

Elgin Township Board
729 S. McLean Blvd Elgin, IL 60123
Meeting of May 10, 2021 Minutes

The regular meeting of the Town of Elgin, Illinois was held downstairs in meeting room A at the Elgin Township Building. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Franklin Ramirez at 6:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Trustee Eduardo Guerra, Trustee Susan Van Weelden, Trustee Richard Poulton, Supervisor Franklin Ramirez were present. **Quorum was established.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mary Roberti thanked the board for all the work they have done. Is hopeful the township will set some priorities of what they believe to be the needs of the township. Would like the township to say, "These are the services we need". Brenda Rogers thanked the board and has asked again to have Rich Jacobs removed from all committees. Jim Fox recommends that Rick Jacobs not be removed from Committee on Seniors. Karen Beyer watched as people tried to establish a 708 board. Please consider funding a lawsuit. The voters approved the referendum. Danise Habun thanked the board for their service and has seen tremendous growth. Would like us to join with Dundee Township to file the lawsuit. Mary Shesgreen has never heard of one government body treating another government body so badly.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Van Weelden to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2021 Township Board meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Guerra. Trustee Poulton noted that the RFP's that were sent out are for the Committee on Seniors. Motion carried. 4-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Review and Audit of bills/funds; A motion was made by Trustee Poulton to approve the audit/bills funds for the period on or before 5/7/21 in the amount of \$176,682.78 for General Town fund, \$8,735.66 for General assistance fund, \$2,201.41 for the Senior fund, \$37,353.68 for the General road fund, for a total of all funds \$224,973.53. Motion seconded by Trustee Van Weelden. Ayes; Trustee Guerra, Trustee Van Weelden, Trustee Poulton, Supervisor Ramirez. Nays; None. Motion carried 4-0-0. A motion was made by Trustee Van Weelden to approve the audit/bills funds for the period of 5/10/21 in the amount of \$9,432.99. Motion seconded by Trustee Poulton. Motion carried 4-0-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Assessor Comments: Assessor Surnicki noted regarding the 2021 assessments, that he is still helping seniors with their tax freeze.

Road Comments: Commissioner Seyller noted this week is the final brush pickup of the season. Culverts are being done. The bid opening for the Coombs Rd bridge has been pushed back to Sept. because of IDOT. Supervisor Ramirez thanked Road Commissioner Rodney Seyller for his service.

Kane County Sheriff Representative: Sheriff Chris Ruchaj noted that the Kane County Sheriff has 3 mental health workers for the city and township. There have been some break ins of unlocked vehicles.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Butterfly Garden update; Nick Fuller with Natural Communities stated that ENCAP, Inc., has won the bid. The weeds were killed. Seed installation was done in March. Will be installing some plants in June. It takes several years to get established. ENCAP will do the maintenance.

2. Proclamations; a. Motorcycle Awareness Month; John Block from DuKane A.B.A.T.E of IL is here to promote the safe operation of motorcycles. Supervisor Ramirez read the Proclamation. B. Mental Health Awareness Month; Supervisor Ramirez read the proclamation.

3. Elgin Township Mental Health Board Appointments; a. Sharlisa Sangster. Ms. Sangster stated she would like to join the Mental Health board because she wants to give back to her father who had PTSD. She has worked at Streamwood Behavioral Health Systems & would like to be of service to the community. Trustee Van Weelden made a motion to appoint Ms. Sangster. Motion seconded by Trustee Guerra. Motion carried 4-0-0. b. Susan Van Weelden. Ms. Van Weelden has seen a need for the mental health board in students and has suffered a family tragedy herself. She has personal and professional experience and would be honored to serve on the board. Supervisor Ramirez made a motion to appoint Ms. Van Weelden. Motioned seconded by Trustee Poulton. Motion carried. Motion carried 3-0-0.

SUPERVISORS REPORT

Supervisor Ramirez welcomed the incoming board and extended any help he can give. He congratulated the new board and noted it was a pleasure and an honor to serve as Supervisor.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Van Weelden congratulated the new board and sent her best wishes. It was an honor to serve as Trustee. Trustee Poulton thanked the board members who appointed him and thanked Road Commissioner Seyller and Tax Assessor Surnicki. He congratulated the new board, new Road commissioner and Tax assessor Surnicki. Would like to see the new board support the mental health board and urged them to continue with the Bee and Butterfly garden. Trustee Guerra noted it was an honor and privilege to serve as Trustee and congratulated and wished good luck to the new board. Clerk Dowling noted it was an honor to serve as clerk and enjoyed working with the board. Supervisor Ramirez has appreciated what the township has done.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next general meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2021 at 6:00 pm. with the Town and Road District budget hearings starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Township offices, 729 S. McLean Blvd. Elgin, Illinois 60123.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Poulton moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Guerra. Motion carried 4-0-0. Meeting adjourned 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Dowling.

Karen Dowling, Town Clerk

Date

Franklin Ramirez, Supervisor

Date

Ed Guerra, Trustee

Date

Richard Poulton, Trustee

Date

Susan Van Weelden, Trustee

Date