

Elgin Township Board
729 S. McLean Blvd Elgin, IL 60123
Meeting of August 9, 2021, Minutes

The regular meeting of the Town of Elgin, Illinois was held downstairs in meeting room A. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Ken Bruderle at 6:04 p.m. Clerk Dowling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Pastor Brit Gilman from Harvest Bible Chapel gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Trustees Alejandro Lopez, Mark Bialek, Eric Stare, Janet Rogalla, Supervisor Ken Bruderle were present. **Quorum was established.**

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Supervisor Bruderle noted there are many guests tonight, and we will follow Robert's Rules of Order.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Maureen Manning Director of Comm. Crisis Center urged the Trustees to vote against the resolution on the agenda.

Mike Murray from Bloomingdale Township is in favor of the Mental health board.

Lore Baker CEO of AID urged the board not to take action to disband the 708 Board.

Mary Roberti questioned the board regarding where the language is that allows the board to dissolve the 708 Board.

Daphne Sandouka CEO of Ecker Center thanked the board for their support and would like them to continue to support the 708 Board.

Danise Habun (VP of Elgin Township Mental Health Board) noted there was overwhelming support from the voters for the 708 Board and urged the Board to vote "No" on the resolution. Ms. Habun raised questions regarding the resolution of the 708 Board.

Suzanne Rozycki (Secretary of the 708 Board) requested the resolution be tabled until the Elgin Township Mental Health Board can have a meeting with Trustee Lopez, who is the liaison.

Cheryl Gray from the Church of the Brethren encouraged the board to forego the resolution.

Sandy Kaptain said that she understands the 708 Board cannot be resolved without legal action. The community needs the support.

Vern Tepe presented statements in favor of keeping the Mental health board & urged the board to table the matter & deal with it in a year or 2 from now.

Karen Beyer (President of 708 Board): Community has a long history of trying to pass a 708 Board. Having over 60% of the vote was significant.

Supervisor Bruderle noted that we are all advocates of mental health, and the reasons why will be addressed as well as why Elgin Township is not part of the Dundee Township lawsuit.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Stare to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2021, regular Township Board meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Bialek. Motion carried 5-0-0.

REPORTS

1. Assessor Comments: Assessor Surnicki was on Zoom and lost audio. No report.

2. Road Comments: Road Commissioner Krabble went over the streetlights with ComEd, and the lights the township doesn't maintain will be taken off the list. The lights we do maintain will be changed to LED, and costs will go down. Coombs Road bridge has been pushed back to January 2022. Paving is finished, and shouldering is going on now. Mowing is finished, and the crews will be starting to strip the roads in a couple weeks.

3. Kane County Sheriff Dept. Representative: Not present.

4. South Elgin Police Dept. Representative: Not present.

5. Elgin Police Dept. Representative: Not present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Review and Audit of Bills/Funds: Discussion held. A motion was made by Trustee Lopez to approve the audit/bills funds for the period on or before 8/9/21 in the amount of \$20,824.22 for General Town fund, \$4,356.92 for General Assistance fund, \$6,186.38 for the General Road fund, \$2,588.33 for the Insurance fund, for a total of all funds \$33,955.85. Motion seconded by Trustee Stare. Roll call vote, Ayes: Trustees Lopez, Bialek, Stare, Rogalla, Supervisor Bruderle. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0-0.
2. Investment Actions: Supervisor Bruderle noted there is over \$250,000 in the bank that is not insured. Would like the funds to be moved into an insured fund. Trustee Lopez made a motion to move the remaining funds over \$250,000 to another account. Motion Seconded by Trustee Rogalla. Motion carried 5-0-0.
3. Committee on Youth: Trustee Stare is on the committee and will be reaching out to a few organizations next week. Discussion held.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mental Health Board: A RESOLUTION DISSOLVING THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD OF ELGIN TOWNSHIP (Mental Health Act, 405 ILCS 20/5): Supervisor Bruderle stated that we want a strong MHB, and the members on the MHB have done a tremendous job, but there were holes found. If the board is dissolved, a referendum can be put on the ballot with proper legal language. Trustee Stare made a motion to dissolve the MHB. Seconded by Trustee Lopez. Discussion held. Supervisor Bruderle noted the members weren't appointed correctly, and we can fix this by starting over and can hit the ground running. The Township can create and uncreate it. Trustee Lopez noted the board should consider the attorney's recommendations. Supervisor Bruderle stated reasons for the resolution. Clerk Dowling read the resolution regarding the dissolution of the community mental health board of Elgin Township. Roll call vote, Ayes: Trustees Lopez, Stare, Rogalla, Supervisor Bruderle. Nays: Trustee Bialek. Motion carried 4-1-0.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENT

Regarding senior services, the township is looking to see who's not being served. He and staff are continuing to discover ways to cut operating expenses.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Rogalla noted she was not voting to dissolve the MHB to be cruel, but so it can be a solid entity, and things can be done the right way.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next regular meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2021, at 6:00 pm at Township offices, 729 S McLean Blvd. Elgin, IL 60123.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Stare moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Rogalla. Motion carried 5-0-0. Meeting adjourned 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Dowling.

Karen Dowling, Town Clerk

Date