

MEETING OF MARCH 16, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, Village of Elwood, was called to order at 7:00 PM, March 16, 2011 by President Offerman. The following Trustees were absent – Matichak and Jones.

Also present: Nick Narducci, Tom Gilbert, Nick Weiss, Scott Haywood

Meeting opened with Pledge to the Flag. Pledge to the flag was assisted by Girl Scout Troop 33.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 16, 2011 were presented.

Motion was made by Trustee Kucera to approve minutes of Regular Meeting of February 16, 2011 as presented. Motion was seconded by Trustee Bernhard. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes, President Offerman – yes. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

Bills for the previous month were presented, in the amount of \$190,407.07.

Motion was made by Trustee Kucera to approve the bills in the amount of \$190,407.07. Motion was seconded by Trustee Bernhard. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes, President Offerman – yes. Motion carried.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Motion was made by Trustee Kucera to approve Monthly Financial Report as presented. Motion was seconded by Trustee Ruban. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes, President Offerman – yes. Motion carried.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CEDING OF PRIVATE ACTIVITY BONDING AUTHORITY FOR THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD

Nick Narducci explained the ordinance, Village of Elwood is home rule and provides private activity bonds at \$90.00 per capita, which we bank with this organization. Recommend approval of this ordinance.

Motion was made by Trustee Ruban to approve An Ordinance Authorizing the Ceding of Private Activity Bonding Authority for the Village of Elwood. Motion was seconded by Trustee Bernhard. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes, Village President Offerman – yes. Motion carried.
Ordinance 981

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

Tom Gilbert – recommend to table until the April Workshop meeting.

Motion was made by Trustee Bernhard to table the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Motion was seconded by Trustee Kucera. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes, Village President Offerman – yes. Motion carried.

2011 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – Awarding of Contract to Austin Tyler Construction

Scott Haywood – explained the project to grind and overlay the streets in Meadowbrook, grind and overlay in Wooded Cove, Brandon Road from bridge on Chicago to Noel Road, parking lot at Lloyd Erickson Park,

South Street and Park Street repainting. Recommendation from Baxter Woodman to approve, the contract is for \$937,606.58.

Trustee Kucera asked what will start first.

Scott Haywood – have not had the pre-construction conference yet, waiting for asphalt plants to open.

Motion was made by Trustee Ruban to approve the 2011 Capital Improvement Program for Austin Tyler in the amount of \$937,606.58. Motion was seconded by Trustee Kucera. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes, Village President Offerman – yes. Motion carried.

GARDNER STREET CONSTRUCTION – Awarding of Contract to Austin Tyler Construction

Scott Haywood – explained this is for the reconstruction of Gardner Street, we also have a \$400,000 grant and the Village will have to pay \$52,531.21. Recommendation from Baxter Woodman to approve, the contract is for \$452,531.21.

Motion was made by Trustee Ruban to approve the Gardner Street Construction to Austin Tyler in the amount of \$452,531.21. Motion was seconded by Trustee Bernhard. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes, Village President Offerman – yes. Motion carried.

DEER RUN SITE IMPROVEMENTS – Phase 2 – Awarding of Contract to D Construction

Scott Haywood – Phase 2 which includes completion of project, tennis court, ball field, walking path, playground equipment and fencing around ball field. This contract does not include the pavilion. Low

bidder was D Construction in the amount of \$477,891.46, with recommendation from Baxter Woodman to approve the contract.

Trustee Ruban – when will they finish.

Scott Haywood – hoping to start soon, would like to get ball fields in before fall.

Trustee Ruban – do they have a time frame to complete?

Scott Haywood – they will be given a number of days and then the weather needs to be considered.

This project is part of an Oslad Grant and we have three years to finish the project. Village was given a donation of \$400,000.00 and a grant of \$400,000.00, there will be no funds from the Village.

Trustee Kucera asked about a pavilion.

Scott Haywood – still working on.

Motion was made by Trustee Kucera to approve Deer Run Site Improvements, Phase 2, to D Construction in the amount of \$477,891.46. Motion was seconded by Trustee Ruban. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes, Village President Offerman – yes. Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR DONATION – Elwood Jr. High Eighth Grade Banquet

Motion was made by Trustee Ruban to donate \$200.00 to the Elwood Jr. High Eighth Grade Banquet. Motion was seconded by Trustee Bernhard. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes, Village President Offerman – yes. Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR DONATION – Joliet Area Community Hospice

Village President Offerman – we have not donated to them, they have never sent a request.

Motion was made by Trustee Ruban to donate \$750.00 to the Joliet Area Community Hospice. Motion was seconded by Trustee Kucera. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes, Village President Offerman – yes. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

TRUSTEE REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Trustee Bernhard – garage sales in June.

Trustee Jones – absent

Trustee Kucera – nothing

Trustee Matichak – absent

Trustee Ruban – nothing

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police – Chief Nick Weiss

Traffic Citations Issued 63

Ordinance Violation Citations 87

Warning Citations 24

Arrests 7

Training - reported on training that was completed during the month, three officers completed. Pat Kerr conducted use of force training.

Policy and Procedure Manual – second group of orders were issued covering several topics.

Public Works – Scott Haywood

The following are statistics for the Public Works during the snow removal operation.

34.2 inches of snow disposed of during the 19 snow events

221.5 hours of overtime at a cost of \$5,796.25

\$12,045.55 spent on snow removal supplies and equipment repairs

758 tons of bulk road salt and 9,000 pounds of salt on sidewalks

Waste Management would like to schedule town wide clean up for May 2, 2011.

EMC – Corey Byington

Nothing to report

Parks – Jamie Mack

Jackson Township Twilighter's will start with the fitness program, April 4th from 9:00 – 11:00 am. There will be two volunteers all the time, no charge to those that use the fitness circuit.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT COMMENTS

Thank you letter from the Senior Citizens for the donation received from the Village.

CLOSED SESSION

No business to conduct

ACTION ON ISSUES RAISED THROUGH CLOSED SESSION

No action

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

Pat Buchenau
Village Clerk