

MEETING OF OCTOBER 21, 2009

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Village of Elwood, was called to order at 7:00 PM, October 21, 2009 by President Offerman. All board members present.

Also present: Nick Narducci, Dave Albert, Scott Haywood, and Attorneys representing Ottosen Britz Kelly Cooper & Gilbert.

Meeting opened with Pledge to Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bob King, 311 N. Chicago Street – asked if any action has been taken on the petition that was submitted last meeting.

President Offerman – no action has been taken.

Bob King – you must do what is best for the Village need to hear both sides of the story. We are concerned about these problems. Board to solve, officers do want you to hear their side of the story. We want our Village back.

Floyd Garrett, 801 Wyndstone Drive – problem with sixteen mail boxes in a row, need no parking signs so people can get to the boxes to get their mail. Problem with pets, a resident has six cats. One condo has too many people living in, would like to have an ordinance as to how many can live in one residence.

Tinley Park has an ordinance on how many people can be in one residence, we need to have an ordinance.

APPOINTMENTS

President Offerman – did not re-appoint Law Offices of Ed Graham as Village Attorney. Temporarily appointing Ottosen Britz Kelly Cooper & Gilbert LTD as Village Attorney.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

The following minutes were presented – Workshop, September 9, 2009 and Regular Meeting, September 16, 2009.

Motion was made by Trustee Matichak to approve Workshop Minutes of September 9, 2009. Motion seconded by Trustee Jones. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee Matichak – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes, Trustee Wagner – yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Matichak to approve minutes of Regular Meeting of September 16, 2009. Motion seconded by Trustee Jones. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee Matichak – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes, Trustee Wagner – yes. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

Bills for the previous month were presented.

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

FINANCIAL MONTHLY REPORT

Nick Narducci – no report, did not have a Finance Committee meeting.

AN ORDINANCE ABATING CERTAIN REAL ESTATE TAXES HERETOFORE
LEVIED FOR THE TAX LEVY YEAR 2009 FOR THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL
AND INTEREST ON GENERAL OBLIGATION IMPROVEMENT BONDS,
SERIES 2005 HERETOFORE ISSUED BY THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD

Nick Narducci explained the ordinance, every year we abate the taxes on the general obligation bonds, by abating the taxes, does not appear on the property tax bill.

Motion was made by Trustee Wagner to approve An Ordinance Abating Certain Real Estate Taxes Heretofore Levied for the Tax Levy Year 2009 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 Kucera. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee Matichak – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes, Trustee Wagner – yes. Motion carried. Ordinance 950

AN ORDINANCE RECONSTITUTING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE
VILLAGE OF ELWOOD

Motion was made by Trustee Jones to table action until the November meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Wagner. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING “THE OFFICIAL ZONING ORDINANCE”
KNOWN AS ORDINANCE 656 RELATED TO THE PARKING AND STORAGE
OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, BOATS AND SNOWMOBILES ON TRAILERS
WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD

Motion was made by Trustee Kucera to table action until the November meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Bernhard. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried.

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AND EXTENDING A SPECIAL TAX IN THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD SPECIAL SERVICE AREA NUMBER 1 FOR TAX YEAR 2009

Nick Narducci explained the ordinance. Ordinance is for SSA in the Industrial Park, they pay for services supplied by the Village. We re-coop what we can.

Motion was made by Trustee Jones to approve An Ordinance Levying and Extending a Special Tax in the Village of Elwood Special Service Area Number 1 for Tax Year 2009. Motion seconded by Trustee Wagner. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee Matichak – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes, Trustee Wagner – yes. Motion carried. Ordinance 951

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A POLICY GOVERNING FINAL COMPENSATION PAYMENTS TO SEPARATED EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING MANAGEMENT, NON-MANAGEMENT, FULL TIME, PART TIME AND SEASONAL EMPLOYEES AND WORKER'S COMPENSATION SETTLEMENTS FOR THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD

Motion was made by Trustee Wagner to table action until the November meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Jones. All voted in favor of motion with one (1) nay. Motion carried.

LETTER REGARDING ARTIFACT FROM SEPTEMBER 11th WORLD TRADE CENTER

President Offerman – received a letter from Port Authority of New York and New Jersey stating there is steel available from the World Trade Center, wanting to know if we would be interested to create a memorial.

Trustee Kucera asked as to where we would display the artifact.

President Offerman - that will have to be determined.

Motion was made by Trustee Wagner to submit letter requesting the artifact to create a memorial. Motion seconded by Trustee Bernhard. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee Matichak – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes, Trustee Wagner – yes. Motion carried.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

President Offerman – Watson’s would supply the hot dogs and prepare the hot chocolate for \$1.30 per hot dog.

Motion was made by Trustee Kucera to have Watson’s prepare the hot dogs and hot chocolate for the Halloween Party. Motion seconded by Trustee Jones. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee Matichak – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes, Trustee Wagner – yes. Motion carried.

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

Scott Haywood reported on contacting companies with Christmas banners, reported on several items with sizes and costs.

Trustee Matichak – forego decorations right now.

Trustee Wagner – check with other villages to see if they are selling their decorations.

Trustee Kucera – get something cheaper.

Trustee Jones – purchase next year.

Trustee Matichak – wait until next year.

Trustee Jones – we have banners.

Trustee Wagner – try and get donations from CenterPoint.

Motion was made by Trustee Jones to use the same decorations as last year. Motion seconded by Trustee Matichak. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police – Dave Albert – received the Uniform Crime Report for Will County, Elwood’s total crime index is 45, a very low rate especially compared to the rest of Will County.

President Offerman thanked the Officers in attendance.

Public Works – Scott Haywood – a ten foot Douglas fir Christmas tree has been planted in front of the gazebo in the Little Park. Working on getting street lights being repaired. The Police and Public Works purchased glow sticks for the kids at the Halloween Party. Trees along Grant Creek have been removed to allow the water to flow and avoid flooding. Bush Drive completed, all that needs to be done is the final landscaping.

Trustee Kucera asked if the wood is gathered for the bon fire.

EMC – Corey Byington – a very quiet month. Continue smoke testing.

BOARD REPORTS

Community Events – Trustee Bernhard – no report.

Finance Committee – Trustee Kucera – no report.

Park and Recreation – Trustee Wagner – reported on the Oslad Grant, went through the second phase, Nick Narducci and President Offerman went to Springfield regarding the second phase of the grant. End of January we should know if we receive the grant. Seventeen million dollars available and will fund fifty grants.

Public Works – Trustee Jones – no report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Trustee Wagner to table Executive Session.
Motion seconded by Trustee Bernhard. All voted in favor of motion.
Motion carried.

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

Pat Buchenau
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