

MEETING OF MAY 18, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, Village of Elwood, was called to order at 7:00 PM, May 18, 2011 by President Offerman. Village Trustee Matichak absent.

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

Meeting opened with Pledge to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Kucera of 120 Bush Drive – asked what can be done about the traffic going into the intermodal, it's not quiet.

Keith Cooke of 111 Gardner Street – I am a licensed plumber and I have concerns about the work being done by Austin Tyler. Illegal tap on water main, no license plumber on site, major problem when they tied on, no one to watch what they are doing. Need to have a plumbing inspection to look over regulations that need to be followed. They are using the wrong fittings. They are breaking state laws, village ordinances, plumbing codes, OSHA. I have called the union and told there is nothing they can do. Needs to be addressed.

APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS – Village Board Trustee and Planning Board Member

Village President Offerman – would like to recommend Don LaPaglia to fill the vacancy for the two year term of Robert Wagner.

Motion was made by Trustee Melahn to appoint Don LaPaglia to fill the vacancy of Village Trustee. Motion was seconded by Trustee Jenco. A voice vote was called: Trustee Jenco – yes, Trustee Jones – no, Trustee

Melahn – yes, Trustee Ruban – no, Village President Offerman – yes.
Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting – April 20, 2011

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 20, 2011 were presented.

Motion was made by Trustee Melahn to approve minutes of April 20, 2011 as presented. Motion was seconded by Trustee Jones. A voice vote was called: Trustee Jenco – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Melahn – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

Additional Legal Fees not on bill listing to be approved.

Motion was made by Trustee Jones to approve bills as presented and include the legal fees. Total bills \$559,358.00. Motion was seconded by Trustee Jenco. A voice vote was called: Trustee Jenco – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Melahn – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes. Motion carried.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Motion was made by Trustee Jenco to approve Monthly Financial Report as presented. Motion was seconded by Trustee Jones. A voice vote was called: Trustee Jenco – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Melahn – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes. Motion carried.

REQUEST PAY ESTIMATE – 2011 Capital Improvement Program – Austin Tyler Construction

Scott Haywood – pay estimate is for work completed to date, Baxter Woodman recommends payment in the amount of \$67,002.24.

Motion was made by Trustee Melahn to approve Pay Estimate for Austin Tyler in the amount of \$67,002.24. Motion was seconded by Trustee Jenco. A voice vote was called: Trustee Jenco – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Melahn – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes. Motion carried.

REQUEST PAY ESTIMATE – Gardner Street Reconstruction – Austin Tyler Construction

Scott Haywood – pay estimate is for work completed to date on water main, curb work and pavement grinding. Baxter Woodman recommends payment in the amount of \$115,528.32.

Trustee Ruban – has the Village Engineer been on site. They are required by law to obey guidelines for water construction. Keep a close eye on them.

Scott Haywood – will not start work on Spencer Street until water permit has been approved.

Scott Haywood – contractor not required and not in our ordinance to have a licenses plumber to be on site, we are following the contract.

Motion was made by Trustee Jenco to approve pay estimate for Austin Tyler in the amount of \$115,528.32. Motion was seconded by Trustee Ruban. A voice vote was called: Trustee Jenco – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Melahn – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes. Motion carried.

REQUEST PAY ESTIMATE – Deer Park Phase 2 – D Construction

Scott Haywood – for CenterPoint Park for work completed to date, grading, seeding and fencing.

Motion was made by Trustee Melahn to approve pay estimate for D Construction in the amount of \$41,804.10. Motion was seconded by Trustee Jones. A voice vote was called: Trustee Jenco – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Melahn – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes. Motion carried.

LIQUOR LICENSE – Sunshine Food

Tom Gilbert – requesting a Class B License, presently has a Class K License, would like to sell hard liquor as well as beer and wine.

Motion was made by Trustee Jones to approve the request for a Class K Liquor License. Motion was seconded by Trustee Ruban. A voice vote was called: Trustee Jenco – no, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – no, Trustee Melahn – no, Trustee Ruban – yes. Motion not carried.

GARAGE SALES – Set a date

Discussion on date for garage sales, change dates to Friday, June 3rd and Saturday, June 4th.

Motion was made by Trustee Jenco to set the garage sales dates to Friday, June 3rd and Saturday, June 4th. Motion was seconded by Trustee Jones. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried.

PROPOSED INLAND PORT AUTHORITY

Nick Narducci – explained the Proposed Inland Port Authority wanting to take over our roads. Sen. Wilhelmi, Rep. Jack McGuire, Joliet representatives and County representatives are involved. Nothing official yet, they need to get all the information and then will hold Public meetings. Waiting for legislative session, nothing will be done until Elwood has input and we need to approve.

Trustee Ruban – I thought we already were a port authority.

Was told yes we are.

OTHER BUSINESS

Nick Narducci – distributed the final flyer for Cruise Night starting on Friday, June 3rd. Businesses will set up booths. Police will direct traffic. Hope to be successful.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Trustee Jenco – nothing to report

Trustee Jones – everything looking good

Trustee LaPaglia – nothing to report

Trustee Melahn – nothing to report

Trustee Ruban - asked about cell phone reception, is there anything we can do to get better reception.

President Offerman – we have Nextel on water tower and Verizon will be putting up a tower on Tehle Road, AT&T was interested a long time ago and have had no response from them.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police – Chief Weiss

Citations issued – 127 state traffic citations, 180 ordinance violation citations and 72 warning citations. Arrests for the month were 10. Five training classes were held and attended by Officers. Policy and Procedure Manual – 12 orders were updated and revised. Elwood Grade School held its first school lock-down drill. Pat Kerr and Chief Weiss observed the drill at the invitation of Superintendent Tim Arnold, very impressed with the results.

Public Works – Scott Haywood

Reported on the various construction projects.

Wooded Cove had the final lift asphalt put on the road

Arsenal Road being done by PT Ferro

Meadowbrook Subdivision – grinding, concrete work done, binder coat to be done Thursday.

Brandon Road was ground today

Storm sewer going in alleys

Ditch at Gardner Street being replaced

Next week will be doing Diagonal Road

Crack filling and line stripping on Brandon

Phase 2, Spencer and Wood will start when permits are received

Deer Park has been seeded, ball field seeded and fence installed, tennis court done and inspected, bike path to be done Thursday

Black top road by gazebo

Punch lists to be completed from last year projects, we are holding part of the retention money

Trustee Ruban asked about lots in Meadowbrook

Scott Haywood – Bank of Manhattan acquired lots, to grade and seed to stop water from going across roadway.

Scott Haywood – pre-construction meeting on Friday for sewer line.

EMC – Corey Byington

Welcome to the new board members.

Had a standard month.

PARKS – Jamie Mack

Welcome to the new board members.

Soccer registration sign up starting June 1st. Twilighters manning the Open Circuit three days a week from 9-11 am, free of charge. Tia Chi Classes for \$15.00 for a twelve week session, we are working through Will County Senior Services Center. Elwood Church will have a concert in the park on May 22nd.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT COMMENTS

President Offerman – we are at the end of our fiscal year, last year we ended with a surplus and at the end of this year we will also end in the black. Thanks to all who have helped in saving money.

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

Pat Buchenau
Village Clerk