

MEETING OF APRIL 20, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, Village of Elwood, was called to order at 7:00 PM, April 20, 2011 by President Offerman. Village Trustee Bernhard absent.

Also present: Tom Gilbert, Nick Weiss, and Scott Haywood

Meeting opened with Pledge to the Flag. Pledge to the flag was assisted by Girl Scout Troop 66

President Offerman introduced a special guest from Russia, Kate. Kate's visit is part of the Legislative Fellows Program sponsored by the U.S. State Department, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. She will be here for one month, has visited Speaker Mike Madigan, Rep. Jack McGuire, Sen. A.J. Wilhelmi, US Sen. Mark Kirk and Will County State's Attorney James Glasgow and various law enforcement members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of Workshop of March 2, 2011 were presented.

Motion was made by Trustee Matichak to approve minutes of Workshop of March 2, 2011 as presented. Motion was seconded by Trustee Jones. A voice vote was called: Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee Matichak – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes, Village President Offerman – yes. Motion carried.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 16, 2011 were presented.

Motion was made by Trustee Jones to approve minutes of Regular Meeting of March 16, 2011 as presented. Motion was seconded by Trustee Matichak. A voice vote was called: Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee Matichak – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes, Village President Offerman – yes. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

Bills for the previous month were presented. Bill for Baxter Woodman to be added to bill listing in the amount of \$27,380.00, was not added to bill listing. Total bill listing is \$472,999.36.

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

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Motion was made by Trustee Jones to approve Monthly Financial Report as presented. Motion was seconded by Trustee Matichak. A voice vote was called: Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee Matichak – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes, Village President Offerman – yes. Motion carried.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CEDING OF PRIVATE ACTIVITY BONDING AUTHORITY FOR THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD

Village President Offerman – last month we approved an ordinance but the money figure was wrong and needs to be corrected.

Motion was made by Trustee Matichak to approve An Ordinance Authorizing the Ceding of Private Activity Bonding Authority for the Village of Elwood. Motion was seconded by Trustee Jones. A voice

vote was called: Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee Matichak – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes, Village President Offerman – yes. Motion carried. Ordinance 982

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

To be discussed in Closed Session.

MISSISSIPPI AVENUE SANITARY SEWER REPAIR – Awarding of Contract

Scott Haywood - explained the contract to repair the sanitary sewer line on Mississippi Avenue, received a grant for \$80,000.00 for this project. Low bidder for the project was Len Cox & Sons Excavating in the amount of \$40,841.00. Baxter Woodman has reviewed the bids and recommends the awarding of the contract to Len Cox & Sons.

Motion was made by Trustee Ruban to approve the awarding of the contract to Len Cox & Sons for the Mississippi Avenue Sanitary Sewer Repair in the amount of \$40,841.00. Motion was seconded by Trustee Matichak. A voice vote was called: Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee Matichak – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes, Village President Offerman – yes. Motion carried.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT – PHASE 2 – Award Recommendations

Scott Haywood – Phase 2 of Capital Improvement – will be doing Spencer Street from Chicago to Matteson, alleys paved, storm water work and paving, paving of parking lot, will have diagonal parking on Wood Street. Baxter Woodman has reviewed the bids and recommends the awarding of the contract to Austin Tyler in the amount of \$835,712.52.

Motion was made by Trustee Matichak to approve awarding of the contract to Austin Tyler in the amount of \$835,712.52. Motion was seconded by Trustee Jones. A voice vote was called: Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee Matichak – yes, Trustee

Ruban – yes, Village President Offerman – yes. Motion carried.

Scott Haywood – Diagonal Culvert Replacement – to replace the culvert on Diagonal Road, low bidder was D Construction in the amount of \$135,881.23. Baxter Woodman has reviewed the bids and recommends the awarding of the contract to D Construction. Project will be done in June, six to eight weeks before water permit is issued.

Motion was made by Trustee Matichak to approve awarding of the contract to D Construction in the amount of \$135,881.23 for Diagonal Culvert Replacement. Motion was seconded by Trustee Jones. A voice vote was called: Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee Matichak – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes, Village President Offerman – yes. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Trustee Bernhard – absent

Trustee Jones – proud of all the projects in town and town looking great

Trustee Kucera – nothing to report

Trustee Matichak – nothing to report

Trustee Ruban – nothing to report

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police – Chief Weiss

Citations Issued – 108 traffic citations, 123 ordinance violation citations and 77 warning citations. Eight state citations and twelve ordinance violations for overweights and seven arrests for the month were issued. Several training classes were conducted. Policy and Procedure Manual, group of orders were issued which took effect on March 31st. National

Incident Management System (NIMS) Training were completed by Officers. A total of 505 various incidents were addressed.

Public Works – Scott Haywood

Reported the status of Capital Improvements - Gardner Street, Meadowbrook Subdivision and Wooded Cove, explained about the yellow ADA panels a new state requirement. Gave a status report on projects awarded the savings on each project. The alley off Douglas Street to Route 53 will be a dead end alley.

EMC – Corey Byington – nothing to report

Parks – Jamie Mack (read by Village President Offerman)

Brian Keith – thank you for his service on the Park Committee, will not seek re-appointment, moving out of state.

Operation Care Package – thank all the volunteers who have made sure our deployed Jackson Township servicemen receive care packages. The Village sponsored shipping costs for care packages.

Watson's Diner & Pub – thank you for hosting a fundraiser to benefit Operation Care Package. Watson's a long-time supporter for this organization.

Prince of Peace Church – thank you for delivering a substantial donation to our Operation Care Package drop-off bin.

Thank to George Mojzis of the Elwood Fire Protection District for providing AED training to our Open Fitness volunteers.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT COMMENTS

Thank you received from Jackson Township Twilighters for our donation.

I-80 bridge inspections they will be closing lanes for repairs.

Work Force will be conducting free seminar for employment, anyone interested contact Julie at Village Hall for more information.

Thank you received from Hospice for our donation.

Two (2) board members Chuck Bernhard and Jason Kucera going off board, thanked them for their service. Chuck has been on the board since 1997 and Jason since 2007.

CLOSED SESSION – Personnel and Collective Bargaining

Motion was made by Trustee Matichak to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel and collective bargaining. Motion was seconded by Trustee Jones. A voice vote was called: Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee Matichak – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes, Village President Offerman – yes. Motion carried.

ACTION ON ISSUED RAISED THROUGH CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Trustee Matichak to approve final compensation payment for employee that retired April 15, 2011 in the amount of \$16,087.68. Motion was seconded by Trustee Jones. A voice vote was called: Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee Matichak – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes, Village President Offerman – yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Jones to approve Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Village of Elwood and General Chauffeurs, Sales Drivers and Helpers Union Local No. 179. Motion was seconded by Trustee Matichak. A voice vote was called: Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee Matichak – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes, Village President Offerman – yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Jones to authorize amending the agreement for sewer/water operator payment. Motion was seconded by Trustee Matichak. A voice vote was called: Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee Matichak – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes, Village President Offerman – yes. Motion carried.

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

Pat Buchenau
Village Clerk