

MEETING OF NOVEMBER 18, 2009

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Village of Elwood, was called to order at 7:00 PM, November 18, 2009 by President Offerman. All board members present.

Also present: Nick Narducci, Attorneys Tom Gilbert and Robert Britz

Meeting opened with Pledge to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bob King, 311 N. Chicago Street – read statement on the removal of Dave Albert and Scott Haywood for mishandling of the lawsuit. Thanked the Officers that were injured in an incident. Need to interview the officers on the problems they are facing. Taking no action will not take this away.

Ron Plunk – read statement regarding the lawsuit, poor decisions of current and past officers. The trees were purchased from Mazon and Allied Landscaping was not contacted.

Don LaPaglia, 301 Chicago Street – read statement regarding public concerns with people present to ask questions. Clarify if questions can be asked and addressed. Posting of guidelines on web site.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

The following minutes were presented – Workshop, October 14, 2009, Special Meeting, October 14, 2009 and Regular Meeting, October 21, 2009.

Motion was made by Trustee Kucera to approve minutes of Workshop of October 14, 2009. 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, Trustee Wagner – yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Matichak to approve minutes of Special Meeting of October 14, 2009. 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, Trustee Wagner – yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Kucera to approve minutes of Regular Meeting of October 21, 2009. 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, Trustee Wagner – yes. Motion carried

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

Bills for the previous month were presented.

Trustee Matichak asked are these the final bills for Ed Graham and Dave Silverman.

Nick Narducci stated there may be some small fees, new Attorney's are still working with Mr. Graham and Mr. Silverman.

Motion was made by Trustee Matichak to approve bills 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, Trustee Wagner – yes. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL MONTHLY REPORT

For review by board

AN ORDINANCE RECONSTITUTING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD

Motion was made by Trustee Jones to approve An Ordinance Reconstituting the Police Department for the Village of Elwood. Motion was seconded by Trustee Wagner. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee Matichak – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes, Trustee Wagner – yes. Motion carried. Ordinance 952

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING “THE OFFICIAL ZONING ORDINANCE” KNOWN AS ORDINANCE 656 RELATED TO THE PARKING AND STORAGE OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, BOATS AND SNOWMOBILES ON TRAILERS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD

President Offerman – we have been working on this ordinance for the past few months. Ordinance will not be enforced until May 1, 2010.

Attorney Robert Britz – referred to page 4, need to add the amendments as stated.

Motion was made by Trustee Jones to approve An Ordinance Amending “The Official Zoning Ordinance” Known as Ordinance 656 Related to the Parking and Storage of Recreational Vehicles, Boats and Snowmobiles on Trailers within the Village of Elwood. Motion was seconded by Trustee Ruban. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee Matichak – no, Trustee Ruban – yes, Trustee Wagner – no, President Offerman – yes. Motion carried. Ordinance 953

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A POLICY GOVERNING FINAL COMPENSATION PAYMENTS TO SEPARATED EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING MANAGEMENT, NON-MANAGEMENT, FULL TIME, PART TIME AND SEASONAL

EMPLOYEES AND WORKER'S COMPENSATION SETTLEMENTS FOR THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD

President Offerman – any final settlement comes to the Village Board.

Motion was made by Trustee Wagner to approve An Ordinance Adopting a Policy Governing Final Compensation Payments to Separated Employees, Including Management, Non-Management, Full Time, Part Time and Seasonal Employees and Worker's Compensation Settlements for the Village of Elwood. Motion was seconded by Trustee Ruban. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee Matichak – no, Trustee Ruban – yes, Trustee Wagner – yes. Motion carried.

Ordinance 954

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2009 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2010 FOR THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD

Nick Narducci – the Attorney is working up the figures to make sure that the Village gets all the tax money they should receive.

CENTERPOINT INTERMODAL CENTER AT DEER RUN – FORMER PEOPLES ENERGY PROPERTY

President Offerman explained the requests from CenterPoint regarding the property formerly known as Peoples Energy. Requesting the Board to allow Nick Narducci and myself to work with CenterPoint to work out the details and sign the agreement.

RECOMMENDATION FOR PARTIAL PAYMENT – D Construction – Bush Drive

Trustee Matichak asked if the project was completed.

Scott Haywood – 90% done, few driveways to be addressed, they will be back out to complete. Landscaping will be done in the spring.

Trustee Ruban asked Scott if he was alright with the payout.

Scott Haywood – yes.

Motion was made by Trustee Ruban to approve the partial payout request for D Construction in the amount of \$291,334.90. 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, Trustee Wagner – yes. Motion carried.

PARK AND RECREATION BASEMENT BUILD OUT

President Offerman – the work out area downstairs to be build by the grant money of \$25,000.00. The area is too small right now and would like to move the equipment to a larger area in the basement, the east side of the basement.

Motion was made by Trustee Wagner to approve the work out area be moved to the east side of the basement. 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, Trustee Wagner – yes. Motion carried.

FITNESS CENTER USAGE POLICY

President Offerman – public to be able to use the fitness center, we need to approve the usage policy recommended by the Park Committee.

Motion was made by Trustee Matichak to approve the Fitness Center Usage Policy as recommended by the Park Committee. Motion was seconded by Trustee Wagner. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried.

CHANGE OF MEETING DATES

Change Workshop to the 1st Wednesday, Finance to the 2nd Wednesday, Regular Board Meeting the 3rd Wednesday. The Park Committee has not decided on a meeting date.

Motion was made by Trustee Matichak to approve the changes in meeting dates: Workshop the 1st Wednesday, Finance to the 2nd Wednesday, Regular Board Meeting the 3rd Wednesday. Motion was seconded by Trustee Jones. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried.

FOOD DRIVE – Thanksgiving and Christmas

Pat explained the food drive for Thanksgiving and Christmas we work together with Jackson Township. The Village and the Township split the cost of the food baskets. This year we have 31 on the list.

Motion was made by Trustee Matichak to approve the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. 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, Trustee Wagner – yes. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

POLICE – Dave Albert

Nick Narducci and Mayor Offerman have asked me to continue with truck enforcement. I have assigned an officer on days to do truck enforcement. In the last six (6) days he has written eight (8) citations in the amount of \$14,000.00

PUBLIC WORKS – Scott Haywood

Sidewalks downtown being repaired, there was a gas leak under the sidewalk that needed to be repaired. To be done by Thanksgiving. Com Ed will be replacing two poles for street lighting on Mississippi.

EMC – Corey Byington

No report

BOARD REPORT

Community Events – Trustee Bernhard – no report

Finance Committee – Trustee Kucera – no report

Park and Recreation – Trustee Wagner – basement build out being addressed and the fitness center will be moved to another part of the basement.

Public Works – Trustee Jones – maintenance personnel did a good job on the trees. Asked about the signs that were installed in the park for keeping dogs out of the park, was told the signs were requested by the Park Committee.

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

Pat Buchenau
Village Clerk

