

MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2009

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Village of Elwood, was called to order at 7:00 PM, September 16, 2009 by President Offerman. Absent was Trustee Matichak.

Also present: Ed Graham and Nick Narducci

Meeting opened with Pledge to Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bob King, 311 N. Chicago Street, presenting a petition to the Village President and the Village Board, petition signed by 472 residents who are calling for the dismissal of Police Chief Dave Albert and Public Works Director Scott Haywood for their part in the Allied Landscaping lawsuit. They showed little or no professionalism in their positions by letting a small problem escalate. This directly or indirectly affects the residents of Elwood. Also claims that employees are being harassed and intimidated in both departments. Others wanted to sign petition but feared there would be retaliation. We suggest you ask all employees about this situation to help in your decision.

Colleen Prieboy, 126 N. St. Louis Street, thank you from the Community Day Committee.

President Offerman also thanked the Committee for their hard work and a successful weekend.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

The following minutes were presented – Workshop, August 12, 2009 and Regular Meeting, August 19, 2009.

Motion was made by Trustee Jones to approve the minutes of Workshop, August 12, 2009 as presented. Motion seconded by Trustee Kucera. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes, Trustee Wagner – yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Kucera to approve the minutes of Regular Meeting of August 19, 2009 as presented. Motion seconded by Trustee Jones. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes, Trustee Wagner – yes. Motion carried

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

Bills for the previous month were presented.

Motion was made by Trustee Jones to approve minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Trustee Kucera. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes, Trustee Wagner – yes. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL MONTHLY REPORT

Financial monthly report presented.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ESCROW AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN LINCOLN-WAY PARTNERS, INC. AND THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS AT THE INTERSECTION OF MISSISSIPPI AVENUE AND ILLINOIS ROUTE 53

Motion was made by Trustee Jones to table the escrow agreement. Motion seconded by Trustee Wagner. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried.

IDOT – REVISED AMENDMENT #3 TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM – BASELINE ROAD TO DIAGONAL; DIAGONAL ROAD TO LINCOLN STREET; ST. LOUIS STREET TO IL ROUTE 53; AND LINCOLN STREET TO WOOD STREET AND MATTESON STREET

President Offerman explained all paper work has been completed and this is the final pay out for the project.

Motion was made by Trustee Jones to approve Revised Amendment #3 to the Economic Development Program. Motion seconded by Trustee Kucera. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes, Trustee Wagner – yes. Motion carried.

LAUTERBACH & AMEN, LLP – AUDITOR FEES FOR APRIL 2010, 2011, 2012 AND 2013

Motion was made by Trustee Jones to approve the Lauterbach & Amen for April 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 as presented. Motion seconded by Trustee Bernhard. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes, Trustee Wagner – yes. Motion carried.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

President Offerman – would like to appoint Nick Narducci as temporary Village Administrator while we are in the search for an administrator.

Motion was made by Trustee Kucera to appoint Nick Narducci as temporary Village Administrator while we search for an administrator. Motion seconded by Trustee Bernhard. A voice vote was called:

Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes, Trustee Wagner – yes. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police – Chief Albert

Requested to discuss the staffing, have eight (8) patrol officers, one left a year ago, down to seven (7), the seventh on an unrelated work accident, we are now two (2) below staff.

Public Works – Scott Haywood – nothing to report.

EMC – Corey Byington – we have been testing this last month. Smoke testing water and wastewater this week.

BOARD REPORTS

Community Events – Trustee Bernhard – no report

Finance Committee – Trustee Kucera – no report

Park and Recreation – Trustee Wagner – attended meeting, discussed the Guns and Hoses game, skate park petition (need to locate a site), Oslad Grant, working on a men’s softball league. Trees around the park looking ill.

President Offerman – thanked the Sportsmen Club for stocking the pond at Lloyd Erickson Park. Thanked the Manhattan Library for adding Elwood to the name of the library.

Pubic Works – Trustee Jones – no report

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

Pat Buchenau
Village Clerk