

MEETING OF MAY 19, 2010

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Village of Elwood, was called to order at 7:00 PM, May 19, 2010 by President Offerman. One Trustee Wagner absent.

Also present: Nick Narducci, Tom Gilbert, David Zafiratos, Scott Haywood, Jamie Mack and Robbie Day

PUBLIC HEARING – Budget 2010-2011

Minutes of the Public Hearing was taken by Court Report Leann Hibler.

Motion was made by Trustee Jones to close the Public Hearing. Motion was seconded by Trustee Matichak. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee Matichak – yes, Trustee Wagner – yes. Motion carried.

Meeting opened with Pledge to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chris Lungren, 409 N. Chicago St., the Physical Education Teacher for Elwood Grade School. Thanked the board for their hard work on the Oslad Grant. Would like to see a regulation track at the proposed park, would be good for competitive track. Soccer field has track inside. A suggestion of frisbee golf.

Dennis Eichholzer, 24814 Walnut – coach for the track team which started four years ago, have had several champions from the Elwood School. Missing a track, right now we practice on a grass surface that is bumpy and risk injury to the students. The eighth grade girls placed ninth this year in competition. If a track was installed would be a good opportunity for the school.

President Offerman thanked the girls for a fantastic job with their track team.

Mary Cromer, 203 Spencer – asking for consideration for a track that would benefit the kids.

Kathy Frain, 19728 Tanglewood Drive – impress the impact the kids had had the last four years, they are good ambassadors for Elwood. Please consider this track.

Kelly Frain and Nicole – we are eighth graders and have been doing track for the last four years, not having a track did impact us. If we had a real track would be more confident for us to run.

Ralph Atwood, 605 Beattie – my son was on the first track team, and at that time they used to practice on the sidewalk. Give these kids a chance.

Tom Hugunin, 19621 Ash – Oslad Grant for outdoor recreation and open space. Thanked everyone for getting the grant. Work with school to create a functioning park for village. Track just for practice. Do not feel the softball field a good service for the village.

Heidi Frank, 19649 Ash – with a track here would be great. They practice sometimes in Joliet and that is hard for some parents.

Tom Madden, Interim Superintendent Elwood School – would like to re-establish relationship between the School and the Village and have a long lasting relationship.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT COMMENTS

President Offerman – thanked the school for working with the Village for a positive working relationship.

Expressed sympathy to the family of Jim Bosonetta, Jim was on the Zoning Board for seventeen (17) years and passed away.

With summer time coming, please consider your neighbors regarding noise, just a common courtesy.

The following thank you notes were received, the Jim Bosonetta family and the Elwood Baseball for their donation.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

The following minutes were presented – Workshop, April 7, 2010 and Regular Meeting, April 21, 2010.

Motion was made by Trustee Matichak to approve minutes of Workshop of April 7, 2010 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. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Ruban to approve minutes of Regular Meeting of April 21, 2010 as presented. 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. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

Approval of K.L.F. Trucking for the demolition of Braun house Bills for the previous month were presented.

Motion was made by Trustee Matichak to approve bills plus the K.L.F. Trucking for the demolition of Braun House. 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. Motion carried.

MONTHLY REPORT – Financial

Motion was made by Trustee Matichak to approve Monthly Report for Financial as presented. 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. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION – Camiros – West End Park – Oslad Grant

Bill James from Camiros presented the final concept plan for West End Park. Components are within the scope of the Oslad Grant. Hope to start construction in the fall. Explained the quarter mile oval track that people can run and there are four fitness stations. Within the oval, open for other activities. Will be planting, landscaping, picnic area, shelter all north of oval track. There will be an existing berm to the south. The property to the north is a less priority, open space to take on other activities.

President Offerman explained the Oslad Grant, we have to follow all the guidelines in the grant. Track field is not allowed in this grant.

Trustee Kucera asked about lighting?

Bill James from Camiros – we have a budget constraint, there may be some night lighting basically on parking lot. Will refine priorities on how the budget is used.

Motion was made by Trustee Matichak to approve the final concept plan for the West End Park as presented. 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. Motion carried.

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 FOR THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD

Nick Narducci – explained we operate under the appropriation ordinance. Public Hearing was held. Highlighted and explained the different funds and showed a slide presentation. No questions were asked.

Motion was made by Trustee Ruban to approve An Ordinance Establishing Annual Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 for the Village of Elwood. 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. Motion carried. Ordinance 963

CONTRACT FOR CONTINUING BOND DISCLOSURE

Nick Narducci explained we have two (2) outstanding bond issues. A third party needs to be involved to make the annual reports, in the past years we have used Ehlers and Associates, their fee for filing the two reports is \$495.00.

Motion was made by Trustee Matichak to award the contract to Ehlers and Associates to conduct Continuing Disclosure Reports at a fee of \$495.00. 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. Motion carried.

GARBAGE RATE INCREASE

Nick Narducci – new services include recycling carts, park garbage and recycling service and additional services for Elwood days. Village has charged residents twenty (20) cents over the rate charged to cover

operating costs. Proposed rate is \$16.00. Date of pick up will change in three to four months, will go back to the Monday pick up day.

President Offerman – some other vendors were higher than Waste Management.

Motion was made by Trustee Ruban to approve the garbage rate increase to \$16.00 per month. 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. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PROGRAM RENEWAL

Nick Narducci – employee insurance is renewed yearly which includes health, dental and life, we use Mesirow Financial Services. Blue Cross and Blue Shield for health insurance, Met Life for dental insurance and Standard for life insurance, sixteen quotes were received with options. Recommend Blue Cross with a 7.87% increase, Humana for dental with a 1.7% increase and Mutual of Omaha with a 0.0% increase.

Motion was made by Trustee Matichak to approve the employee benefit program renewal with the recommendation of Finance Committee, Blue Cross and Blue Shield for health insurance, Humana for dental insurance and Mutual of Omaha for life insurance. 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. Motion carried.

DONATION – Jackson Township History Club

Motion was made by Trustee Matichak to donate \$500.00 to the Jackson Township History Club. 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. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police – Chief Albert – no report

Public Works – Scott Haywood - Capital Improvement project has started. Vac-tron will be delivered next week. Busy cutting grass.

EMC – Corey Byington – CCR Water Report has been published in the paper, with no violations.

Park – Jamie Mack – fall soccer registration will start in June.

Community survey of summer activities are being scheduled with ten instructors and sixteen programs.

BOARD REPORTS

Community Events – Trustee Bernhard – garage sales to be June 5th and 6th, space available in little park for \$10.00.

Finance Committee – Trustee Kucera – reviewed the fiscal year end performance (report attached).

Park and Recreation – no report

Public Works – Trustee Jones – everything looks good in town.

CLOSED SESSION

Personnel, Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining, DCEO Loan

Motion was made by Trustee Kucera to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel, pending litigation, collective bargaining, DCEO loan.

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. Motion carried.

ACTION ON ISSUES RAISED THROUGH CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Trustee Matichak to table hiring for Children's Garden personnel. 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. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Kucera to authorize the continuance of the Term Sheet between Village of Elwood and CenterPoint. 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. 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