

Elgin Township Board
729 S. McLean Blvd Elgin, IL 60123
Meeting of February 14, 2022

The regular meeting of the Town of Elgin, Illinois was held in Lower Level Room A. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Ken Bruderle at 6:07 p.m. Clerk Dowling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Pastor Willie Tate/Progressive Baptist Church gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

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

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Bruderle asked the Board's spouses to join us tonight. Mike Kenyon and Vern Tepe, Kane County Board Members are in attendance. We welcome and encourage public comments.

PRESENTATION OF 708 REFERENDUM VERBIAGE AND REQUIREMENTS Elgin Township Legal Counsel Mark Schuster from Bazos, Freeman, Schuster & Pope, LLC explained how the tax rate works & what the Township gets. He went over the Elgin Township Resolution No. 2022-1 that Board members have in their packets.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Enoch Essendrop is not in favor of raising taxes thru the mental health referendum. Lore Baker, President & CEO of AID, is in favor of the referendum because the need has greatly increased. Maureen Manning, Elgin Township resident and Executive Director of Community Crisis Center, is in favor of the referendum and urges the Board to pass it. Kane County Board Member Vern Tepe is in favor of the referendum and is pleased we are considering it.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Lopez to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2022, regular Township Board meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Stare. Motion carried 5-0-0.

REPORTS

1. Assessor Comments: Assessor Surnicki wrapped up the Board of Review in Dec. 2021. Working on 2022 assessments as well as sales, permits and new construction. 2 new computers have been installed. Next major office machine will be a new copier in the next several years.
2. Road Comments: Road commissioner Krabbe has been busy with snow, ice, and drifting, and has been out on 12 separate events. Received the first salt order and are waiting on our second. In between snow events, we continue to monitor roadways for potholes and obstructions, clear drains, collect batteries, and service equipment to make sure it is in proper working order. Coombs Rd bridge project is on schedule now for April 2022 letting for construction.
3. Kane County Sheriff Dept. Representative: Deputy Chris Ruchaj reminding everyone to lock their cars. Diversion program is fully up and running. Jail population is down by 34% and the number of repeat offenders is down. Overall, county crime is down by 16%.
4. South Elgin Police Dept. Representative: Not present.
5. Elgin Police Dept. Representative: Officer Rick Demierre along with Officer Jim Rosher are reminding everyone to make sure you lock your car when you start it to warm it up. Seniors' houses are being burglarized. Working on the Kids United Program. EPD gets kids involved in the summer with activities such as floor hockey and other recreational activities.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Review and Audit of bills/funds: A motion was made by Trustee Bialek to approve the audit/bills funds for the period on or before 2/14/22 in the amount of \$36,494.42 for General Town fund, \$13,906.66 for General Assistance fund, \$1,774.47 for the Senior fund, \$29,731.87 for the General Road fund, \$2,016.10 for the Insurance fund, for a total of all funds \$83,924.02. Motion seconded by Trustee Rogalla. Motion carried 5-0-0.
2. Board Discussion of 708 Referendum, Supplement, and Various "Not to Exceed" rates (no action until March 14th Board meeting): Supervisor Bruderle noted the Board will be voting on the referendum at the March 14th meeting. Would like to

propose a task force for doing a needs analysis for the organizations. Discussion held on whether to have referendum or not. This will be decided at next month's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Backup Chairman for Township Board meetings in the event of the absence of Chairman: Supervisor Bruderle would like to have a backup chairman in case he is not able to attend a meeting. A motion was made by Trustee Stare to nominate Trustee Lopez. Seconded by Trustee Rogalla. Roll Call Vote, Ayes: Trustees Lopez, Bialek, Stare, Rogalla, Supervisor Bruderle. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0-0.

2. Appointment: Pedro Echevarria to Committee on Seniors: A motion was made by Supervisor Bruderle to appoint Pedro Echevarria to the Committee on Seniors for a 3-year term. Seconded by Trustee Bialek. Discussion held. Motion carried 5-0-0.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENT

Supervisor Bruderle noted that the Board is doing a good job & is very involved. The OMA and FOIA sections of the Illinois Attorney General's site is now up for all Board members to complete. The Senior Access Pass now includes free admission to the Elgin Public Museum, thanks to Sherry Blazier. Thank you to Senior Service Associates for the Valentine's gifts for the Board's spouses. Request for Proposals (RFPs) went out to organizations for the Risk at Youth grant program.

Applications are on our website or here in the Supervisors office. Deadline is March 4, 2022. Decisions will be made in April and funds should be issued on or after May 9, 2022. Annual Town Meeting is coming up on April 12th. March 1st is the last day to request an agenda item.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Bialek rode with Road Commissioner Krabbe on a snow plowing day and thanked him for that. Trustee Bialek and Supervisor Bruderle attended the Senior Services Valentine luncheon. Trustee Bialek delivered food boxes for seniors. If anyone is interested in participating, the next delivery is Feb 25th. Contact Peggy at 847-741-0404.

Trustee Stare commended Supervisor Bruderle for the mask mandate option in the building. Would like to work on the verbiage on social services to change to "Must be legal citizens". Supervisor Bruderle needs to look further into this. The Youth Committee is in the infancy stages and has more spots to be filled. If anyone knows of anyone who may be interested, let Trustee Stare know.

Trustee Rogalla is excited to work with Pedro Echevarria on the Committee on Seniors. Thanked Senior Service Associates for the Valentine's baskets.

Trustee Lopez feels we have a fiscal responsibility to the taxpayers, but also need to help those who can't help themselves.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2022, 6:00 pm at Township offices, 729 S McLean Blvd. Elgin, IL 60123.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Lopez moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Stare. Motion carried 5-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Dowling.

Karen Dowling, Town Clerk

Date