

MEETING OF DECEMBER 16, 2009

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Village of Elwood, was called to order at 7:00 PM, December 16, 2009 by President Offerman. All board members present.

Also present: Nick Narducci, Dave Albert, Jamie Mack, Attorney Tom Gilbert

Meeting opened with Pledge to Flag – Cub Scout Pack 156, Tiger Cub Aiden Janeliunas, Bear Cub Jacob Janeliunas and Webelo Nathan Kurbis and Joe Kochevar. The scouts are led by Pack Leader Michelle Kubris and Committee Chairman Bryan Janeliunas.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bob King, 311 N. Chicago Street, just a monthly reminder there has been no action taken on the petition that was presented to the Board, you will be held responsible.

Tom Machen, 107 Creekside, the four wheelers behind Wyndstone on the property east of the railroad tracks, dirt, noise and this has been going on for two years. We have called the Police and nothing has been done.

Joe Ragusa, 822 Wyndstone, same problem for two years, cannot stand the noise and dirt. Why is this not enforced, we were told nothing could be done because they have permission from land owner.

Norm Fanning, 25225 S. Brandon Road, I am the caretaker for a homeowner on Brandon Road and I have approached several of the drivers and they told me they have permission.

Brian Janeliunas of Cub Scout Pack 156. Cub Scouts will be having their Blue and Gold Banquet for the boys stepping up to another level. Asking the Village if they would be willing to help with the dinner that will be held at the school the end of February.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

The following minutes were presented – Workshop, November 11, 2009 and Regular Meeting, November 18, 2009.

Motion was made by Trustee Matichak to approve minutes of Workshop of November 11, 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 Ruban to approve minutes of Regular Meeting of November 18, 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.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

Bills for the previous month were presented.

Motion was made by Trustee Kucera to approve bills as presented. Motion was seconded by Trustee Ruban. 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

Trustees review and information.

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE 2009 PROPERTY TAX LEVY

Tom Gilbert – presenting the proposed levy for 2009, \$161,941.26, this is 105% of last year levy, no increase in taxes, will capture new property.

Motion was made by Trustee Ruban to approve An Ordinance Approving the 2009 Property Tax Levy. 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.
Ordinance 955

RESOLUTION FOR THE ADOPTION OF A SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2010

Pat explained the new meeting dates, Workshop the first Wednesday, Village Board the third Wednesday, Zoning and Planning the fourth Tuesday, Park Committee the fourth Wednesday, Finance Committee the second Wednesday and Children’s Garden the second Wednesday.

Motion was made by Trustee Kucera to approve the Resolution for the Adoption of a Schedule of Regular Meetings for Calendar Year 2010. Motion was seconded by Trustee Bernhard. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried. Resolution 2009-2010-04

POLICY – FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS

Tom Gilbert – new policy and how the Village must comply with the new law, effective January 1, 2010.

Motion was made by Trustee Jones to approve the Policy – Freedom of Information Requests. Motion was seconded by Trustee Ruban. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried.

AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY – WEST NOEL ROAD

President Offerman explained the new rail through CenterPoint Joliet Rail Yard, an agreement with CenterPoint to rebuild Noel Road, new road to the south.

Motion was made by Trustee Matichak to approve An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of Certain Public Right of Way – West Noel Road. 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 956

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

POLICE – Chief Dave Albert

Regarding the ATV problem, they have permission to be on private property. They are not allowed on the railroad property, will be getting an agreement with railroad to enforce, they are not allowed on the railroad property. New ordinance for no operation of ATV's in Elwood.

Signed with NIXEL, a web site company for public safety. We will be able to post information on web site at no cost. Citizens will be able to get on NIXEL account, no cost to village or homeowner.

PUBLIC WORKS

Nick Narducci - light poles to be installed on Mississippi Street. Street lights that are out have been reported to Com Ed. Concrete work downtown completed.

BOARD REPORTS

Nick Narducci reported that Police Chief interviewing to hire three new police officers.

Trustee Wagner reported on waiting to see about the Oslad Grant. Reported Santa Claus will be coming on Saturday, December 19th from ten to twelve.

Exercise facility, the equipment has been moved and painting of the basement is being completed.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Trustee Kucera to go into Closed Session for Collective Bargaining, Personnel and Threat of Litigation. 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.

ACTION ON ISSUES RAISED THROUGH CLOSED SESSION

No action to be taken.

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

Pat Buchenau
Village Clerk

