

Elgin Township Board
729 S McLean Blvd Elgin IL 60123
Special Board Meeting of March 15, 2022

The Special meeting of the Town of Elgin, Illinois was held in the Board room. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Ken Bruderle at 6:08 p.m. Clerk Dowling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Pastor Katie Shaw Thompson/Highland Avenue of the Brethren Church gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

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

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Bruderle asked everyone to be civil, kind, etc. We are here to serve the community & are non-partisan.

A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Greg Parker is in favor of the referendum and is asking the Board to place the question on the ballot and determine the tax levy. Karen Beyer has confidence the Board will place the referendum on the ballot and do it the right way. Enoch Essendrop is not in favor of the 708 Board and is asking the Board to vote “no” to placing the referendum on the ballot. He doesn’t feel the money will go to the people who need it. Maureen Manning, Executive, Director of Community Crisis Center, is urging the Board to place the referendum on the ballot and let the voters decide. The Crisis Center has a staffing shortage. Greg Buck is an advocate for support, but he feels it needs to be done the right way & should start at the state level and then at the county level. Kane County already has 11 mental health boards. Michael Krupka is advocating for the 708 board & is asking the Board to support funding for it. Lori Baker from AID is in favor of the referendum and stated that not everyone has insurance. Because of this, she is in favor of giving voters the choice & placing the referendum on the ballot. James Gould feels the referendum should be on the ballot at the maximum amount and that the need hasn’t disappeared. Deb Howe from the Ecker Center is in favor of the referendum being placed on the ballot for the maximum amount because the need is not going to decrease. Kane County Board member Vern Tepe is in favor of placing the referendum on the ballot and will be advocating for it. Reverend Katie Shaw Thompson is in favor of the referendum on the ballot at the maximum rate. Ed Hunter is in favor of the referendum. Ron Edelman feels the state should be involved.

B. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. 708 Referendum and the June 28, 2022, Ballot: Township attorney Mark Schuster stated that Senate Bill 3215 passed the Senate, and the House Bill 4228 is under consideration. If SB3215 passes in the House, it will be a valid enactment. If the law says the former referendum was valid, then no other action will be need to be taken. Any enactment by April 11th can be put on the June ballot. Supervisor Bruderle made a motion to withdraw the issue. Motion seconded by Trustee Lopez. Discussion held. Roll call vote: Ayes: Trustees Lopez, Bialek, Rogalla, and Supervisor Bruderle. Nays: Trustee Stare. Motion carried 4-1-0. Trustee State made a motion to consider agenda item B1. Seeing no second, there is no motion to vote.
2. If “Yes” to putting the 708 referendum question on the June 28, 2022 ballot, at What “Not to Exceed” rate?: No action was taken since the issue was withdrawn from consideration.

C. NEW BUSINESS

The Annual Town Meeting will be held on April 12, 2022 7:00 p.m.: Supervisor Bruderle made a motion to change the regular Town Board meeting from April 4, 2022, to April 11, 2022. Discussion held. The meeting can be recessed if we feel the need to continue the discussion regard the Summer Youth-at-Risk applications on Tuesday, April 12th. Motion seconded by Trustee Lopez. Roll call vote: Ayes: Trustees Lopez, Bialek, Stare, Rogalla, and Supervisor Bruderle. Motion carried 5-0-0.

D. SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS

Supervisor Bruderle noted there is not another option but to wait and see how the House vote on the Senate bill plays out. Supervisor Bruderle thanked everyone for coming and for their comments.

E. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Stare disagrees with the decision not to vote on putting the referendum on the June ballot.

F. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2022, at 6 p.m. at the Township offices., 729 S. McLean Blvd., Elgin IL 60123 (This was a change from the announcement on the agenda. See New Business). The Annual Town Meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2022 at 7 p.m.

G. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Stare moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Trustee Lopez. Motion carried 5-0-0. Meeting adjourned 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Dowling

Karen Dowling, Town Clerk

Date