

## MEETING OF OCTOBER 19, 2011

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

Also present: Nick Narducci, Tom Gilbert, David Zafiratos, Chief Weiss, Max Bosso

Meeting opened with Pledge to the Flag.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Matt from Sunshine Food, 108 Mississippi – asking to be put back on the agenda for liquor license. People are asking for hard liquor and we are not able to sell, would be good for our business.

### PRESENTATION OF MINUTES – September 21, 2011

Motion was made by Trustee Melahn to approve minutes of September 21, 2011 as presented. Motion was seconded by Trustee Jenco. A voice vote was called: Trustee Jenco – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Matichak – yes, Trustee Melahn – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes. Motion carried.

### PRESENTATION OF BILLS

Motion was made by Trustee Jones to approve bills as presented in the amount of \$644,946.22. Motion was seconded by Trustee Ruban. A voice vote was called: Trustee Jenco – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Matichak – yes, Trustee Melahn – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes. Motion carried.

### MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT – September 30, 2011

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

### MUNICIPAL ELECTRICITY AGGREGATION – Letter of Intent

Nick Narducci – if interested, we need to submit Letter of Intent to the Will County Governmental League, for lower rates for our residents. Referendum in March to the residents, next month will have an ordinance for approval.

Motion was made by Trustee Matichak to submit Letter of Intent to the Will County Governmental League regarding the electricity aggregation. Motion was seconded by Trustee Melahn. A voice vote was called: Trustee Jenco – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Matichak – yes, Trustee Melahn – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes. Motion carried.

### PUBLIC WORKS PARKING LOT

Max Bosso – lowest bidder Austin Tyler, will not pave the area east of building 3. Austin Tyler will (1) edge grind perimeter of existing lot, grinding to remain on site, (2) N50 surface course (1-1/2" overlay) does not include over gravel area, and (3) grade and pave existing gravel area (existing gravel to be left on site). Approximate cost of the project is \$39,000.00.

Motion was made by Trustee LaPaglia to approve the \$39,000.00 for the public works parking lot. Motion was seconded by Trustee Jenco. A voice vote was called: Trustee Jenco – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Matichak – yes, Trustee Melahn – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes. Motion carried.

### CENTERPOINT INTERMODAL BUILDING – Building 10

President Offerman – no action to be taken, will be constructing a 264,000 square foot warehouse, next to Clearwater.

### RECOMMENDATION FOR PARTIAL PAYMENT

2011 Capital Improvement Program – Phase 1 - \$20,082.70

2011 Capital Improvement Program – Phase 2 - \$56,125.30

Motion was made by Trustee Jones to recommend payment for 2011 Capital Improvement Program – Phase 1 - \$20,082.70 and 2011 Capital Improvement Program – Phase 2 - \$56,125.30 as presented. Motion was seconded by Trustee Jenco. A voice vote was called: Trustee Jenco – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Matichak – yes, Trustee Melahn – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes. Motion carried.

### OTHER BUSINESS

President Offerman – recommend the appointment of Fred Hayes to Chief of Police effective January 1, 2012 when Chief Weiss retires, will start on November 1, 2011.

Motion was made by Trustee Matichak to appoint Fred Hayes as Chief of Police effective January 1, 2012 and to start work on November 1, 2011. Motion was seconded by Trustee LaPaglia. A voice vote was called: Trustee Jenco – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee LaPaglia – yes, Trustee Matichak – yes, Trustee Melahn – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes. Motion carried.

Nick Narducci – read the credentials for Fred Hayes and stated he is highly qualified.

Fred Hayes – an honor and privilege to become Chief of Police for the Village of Elwood and I take this position very seriously. Will work hard to keep you and your family and the people in Elwood safe, I am in support of the community and hope to get your trust. I am looking forward to working with Chief Weiss and Pat Kerr.

President Offerman welcomed Fred Hayes to the position and to Elwood.

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS

### Police – Chief Weiss

The following citations were issued: traffic citations – 56, ordinance violations citations – 111 and warning citations – 24. Of the state and ordinance violation citations 33 were for overweight truck violations. Thirteen (13) arrests were made, suspended license, domestic battery, possession of stolen vehicle, driving under the influence and warrant failure to appear.

Training – all officers have had training by 911, will be going paperless, will share date with other departments.

Policy and Procedure Manual – last of the orders have been issued.

Procedures for ILEP program are being completed.

We had 430 calls for service and 242 were traffic stops.

### Public Works – Max Bosso

Progress of projects for the Gardner Street Reconstruction, Capital Improvement Program, Phase 1 and Capital Improvement Program, Phase 2, contractors working on punch list and the projects should be completed in the next 30-45 days. Deer Run Phase 2 still ongoing, construction of the clubhouse should begin in the next 30-45 days.

Resident call log – had only 10 calls the last thirty days, 5 have been addressed/answered, 5 items are unresolved and 3 of the 5 items are related to contractors punch list items.

Public Works Facilities Improvements – asphalt improvements to the parking lot will begin within the next 30-45 days. Following the parking lot improvements a new perimeter wooded fence will be installed. Illiana Update – several options for the alignment of the proposed Illiana were presented. Suggested options would bring the western end of Illiana at or below the southern edge of Midewin Tall Grass Prairie. Trees – in the next 30 days a total of 17 dead trees will be removed from various Village locations and a total of approximately 25 new trees will be planted.

Sanitary Sewer – currently taking bids for camera/tv, approximately two to three miles of sanitary sewer. The work will be done during the months of November and December.

Water Meter Testing – bids are being requested from contractors to perform large water meter testing throughout the Village. This work will be performed during the month of January, pending any changes by contractors.

MTU – approximately 75 MTU's are not working properly. We will be replacing about 50 of them during the next 90 days and the remaining of the non working MTU's will be replaced during the next budget year. Approximately 90% of the MTU's that are not working are least five years old. The new MTU's will have a minimum of a ten year warranty.

#### EMC – Corey Byington

Made some changes to the report, would like feed back from the board.

#### Parks – Jamie Mack

Trick n Treat hours Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 3-6 PM. Hot dogs, hot chocolate and bon fire after at Lloyd Erickson Park.

Village Christmas lighting will be held Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup> in the Little Park.

Fall programs have started. Will be having our first evening Tia Chi class.

## VILLAGE PRESIDENT COMMENTS

Commented on the projects completed; Spencer Street, Wood Street, Gardner Street, repair of roads in Wooded Cove, new culvert on Diagonal Road and alleys that have been paved (one alley to be done). Town looks nice.

Mobile Work Force – reported on hours – anyone interested can contact Julie at the office for more information.

Trick n Treat hours, Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 3-6 PM with hot dogs in the park afterwards.

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

Pat Buchenau  
Village Clerk