

MEETING OF DECEMBER 21, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, Village of Elwood, was called to order at 7:00 PM, December 21, 2011 by President Offerman. Trustee Matchak absent.

Also present: Nick Narducci, Dave Zafiratos, Chief Weiss, Max Bosso

Meeting opened with Pledge to the Flag.

PRESENTATION – Chief Weiss – Officer Jaburek

Commander Pat Kerr – one year ago, Chief Weiss and I came on board, some very positive changes due to the leadership of Chief Weiss. Has been a increase in productivity with patrol officers. The Officer's wanted to do something to show their appreciation.

Officer Ken Jaburek – the Officer's wanted to show their appreciation of everything Chief has done for them, presented Chief Weiss with a small token of appreciation from the Police Department.

Chief Weiss – thank you to all, ready to go back into retirement. This is a solid core of police officers, great cooperation, interested in the community, a lot of input and great improvements. Thank you for the confidence in me and all of your support.

President Offerman – thank you from the board for your contribution to the community. Also thanked Commander Kerr and the Police Officers.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES – November 16, 2011

Motion was made by Trustee Melahn to approve minutes of November 16, 2011 as presented. Motion was seconded by Trustee LaPaglia. 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

Motion was made by Trustee LaPaglia to approve bills as presented on the amount of \$1,203,248.34. 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.

MONTHLY REPORT

Motion was made by Trustee Jones to approve Monthly Report as presented. 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.

AUDIT PRESENTATION – Jamie Wilkey of Lauterbach and Amen

Jamie Wilkey – Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, was received for last years audit, has been submitted for this years audit, will hear from them in a few months.

Independent Auditor's Report – received an unqualified opinion, the highest that can be received.

Recommend the Board read the entire audit.

Management's Discussion and Analysis – reviewed the TIF activity and financial analysis of government funds.

Financial Statements – discussed the statement of net assets, stressed that the board review.

Statistical Section – based on a ten year trend.

A lot of hard work by Robbie and Nick on the audit.

RESOLUTION FOR THE ADOPTION OF A SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2012

Motion was made by Trustee Jenco to approve Resolution for the Adoption of a Schedule of Regular Meetings for Calendar Year 2012. Motion was seconded by Trustee LaPaglia. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried. Resolution 2011-2012-3

ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND – Unfunded Liability

President Offerman – unfunded amount of \$280,060, we have made our payments and they go into a pool for interest, investments are down and behind by \$280,060, make payment so our funds are 100% funded.

Motion was made by Trustee Melahn to pay the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, unfunded liability of \$280,060. Motion seconded by Trustee LaPaglia. A voice vote was called: Trustee Jenco – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Melahn – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes. Motion carried.

Nick Narducci – by paying this will be a financial gain for the Village.

RECOMMENDATION PAY OFF LEASES ON VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT

Nick Narducci – with the settlement money from Elwood Energy, will pay off the IMRF and outstanding leases on our vehicles, in the amount of \$79,633. If we pay off will save \$7,265 in interest, will come off outstanding debt. Did not bring to Workshop, we need to make payment by the end of the year for the savings, will help debt rating.

Motion was made by Trustee Jones to pay off the outstanding leases on vehicles in the amount of \$79,633. Motion was seconded by Trustee LaPaglia. A voice vote was called: Trustee Jenco – yes, Trustee Jones –

yes, Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Melahn – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes.
Motion carried.

DONATION – Jackson Township Twilighters

President Offerman – Twilighters work well with the community and would recommend a \$500.00 donation.

Motion was made by Trustee Jenco to donate \$500.00 to Jackson Township Twilighters. 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.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police – Chief Weiss

Citations Issued – 85 traffic citations, 181 ordinance violation citations, 33 warning citations, of the ordinance violations 22 were for overweight truck violations.

Arrests – 14, driving while license suspended, outstanding warrants, no valid license, illegal transportation of alcohol.

Training – Officer Ledden completed the 80 hours transition to full time police officer class. Officers received taser training, night-time traffic stops and krav maga combat tactical training.

On the calls for service, 66% are for traffic stops, officer at the school before and after classes, a very quiet community.

Additional money received this month for bench warrants.

Public Works – Max Bosso

Progress on Projects – all the CIP projects have been completed with the exception of the West End Park which will be completed in the spring of 2012.

Resident Call Log – three resident calls were received – regarding the punch list items on projects.

Public Works Facilities Improvements – asphalt parking lot has been overlaid, we were able to reduce the cost from \$40,000 to approximately \$34,000. Perimeter fence will be installed during early spring.

Illiana Update – working out the logistics of the proposed path, some routes bring the western end to the north of Midewin and some to the south of Midewin. Will be a meeting in January or February one on one meeting with each affected municipality, nine paths were proposed and down to four or five. Studies are being done right now.

Miscellaneous Items – Meadowbrook subdivision storm water repairs have been completed. Storm water pipe repair along Bush Drive has been completed. New lawn mower purchased for \$6,000, less than the approved budget. We have approximately 30 projects in the CIP list for fiscal year 2012-2013, working on prioritizing the projects to see how many projects can be accomplished.

Water and Sewer – preparing to make some changes at the Water and Wastewater Plant, received a letter from EMC indicating as of January 3, 2012, they will not longer provide management services to the Village. We have some solutions to talk over, hire our own staff and save several thousand dollars. We have weekly reporting requirements.

Trustee Ruban asked if the contract with EMC is up.

Max Boss - valid until the end of May next year, contract will be done January 3, 2012 due a disagreement on what they should be paid.

There were specific tasks they were to complete and they were only completing 65% of the tasks, they wanted full payment, so they are cancelling their contract.

Trustee Ruban – will there be any fees.

Nick Narducci – we are following the contract and working with the Attorney's, they are ending the contract, we have to be prepared to run the plant, we will operate by the contract.

Parks – Jamie Mack

Care packages to Jackson Township soldiers for Christmas have been either delivered or mailed, have received some thank you notes. Volunteers are needed for the circuit fitness – would like to open in the afternoon.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT COMMENTS

Would like to thank Marty Walsh of the Jackson Township Sportsmen Club and Jackson Township Board for the many gifts and food to those of Jackson Township in need.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.

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

Pat Buchenau
Village Clerk

