

Elgin Township Board
729 S. McLean Blvd Elgin, IL 60123
Meeting of August 14, 2023, 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 6:01 p.m.

INVOCATION

Michael Murschel/Caring Farewells gave the invocation.

Clerk Dowling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

A. PUBLIC COMMENTS-Agenda related

None.

B. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

July 10, 2023, Regular Town Board meeting. A motion was made by Trustee Stare to approve the minutes of the Town Board meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Rogalla. Motion carried. 5-0-0.

July 10, 2023, Closed Session. A motion was made by Trustee Lopez to approve the minutes of the Closed Session meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Stare. Motion carried 5-0-0.

C. REPORTS

1. Assessor Comments- Assessor Surnicki turned in the books June 15, 2023, and is still waiting for an appeal period.
2. Road Comments- Commissioner Krabbe reported that him & his team spent over 2 weeks picking up storm damage from the tornado on July 12, 2023. KDOT assisted one day and over 40 loads were chipped. The main areas that were affected were Catatoga I and II. Shipped 11 pallets of batteries, (22) 55 gal. drums. Continued with normal activities: trimming roadways for sight, drain cleaning, blacktopping bad spots in roadways. Started another mowing of ditches along the roadway. Looking into a product called GeoWebb to assist with the washout areas along Coombs Rd where recent heavy rains washed some of the new slopes near the Bridge:
3. Kane County Sheriff Dept Representative- Deputy Matthew Schultz reported that Sheriff Hain's Charity Car show will be August 26th from 9 am-2 pm in Elburn. An "All Kids Deserve Education" town hall style meeting will be held on August 16th from 6 pm-7 pm. National Night Out went very well.
4. South Elgin Police Dept. Representative; Not present.
5. Elgin Police Dept. Representative-Sergeant Rick DeMierre reported that National Night Out was a huge success, and so was Kids United. EPD will be at the "Back to School" event on August 19th and also at Elgin Township's event "What Makes Elgin Township Tick", which is also on the 19th. August 17th is the EPD Softball game at Boomers Stadium against the Bear family who own McDonald's restaurants. August 15th is the first day of school for U-46 students and the EPD will try to be at each school. The shooting over the weekend is still being investigated. There is a pedestrian island in front of Larkin HS now.
6. Committee on Seniors Report- Trustee Rogalla reported there will be a Reading project on August 21st from 9:30 am-10:30 am at the Township building in the Social Café. An article called "Let's Be Friends" will be read and discussed. It is a good socialization time for Seniors. Some members of the committee will revisit the agencies to learn more about them. The Seniors would like to participate in the singing for the Holidays.
7. 708 Community Mental Health Board Report- Trustee Lopez reported that the Finance committee will be meeting, and he will report on this next month.

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Review and Audit of bills/funds; A motion was made by Trustee Lopez to approve the audit/bills funds for the period on or before 8/14/2023 in the amount of \$39,881.12 for General Town fund, \$28,152.79 for General Assistance fund, \$26,483.41 for the Senior fund, \$3,600 for the 708 Mental Health Board, \$45,839.98 for the General Road fund, \$1,245.59 for the

Insurance fund, for a total of all funds \$145,202.89. Motion seconded by Trustee Stare. Roll call vote; Ayes; Trustees Lopez, Bialek, Stare, Rogalla, Supervisor Bruderle. Nays; None. Motion carried 5-0-0.

2. Cub Scout Pack- Trustee Stare signed the document to become the Executive officer and the CEO with the Cub Scout Pack. Discussion was held to come up with a number for the Pack. 1850 was suggested and decided on.

E. CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Trustee Stare to recess the meeting at 6:33 pm, to go into Closed Session. Motion seconded by Trustee Rogalla. Motion carried. 5-0-0.

Supervisor Bruderle resumed the Board meeting at 6:50 pm.

ROLL CALL

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

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Emergency relief line-item addition to next Budget Appropriations Hearing (60 ILCS 1/30-117: Properties that are damaged as a result of disaster, emergency, weather event, or any reason deemed warranted in the interests of public safety, welfare and recovery). Discussion held to add a line item to the Town budget for disaster relief. A motion was made by Trustee Rogalla to set up a disaster fund within the Town Budget. Motion seconded by Trustee Bialek. Discussion held. County Board member Vern Tepe spoke to the board and reported about 250 homes had been damaged from the 2 tornadoes in July. Mr. Tepe created a Tornado fund for the Edgewater subdivision, E-W 2023 Tornado fund. Roll call vote; Ayes; Trustees Lopez, Bialek, Stare, Rogalla, Supervisor Bruderle. Nays; None. Motion carried 5-0-0.

G. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Bialek noted the National Night Out in South Elgin was a big success.

H. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Supervisor Bruderle: "What makes Elgin Township Tick" event is August 19th. Volunteers are needed. Social Service funding applications will go out one week earlier on September 8th. The Deadline is October 6th. November 13th, the board will review the applications, and checks will be issued December 11th. Still working on a mock Marquee for the front of the building. The idea for the storage container won't work so we may have to rent a storage unit. The board was asked to take a look at the website to see how it can be tweaked it. 751 Senior Access passes have been issued so far since it's inception.

I. RECOGNIZE PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non- agenda related.

County Board member Vern Tepe spoke regarding Mental Health funding and encouraged the board to fund some of the homeless people, and to fund the Ecker Center. Carl Strathman asked if Elgin Township Road district had any help from outside road equipment after the 2 tornadoes in July. Supervisor Bruderle noted that Kane County helped, and the County and Elgin Township Road District worked very well together.

J ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2023, at 6 pm. at Township offices, 729 S McLean Blvd. Elgin, IL 60123.

K. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Dowling.

Karen Dowling, Town Clerk

Date