman thanked them for all their hard work getting the trees cleaned up.

EMC – Corey Byington

No report

Parks – Jamie Mack

Thanked the Community Day Committee for a great turn out and a lot of fun.

Nick Narducci and I have met with Route 66 Red Carpet Corridor we are the only community that does not participate, working on putting something together for next year.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT COMMENTS

Cruise Nights – thanked Julie Friebele, Nick Narducci and Laurie Machen for all their hard work.

Community Days – volunteers worked hard, read the names of the committee Vic Lopez, Lori Jenco, Mike Walsh, Mary Lopez, Bob Gualandi, Debbie Christopher, Carolyn Kavanaugh, Maggie Meadows, Michelle Marek and Debi Holt. A very successful Community Days.

Thanked Public Works for their hard work after the storm for cleaning up the trees.

Thanked the administrative staff, Robbie, Julie, Jamie and Pat for putting the float together for the community day parade.

CLOSED SESSION – Personnel

Motion was made by Trustee LaPaglia to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel. Motion was seconded by Trustee Jenco. A voice vote was called: Trustee Jenco – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Melahn – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes. Motion carried.

ACTION ON ISSUES RAISED THROUGH CLOSED SESSION

President Offerman – on December 31st of this year, Nick Weiss will be leaving due to the age 65 requirement of the Village. Pat Kerr wants to go back to part time work and does not want to step into Nick Weiss position. Fred Hayes interested in coming to Elwood in the position of Chief. Asking the board to hire Fred Hayes effective November 1, 2011 as Chief of Police and will work out a contract with him.

Motion was made by Trustee Jenco to hire Fred Hayes effective November 1, 2011 as Chief of Police. Motion was seconded by Trustee Melahn. A voice vote was called: Trustee Jenco – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Melahn – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Trustee LaPaglia to adjourn meeting. Motion was seconded by Trustee Melahn. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried.

Pat Buchenau
Village Clerk

