

## MEETING OF FEBRUARY 17, 2010

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Village of Elwood, was called to order at 7:00 PM, February 17, 2010 by President Offerman. All board members present.

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

Meeting opened with Pledge to Flag with Girl Scout Troop 33.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bob King of 311 N. Chicago Street – on behalf of 472 plus petitioners, it has been six months and no action on employees Dave Albert and Scott Haywood for the false arrest against Plunk. You need to talk to all employees. The question was asked about the use of material, salting and plowing of the Fire Department, has the Village been paid back?

### VILLAGE PRESIDENT COMMENTS

At our last meeting Larry Fischer commented on the truck traffic on Manhattan Road. I have talked to Will County Highway Department, George Catalino. From Brandon Road to Route 53 there is a 20,000 pound weight limit.

At our last meeting Bob King asked about the snow plowing at the Fire Department. On July 13, 1998 there was an intergovernmental agreement between the Village of Elwood and the Fire Department when the Village purchased the property of the old fire station. In the agreement the Village agreed to provide the removal of snow for the parking lot and driveway of the new fire station at 309 W. Mississippi, the agreement is for twenty (20) years.

Read letter from the Illinois Municipal League regarding the loss to Elwood regarding the settlement of the Plunk v. Elwood lawsuit. The insurance company has adjusted the loss and made an adjustment for the 2010 contribution. Insurance company does not intend to include the expense of the settlement of the Plunk v. Elwood claim in any future year contribution calculations. The Village was not at fault, no loss for Elwood.

Oslad Grant – informed the Board and Village Residents of the approval of the Oslad Grant for the Village of Elwood in the amount of \$400,000.00, to be used for the CenterPoint Park. Village was one of forty-nine projects approved. Thanked all that helped put the grant together, will be good for the Village.

#### PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

The following minutes were presented – Workshop, January 6, 2010 and Regular Meeting, January 20, 2010.

Motion was made by Trustee Matichak to approve minutes of Workshop of January 6, 2010. Motion was 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 Ruban to approve minutes of Regular Meeting of January 20, 2010. Motion was 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.

#### PRESENTATION OF BILLS

Bills for the previous month were presented.

Motion was made by Trustee Matichak to approve bills as presented. Motion was 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.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 920 AND ESTABLISHING USES FOR SPECIAL PERMIT FEES FOR OVERWEIGHT VEHICLE PERMITS FOR THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD

Motion was made by Trustee Matichak to approve An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 920 and Establishing Uses for Special Permit Fees for Overweight Vehicle Permits for the Village of Elwood. Motion was seconded by Trustee Ruban. 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.

RECOMMENDATION FOR PARTIAL PAYMENT – D CONSTRUCTION 2009 MFT Street Improvements

Scott Haywood – payment for D Construction for Bush Drive, 90% complete, retention being held for landscaping in the spring.

Motion was made by Trustee Ruban to approve the Recommendation for Partial Payment for D Construction in the amount of \$15,112.50. Motion was 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.

IDOT JOINT AGREEMENT – Mississippi Avenue Improvement

No action to be taken.

## IDOT JOINT AGREEMENT – Old Chicago Road Improvement

No action to be taken.

## REQUESTS FOR DONATIONS

Senior Services Center

Elwood Jr. High Eighth Grade Class Night

Motion was made by Trustee Matichak to approve a donation of \$1,000.00 for Senior Services Center. Motion was 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 Jones to approve a donation of \$200.00 for Elwood Jr. High Eighth Grade Class Night. Motion was 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.

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS

POLICE – Chief Albert

Introduced new Police Officer John Parnitzke, he started with the Village on January 21, 2010 working afternoons and midnights. Has issued twenty traffic citations and eight case reports in the seven days he has been with us.

President Offerman welcomed Officer Parnitzke and his wife to Elwood.

PUBLIC WORKS – Scott Haywood

Thanked the village workers for their hard work during the snow storm that lasted thirty-six hours, some of them only had four to five hours off.

Ice rink doing fantastic, the workers put layers of water on the ice everyday.

President Offerman expressed to Scott to tell the workers thank you for all their hard work.

EMC – Corey Byington  
Nothing to report

PARK – Jamie Mack  
Would like input from the Board regarding the Oslad Grant.

#### BOARD REPORTS

COMMUNITY EVENTS – Trustee Bernhard – nothing to report

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Trustee Kucera – nothing to report

PARK AND RECREATION – Trustee Wagner – everything has been covered, the Oslad Grant and the ice rink. Basement project about completed.

PUBLIC WORKS – Trustee Jones – everyone is doing a good job.

CLOSED SESSION - Collective Bargaining, Grievance Step #3, Litigation, Personnel, DCEO Loan and Closed Session Minutes

Motion was made by Trustee Ruban to go into Closed Session to discuss Collective Bargaining, Grievance Step #3, Litigation, Personnel, DCEO Loan and Closed Session Minutes. Motion was 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.

ACTION ON ISSUES RAISED THROUGH CLOSED SESSION

No action to be taken

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

Pat Buchenau  
Village Clerk