

**Elgin Township Board**  
**729 S McLean Blvd Elgin IL 60123**  
**Meeting of April 11, 2022**

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 6:00 p.m. Clerk Dowling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION**

Pastor Barry Jones/New Hope Baptist Church of Elgin gave the invocation.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**A. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Paul Reardon & Steve Knight from Elgin Men's Shed presented the Board with a beautiful podium that they made from scratch.

**B. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

A motion was made by Trustee Stare to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2022, regular Township Board meeting. Seconded by Trustee Rogalla. Motion carried 5-0-0. A motion was made by Trustee Bialek to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2022, Special Board meeting. Seconded by Trustee Stare. Motion carried 5-0-0.

**C. REPORTS**

1. Assessor Comments: Assessor Surnicki gave the following report to Clerk Dowling to share: The Assessor's office continues to work toward completing the 2022 assessments by June 15, 2022. We continue to review of all Township assessments, process new construction, permits and property sales. There are several new residential developments located in the city of Elgin and village of South Elgin that have started construction. New homes will be completed in 2022 & 2023. Several changes to the Assessor's office front window area are planned: 2 worktables with adjustable legs & 2 adjustable stools will be added in this area. These additions will result in a more comfortable work and seating area for both staff and guests. We continue to have many taxpayers request assistance with Senior Freeze forms and are happy to assist.
2. Road Comment's: Road Commissioner Krabbe's team has removed a snow fence on Hopps Rd. Will be making the final salt order in the coming weeks, which should fill up the shed. Continued with normal activities, hoping to start plow damage in the coming weeks. Started the first brush pick up of the season today. Coombs Road Bridge letting is scheduled for April 22, 2022.
3. Kane County Sheriff Dept. Representative: not present.
4. South Elgin Police Dept. Representative: not present.
5. Elgin Police Dept. Representative: not present.

6. Committee on Seniors Report- Trustee Janet Rogalla: Committee went over the RFP schedule: On May 26<sup>th</sup> there will be a vote. The committee will state why they need the funds. Packets will be given May 16<sup>th</sup>. June 13<sup>th</sup> will be the presentations.

7. Committee on Youth Report- Trustee Eric Stare is in the process of putting a committee together. Work is being done on vision and mission statements. Joann Hartman has worked very hard on this.

#### **D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Review & Audit of bills/funds: A motion was made by Trustee Rogalla to approve the audit/bills funds for the period on or before 3/14/22 in the amount of \$29,848.97 for the General Town Fund, \$11,737.63 for the General Assistance Fund, \$675.74 for the Senior Fund, \$21,086.52 for the General Road Fund, \$3,184.19 for the Insurance Fund, for a total of all funds \$66,533.05. Motion seconded by Trustee Stare. Roll call vote: Ayes: Trustee's Lopez, Bialek, Stare, Rogalla, Supervisor Bruderle. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0-0.

#### **E. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Appointment: Committee on Youth: Trustee Stare made a motion to appoint Cathleen D'Alessandro to the Committee on Youth. Seconded by Trustee Lopez. Motion carried 5-0-0.

2. Summer Programs for Youth at Risk Funding Presentations: Presentations were made by Elgin Partnership for Early Learning, Ecker Center Behavioral Health, Northern IL food bank, NISRA, Alignment Collaborative for Education, YWCA Elgin, Hamilton Wings, Fox Valley Christian Action, Elgin Math & Science Academy, Boys and Girls club of Elgin, Elgin Police Dept., Grupo de Danza Folklorica Quetzaly.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to recess at 8:53 pm. Seconded by Trustee Stare. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Supervisor Bruderle called meeting back to order at 9 pm. Present were Trustees Lopez, Bialek, and Stare, Rogalla, and Supervisor Bruderle.

Trustee Lopez questioned Trustee Stare about the questions he raised during the Youth at Risk funding presentations. Heated discussion followed between Trustee Lopez and Trustee Stare. Supervisor Bruderle intervened to quell the situation and asked Trustees to continue the Board meeting. A vote for funding will be held at a future meeting.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to place Dementia Friendly Elgin on the agenda for next month for funding discussion. Seconded by Trustee Stare. Motion carried 5-0-0.

#### **F. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS**

Supervisor Bruderle reminded the Board to complete the OMA and FOIA training, and to complete the Statement of economic interest.

#### **G. TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

Trustee Lopez stated that he believes Trustee Stare is a good person and has a good heart. Trustee Lopez agrees that the left-wing political party is trying to indoctrinate the youth, and we don't agree with that. He stated that he believes Trustee Stare is not a racist. Trustee Stare appreciates Trustee Lopez's comments. He apologized for things that were misconstrued as he didn't mean. Trustee Rogalla thinks the wording they chose for these functions is very misleading and should

not have even been brought up. Trustee Lopez noted there is a possibility of an agenda and that this is exactly what they want, but everyone is entitled to exercise their rights.

**H. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2022, 6:00 p.m. at Township offices, 729 S McLean Blvd. Elgin, IL 60123. The Annual Town Meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2022.

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Lopez moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Trustee Stare. Motion carried 5-0-0. Meeting adjourned 10:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Dowling

---

Karen Dowling, Town Clerk

Date