



**ELWOOD VILLAGE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES OF
August 2, 2023**

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees, Village of Elwood, August 2, 2023, at 7:00 pm, was called to order by Village President Doug Jenco.

Role Call

Present: Village Board President Doug Jenco, Village Board Trustees: Tricia Maas, Ron Schmidt, Kendy Elberson, Darryl Lab, and Jodie Bertucci

Also, Present: Village Administrator/Village Clerk Julie Friebele, Police Chief Fred Hayes, Director of Public Works Larry Lohmar, Building Permits Susanna Turner, and B & F Technical Code Services Sean Fallows

Not Present: Trustee: Michael Varman

The Meeting Opened With the Pledge to the Flag

Presentations and Public Hearings

None

Public Comments – Pertaining to Agenda Items

Members of the audience did not have public comments pertaining to the agenda items.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Bertucci to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

Presentation of Minutes – July 12, 2023

Presentation of Closed Session Minutes – Attorney Review

Presentation of Bills – Paid Invoice Report July 8, 2023 through July 11, 2023 in the amount of \$712.48.

Presentation of Bills – Paid Invoice Report July 13, 2023 through July 24, 2023 in the amount of \$46,863.63.

Presentation of Bills – Unpaid Invoice Report in the amount of \$94,278.75.

Trustee Schmidt seconded the motion. A vote was called: Trustee Schmidt – yes, Trustee Lab – yes, Trustee Maas – yes, Trustee Bertucci – yes, and Trustee Elberson – yes. The motion carried.

Reports & Communications From Village Officials

Administration – Village Administrator Julie Friebele

June 2023 Financial Reports

The Financial Report, prepared by Finance Director Robbie Day, was presented to the Village Board for review. The report represents the Village of Elwood's year to date revenues, expenses, and end of the month fund cash balances.

An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances With Respect to Sprinkler Systems in Buildings

The Village of Elwood Code of Ordinances 153.48 (H) (51) (903.6.5) be and the same is hereby amended to include the following:

A new commercial tenant in an existing Building in the C-1 Local Shopping, C-2 Community Shopping, C-3 Town Center Business District that is of Occupancy Group B or M per the International Building Code and does not include an addition (does not increase the fire area per the International Building Code) is not required to install a new fire sprinkler system if:

1. The building has existing sprinkler protection in which case that sprinkler system may not be removed and shall remain operational; and
2. The size of the existing building where the use is located does not exceed three thousand square feet (3,000 sq. ft.); and
3. The building is equipped with a fire alarm system. The fire alarm system shall provide partial detection in the common and public areas, utility rooms, etc. Detection shall not be required in closets and small storage rooms less than 50 square feet in size. The fire alarm system shall be provided with notification per International Building Code section 907.5 and be monitored by International Building Code section 907.6.6.

A motion was made by Trustee Bertucci to adopt An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances With Respect to Sprinkler Systems in Buildings. Trustee Schmidt seconded the motion. A vote was called: Trustee Schmidt – yes, Trustee Lab – yes, Trustee Maas – yes, Trustee Bertucci – yes, and Trustee Elberson – yes. The motion carried.

Police Department – Chief Fred Hayes

During the Month of June 2023

The Elwood Police Department responded to 330 calls for service. For more details concerning the types of calls, residents can visit the Village of Elwood website.

Police officers issued citations:

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| • Local Citations (O.V.) | 1 |
| • State Citations | 97 |
| • Overweight Violations | (7) |
| • Monthly Total | 98 |
| • Year to Date Total | 555 |

Arrest Report Summary:

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| • Traffic Arrests | 17 |
| • Warrant Arrests | 0 |
| • Criminal | 1 |
| • Monthly Total | 18 |
| • Year to Date Total | 67 |

TRAINING REPORT:

OFFICER	CLASS	DATE	HOURS
Robert Wellen	Building Entry and Control Tactics	6/1-2/23	16
Anthony Lohmar	Building Entry and Control Tactics	6/1-2/23	16
Ken Jaburek	Crisis Negotiation Course with FBI Certification	6/11-16/23	40

Total Training Hours: 72

Authorization to Hire a Part-Time Police Officer

In accordance with Village of Elwood Ordinance 1006 Hiring Standards for Part-Time Police Officers, Chief Hayes recommended the Village President and Board of Trustees appoint Joseph Walsh as a part-time police officer to the Elwood Police Department. A motion was made by Trustee Schmidt to appoint Joseph Walsh as a part-time police officer to the Elwood Police Department. Trustee Lab seconded the motion. A vote was called: Trustee Schmidt – yes, Trustee Lab – yes, Trustee Maas – yes, Trustee Bertucci – yes, and Trustee Elberson – yes. The motion carried.

