

Elgin Township Board
729 S McLean Blvd Elgin IL 60123
Special Board Meeting of April 21, 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 6:04 p.m. Clerk Dowling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Trustee Lopez gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

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

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Bruderle stated that public comments are for residents to express their opinions.

A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Kane County Board member Vern Tepe stated that he is outraged at the way he feels that the Board presented themselves at the April 11th Board meeting.
- Danise Habun commended Trustee Lopez for interjecting during the April 11th Board meeting and is of the opinion that the discussion should not have taken place.
- Jose Villalobos stated the interests of the Township residents are first and foremost.
- Ismael Cordova stated that need to accomplish things together.

B. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Approval of minutes from April 11, 2022, Regular Board meeting: Trustee Lopez made a motion to table the approval of the minutes until the May Board meeting. Seconded by Trustee Stare. Motion carried 4-0-0.
2. Summer Programs for Youth at Risk, Award Funding: Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve an initial list of funding for \$125,000. Seconded by Trustee Bialek. Discussion held. Roll call vote, Ayes: Trustee Lopez, Supervisor Bruderle. Nays: Trustees Bialek, Stare. Motion not carried. More discussion was held. This year's resources of \$125,00 proposed allocation to the following agencies was: Alignment Collaborative for Education \$8,645, Boys & Girls club of Elgin \$14,045, Ecker center for Behavioral Health \$14,045, Elgin Math & Science Academy Charter School 0, Elgin Partnership for Ealy Learning \$9,045, Elgin Police Dept. \$19,045, Fox Valley Christian Action (Riverwoods Christian Center) \$5,545, Grupo De Danza Folklorica Quetzaly, \$11,345, Hamilton Wings \$6,345, Northern IL Food Bank \$17,045, Northern IL Special Recreation Assoc. \$8,845, YWCA Elgin \$11,045. Trustee Bialek made a motion to approve the funding for the agencies as presented. Seconded by Trustee Lopez. Roll call vote: Ayes, Trustees Lopez, Bialek, Supervisor Bruderle. Nays: Trustee Stare. Motion carried 3-1-0.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Dementia Friendly Elgin Area, (formerly "Dementia Friendly Elgin"): Since they are now a 501(c)(3),

Trustee Lopez made a motion to fund the organization with \$3,000 immediately. Seconded by Trustee Stare. Discussion held. Roll call vote, Ayes: Trustees Lopez, Bialek, Stare, Supervisor Bruderle. Motion carried 4-0-0.

D. SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS

Supervisor Bruderle noted that COVID test kits and hand sanitizer are available at the Township to all residents. TOI Education Conference is May 26th in Rockford from 8 am- 3 pm for all Board members. Next Townships of Kane County meeting will be May 25th at the St Charles Township offices. Additionally, there is no reason to be partisan. We are here to serve all the Township residents. Supervisor Bruderle thanked everyone for being here.

E. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Bielak noted that the decisions he makes are not political decisions. It is based on his research. Trustee Stare feels bad but is not sorry for his comments. He did what he thought was the in the best interest of some of his constituents because they were concerned, and it was not easy to ask these questions. He said that he didn’t feel good about it and still doesn’t, but the questions needed to be asked. Trustee Lopez stated that he will not be painted with the same brush. He was appalled and stated that it is unfair to paint everyone with the same brush, especially when residents had left, didn’t stay for the entire meeting, and did not witness how uncomfortable some were. He said that he tried to interject and/or object at almost every opportunity and that he strongly opposes people who publicly deny others based on their race, religion, ethnicity, or equality, including immigration status. He said that he votes his conscience and serves all Township residents, then he repeated that he will not be painted with the same brush. Trustee Lopez read Statute 5 ILCS 120/2.06 (a) regarding Content of Minutes from the Townships of Illinois Laws & Duties handbook. Trustee Lopez also read from Page 24, Item E “Misconduct of Officers” from the Illinois Township Trustees Association’s *Trustees’ Operations Manual*.

F. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2022, 6 pm at the Township offices., 729 S McLean Blvd, Elgin IL 60123.

G. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Lopez moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Trustee Stare. Motion carried 4-0-0. Meeting adjourned 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Dowling

Karen Dowling, Town Clerk

Date