

## MEETING OF JANUARY 19, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, Village of Elwood, was called to order at 7:00 PM, January 19, 2011 by President Offerman. All board members present.

Also present: Nick Narducci, Tom Gilbert, Dave Zafiratos, Nick Weiss, Pat Kerr and Scott Haywood

Meeting opened with Pledge to the Flag. Pledge to the flag was assisted by the Daisy Troop 932.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bryan Janeliunas, 19543 W. Millsdale Road – Chairman of the Cub Scouts, asking for a donation for their Blue and Gold Banquet which is a dinner and awards and honors the boys for their hard work and good deeds, looking for a \$700.00 donation.

Trustee Matichak asked when the Blue and Gold Banquet is held.

Bryan – the last Saturday in February.

### PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

The following minutes were presented, Regular Meeting, December 15, 2010.

Motion was made by Trustee Matichak to approve minutes of Regular Meeting of December 15, 2010 as presented. Motion was seconded by Trustee Jones. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried.

## PRESENTATION OF BILLS

Bills for the previous month were presented in the amount of \$359,864.25.

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

## MONTHLY REPORT

Monthly financial report was presented.

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

## AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE FOR ALL POLICE OFFICERS FOR THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD

Nick Narducci – Age Discrimination Employment Act require mandatory age of 65 for police officers, due to high stress and physical nature of job. High increase in workmen compensation, most of the claims have been in the police department. Will be a loss control method to reduce cost, will have safety inspections, safety committees and safety training. Police and fire have the highest rate of injuries and older officers have a longer recovery time. Recommend you approve the ordinance.

Motion was made by Trustee Matichak approve Ordinance Establishing Mandatory Retirement Age for all Police Officers for the Village of Elwood except of Chief who's contract ends in December. Motion was seconded by Trustee Jones. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – no, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – no, Trustee

Matichak – yes, Trustee Ruban – no, Trustee Wagner – yes. Being a tie vote, President Offerman was asked to vote and his vote was yes. Motion carried. Ordinance 975

APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY – Ottosen Britz Kelly Cooper Gilbert & Dinolfo

Nick Narducci – explained the firm has eighteen (18) attorneys and three (3) locations. Very well respected firm, they do not represent private sector, deal with municipal law. We have saved \$150,000 this year by using this firm. Items that have been completed, the annexation of Abraham Cemetery, annexation of Army Property, condemnation issues, Meadowbrook issues and more.

Staff is recommending approval of Ottosen Britz Kelly Cooper Gilbert & Dinolfo.

Motion was made by Trustee Matichak to approve the appointment of Ottosen Britz Kelly Cooper Gilbert & Dinolfo. Motion was seconded by Trustee Wagner.

Trustee Ruban – is it true that you represented the Fire Department in 1983? Is there a shortage of attorney's. Same firm between fire department and village, I feel is a conflict of interest.

Tom Gilbert – if it was a conflict, I would not be here, never has been a conflict.

Trustee Ruban – we have never had the same firm.

Trustee Wagner – George, are you unhappy with the firm.

Call for a voice vote: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee Matichak – yes, Trustee Ruban – no, Trustee Wagner – yes. Motion carried.

### OTHER BUSINESS

None

### TRUSTEE REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Trustee Bernhard – decorations look nice.

Trustee Jones – doing a nice job on the ice and the Christmas decorations look good.

Trustee Kucera – same comment as Bud and Chuck, everything looks good.

Trustee Matichak – nothing to report.

Trustee Ruban – nothing to report.

Trustee Wagner – parks look good, snow hill and skating rink being used all the time.

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police – Chief Nick Weiss – in your December report you have the break down of our department, several citations were issued and there were nineteen (19) arrests in December. Revised the Mission Statement for the Police Department, and read the statement. Will be purchasing a server for the police department, we have a part time clerk that puts our data in the computer, for network for officers to access, will be using e-mail, accessing the internet for training and classes that are required, and for leads information. Would like to purchase lap top computers and software. Will have a department meeting next month and will start some training.

Public Works – Scott Haywood – thank you for the compliments, we have spent fifty percent of our time making ice and snow removal. The final design for West End Project will be back in February and the contract will be awarded March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Gardner Street reconstruction

work moving forward. Meadowbrook retention pond design engineer to fix drainage clean out.

EMC – Corey Byington – nothing to report.

Parks – Jamie Mack – winter programs off to a good start, had a soccer meeting last week to work on a direction to go forward in the spring.

#### VILLAGE PRESIDENT COMMENTS

February 18<sup>th</sup> will be the last Friday garbage pickup. Effective Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup> will be the new collection day for garbage.

The ice rink and sled hill are being used all the time.

#### CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Trustee Bernhard to go into Closed Session for personnel and collective bargaining. 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.

#### ACTION ON ISSUES RAISED THROUGH CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Trustee Matichak to approve Metropolitan Alliance of Police Elwood Police Chapter #387, May 1, 2010 – April 20, 2013. 2% raise in 2010, 2% raise in 2011, third year re-open to negotiate raise. 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.

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