Public Works – Director of Public Works Larry Lohmar

Thank you to the Village Board and staff for allowing Public Works to purchase a new chipper. The last storm we experienced brought down many branches and the new chipper worked great to clean up the Village.

Village Administrator – Julie Friebele

National Night Out

This year marks the National Night Out 40th year celebration. Law enforcement agencies across the country come together with the community to strengthen relationships between residents and law enforcement officers. The Elwood Police Department held the National Night Out event in Tyler Park and it was wonderful the way every came together. Thank you to all that participated in the event.

National Cemetery Administration's 50th Year Anniversary Across the Country

Various National Cemetery Administration's are celebrating the 50th Year Anniversary this year. Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery (ALNC) celebrated by hosting an open house on Saturday, July 29th. The celebration included a ceremony to recognize all our local first responders, VA medical centers, and a behind the scenes look at their operations including a mock committal service with military honors.

Multi Use Building - The Hydrangea House, Lloyd Erickson Park

The construction of the multi use building is taking shape, we are all getting very excited to see the finished product. The building will be utilized for a learning center, small gatherings, weddings, etc. The landscape will be predominantly a pollinator garden.

Tennis/Pickleball Courts

The Tennis/Pickleball Courts in O'Connor Park are going to be resurfaced. The process is scheduled to begin at the end of August and should take about a week to complete.

Elwood Community Days

Elwood Community Days is a three (3) day fun-filled event this year scheduled on August 18th, 19th, and 20th.

- The team is working on the final preparations for the celebration.
- Friday, August 18th, Tyler Park 5-10 pm – Magic Show, DJ & Street Dance

- Saturday, August 19th, Lloyd Erickson Park kicks off the day with the Fishing Derby at 7:30 am, Parade at 11:00 am and throughout the day there are multiple shows, games, live music by the Junkyard Dawgs & The Band Sundance and of course Mad Bomber's amazing fireworks show.
- Sunday, August 20th, Classic Car Show 9:30 am, Soapbox Derby at 10:30 am, and Ukulele Strummers at 2 pm.
- The event is not possible without volunteers. Please volunteer if you are able.

Music in the Garden – No Cost to Attend

- Thursday, August 3rd – Manhattan/Elwood Library Storytime 10:30 am – 11:00 am
- Saturday, August 8th – TY-Rodg Beats Kids Dance Party! Begins with a Shoe Box Parade 5:30 pm – 6:25 pm, Ice Cream Social 6:00 pm – 6:25 pm, Dance Party and games 6:30 pm

Fence Repair at 20145 W Manhattan Road

Lumen owner of the property located close to the entrance of the Wooded Cove Subdivision, will be replacing/repairing their fencing that is poor condition.

Upcoming Village Meetings

Planning and Zoning	Tuesday, August 22 nd	7:00 pm
Finance Committee	Tuesday, August 29 th	4:00 pm
Village Board of Trustees	Wednesday, September 6 th	7:00 pm

Village President – Doug Jenco

- I am so appreciative of our team, it is unbelievable what we are able to accomplish! The Village team, the taxing bodies, and the community all come together for the common goal, and the communication is great. I could not be more proud of being the Mayor of Elwood.
- The Elwood Community Days event is coming up soon and we are still looking for volunteers. Remember this is a community event and takes a lot of work. The elected officials, staff, and residents should all participate to make this event great!

Other Business

No other business was discussed.

Public Comments

- Ray Glauszka's grandson won the TV at National Night Out and he was so excited!
- Director of Public Works Larry Lohmar is staying on top of Surf regarding payments due to residents regarding property damage that Surf is responsible for.

Closed Session

Closed Session meeting was not held.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Maas to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Bertucci seconded the motion. The Village Board voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

Julie Friebele, Village Clerk