

MEETING OF JANUARY 20, 2010

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Village of Elwood, was called to order at 7:00 PM, January 20, 2010 by President Offerman. Board member Trustee Matichak absent.

Also present: Nick Narducci, Tom Gilbert, Jamie Mack, Dave Albert, Scott Haywood

Meeting opened with Pledge to Flag – Cub Scout Pack 156, Den 3 led the Pledge to the Flag with President Offerman.

President Offerman thanked Chris Holt for the Santa visit. Also thanked Lori Jenco and Jamie Mack for the work and planning for the Santa visit. Was enjoyed by all.

President Offerman reported on the food baskets for the needy with Jackson Township and the Village, there was no cost to the Township or the Village this year. The Elwood Sportsmen Club donated \$1,400.00 for the food baskets.

Early Voting will be conducted from January 11th to the 29th. Hours are from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

President Offerman reported that a wall of honor for our military is in progress. A picture of the person in the military and information should be brought to the Village Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bob King of 311 North Chicago Street – 472 petitioners concerned about resolving the employment of Scott Haywood and Dave Albert for the false arrest. Need to interview all officers and workers. Also

observed the Village plowing the Fire Department area, are they being reimbursed?

Larry Fischer of 20134 Pockey Way – concerned about the truck traffic on Manhattan Road, need to reduce speed, need no truck signs posted on all corners of Manhattan and Route 53, would like to see police on Manhattan Road, increase work force of police, danger for people and kids. Roads are in bad condition. Our taxes are high.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

The following minutes were presented – Workshop, December 2, 2009 and Regular Meeting, December 16, 2009.

Motion was made by Trustee Bernhard to approve minutes of Workshop of December 2, 2009. Motion was seconded by Trustee Jones. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes, Trustee Wagner – yes. Motion carried.

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

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

Bills for the previous month were presented.

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

FINANCIAL MONTHLY REPORT

Motion was made by Trustee Jones to approve Financial Monthly Report as presented. Motion was seconded by Trustee Kucera. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE III, CHAPTER 35, SECTION 35.05 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD (Village Administrator)

President Offerman – gives the Village Administrator the authority to fire and the Board will have the appeal authority.

Motion was made by Trustee Ruban to approve An Ordinance Amending Title III, Chapter 35, Section 35.05 of the Code of Ordinances for the Village of Elwood (Village Administrator). Motion was seconded by Trustee Bernhard. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes, Trustee Wagner – yes. Motion carried. Ordinance 957

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE IX, CHAPTER 95, SECTION 95.23 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD (Noise Violation Enforcement)

President Offerman – this ordinance gives the Police authority to enforce the noise nuisance. People have been asked to put mufflers on and then they take them off, once warned, the fine can be imposed.

Trustee Kucera asked does this ordinance cover barking dogs?

President Offerman – yes.

Motion was made by Trustee Wagner to approve An Ordinance Amending Title IX, Chapter 95, Section 95.23 of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Elwood (Noise Violation Enforcement). Motion was

seconded by Trustee Bernhard. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes, Trustee Wagner – yes. Motion carried. Ordinance 958

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE XIII, CHAPTER 131 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD (Offenses Against Public Peace – Motor Vehicles)

President Offerman read the section from the ordinance regarding off-road driving to provoke a breach of the peace. Motor vehicle shall be defined as any motorized machine or device including, but not limited to, automobiles, motorcycles, motorbikes, snowmobiles and all terrain vehicles (ATV's).

Motion was made by Trustee Wagner to approve An Ordinance Amending title XIII, Chapter 131 of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Elwood (Offenses Against Public Peace – Motor Vehicles. Motion was seconded by Trustee Jones. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – no, Trustee Ruban – yes, Trustee Wagner – yes. Motion carried. Ordinance 959

RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE APPRECIATION OF DAVE ALBERT OF THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD

President Offerman read the resolution regarding Dave Albert.

Motion was made by Trustee Bernhard to approve Resolution Acknowledging the Appreciation of Dave Albert of the Village of Elwood. Motion was seconded by Trustee Kucera. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried. Resolution 2009-2010-05

RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE APPRECIATION OF SCOTT HAYWOOD OF THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD

President Offerman read the resolution regarding Scott Haywood.

Motion was made by Trustee Wagner to approve Resolution Acknowledging the Appreciation of Scott Haywood of the Village of Elwood. Motion was seconded by Trustee Jones. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried. Resolution 2009-2010-06

Trustee Ruban recommended a standing ovation for the job they have done for the Village.

PRAIRIE TRAILS CREDIT UNION AND BANK OF MANHATTAN –

Authorized Depositors

Nick Narducci – we are presently working with three banks, Bank of Elwood, First Midwest and Harris Bank for rates. Recommend to authorize Prairie Trails Credit Union and Bank of Manhattan. We will have five (5) banks to contact for better rates.

Motion was made by Trustee Ruban to allow Prairie Trails Credit Union and the Bank of Manhattan as Village of Elwood Authorized Depositors.

Motion was seconded by Trustee Jones. A voice vote was called:

Trustee

Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes, Trustee Wagner – yes. Motion carried.

DONATION REQUESTS – Blue and Gold Banquet and Twilighters

Motion was made by Trustee Ruban to approve the request for the Blue and Gold Banquet in the amount of \$100.00. Motion was

seconded by Trustee Wagner. A voice vote was called: Trustee

Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes, Trustee Wagner – yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Jones to approve the request for the Twilighters in the amount of \$500.00. Motion was

seconded by Trustee Ruban. A voice vote was called: Trustee

Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes, Trustee Wagner – yes. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

POLICE – Chief Albert

Thanked the Board for their support.

Report the American Heart Association was contacted regarding defibrillators for the basement area for park and recreation. Three (3) will be donated, one for downstairs, one (1) for the administration side of the building and one (1) for the police department. They will also train on the use.

PUBLIC WORKS – Scott Haywood

Thanked the Board for their support.

The light pole on Mississippi will be completed this week. The street light on Route 53 will be done next week.

EMC – Corey Byington

Completed leak detection.

PARK COMMITTEE – Jamie Mack

Reported the ice skating rink will be ready for use next week, will be open until 9:00 PM, located at the Lloyd Erickson Park.

BOARD REPORTS

Community Events - Trustee Bernhard – nothing to report

Finance Committee – Trustee Kucera – nothing to report

Park and Recreation – Trustee Wagner – ice rink in progress and work in basement is underway

Public Works – Trustee Jones – nothing to report

Trustee Wagner asked Scott Haywood do you have enough salt. Scott stated we are fine, get our salt through state purchase.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Trustee Ruban to go into closed session to discuss the following items; 1) collective bargaining, 2) litigation, 3) personnel, 4) DCEO Loan and 5) closed session minutes. Motion was seconded by Trustee Jones. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes, Trustee Wagner – yes. Motion carried.

ACTION ON ISSUES RAISED THROUGH CLOSED SESSION

Chief Albert recommends the hiring of John Parnitzke as a full time police officer with the Village of Elwood. John is from Tinley Park.

Motion was made by Trustee Ruban to hire John Parnitzke as a full time officer with the Village of Elwood Police Department. Motion was seconded by Trustee Bernhard. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes, Trustee Wagner – yes. Motion carried.

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

Pat Buchenau
Village Clerk

