

Elgin Township Board
729 S. McLean Blvd Elgin, IL 60123
Meeting of June 10, 2024, Minutes

The regular meeting of the Town of Elgin, Illinois was held in Lower Level Meeting Room A. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Ken Bruderle at 6:03 p.m.

INVOCATION

Trustee Lopez gave the invocation.

Deputy Clerk Mihalec led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

A. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Stare to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2024, Regular Town Board meeting, Motion seconded by Trustee Lopez. Motion carried. 4-0-0.

B. RECOGNIZE PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

C. REPORTS

1. Assessor Comments: Deputy Clerk Mihalec read the Assessor's submitted report: The Office of the Assessor will be submitting the 2024 Elgin Township assessments to the Kane County Supervisor of Assessments on June 15, 2024, and will continue to process sales, permits, and new construction until the assessments are certified, and the appeal period begins.
2. Road Comments: Commissioner Krabbe reported that the second brush pickup of the season was completed, with another round after storms the week of the 20th. The first mowing of the season was finished, and they continue with normal activities, focusing on sign and culvert replacement.
3. Kane County Sheriff Dept Representative: Deputy Matt Schultz reported that the Sheriff's Office is hiring lateral correctional officers and court security officers. He urged residents to lock car doors at night, not leave valuables out in the open, and shut garage doors.
4. South Elgin Police Dept. Representative: Not present.
5. Elgin Police Dept. Representative: Sgt. Rick Demierre reported that the department recently tested 90-100+ candidates for open positions, and personnel numbers are looking good. He also gave an update on EPD events with local youth, as well as mentioned the upcoming softball game with the Bear Family Restaurant staff members on 8/24 in which Ronald McDonald will be present.

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 June 10, 2024, in the amount of \$29,407.34 for General Town Fund, \$ 3,963.13 for General Assistance Fund, \$4,993.80 for the Senior Fund, \$0 for the Community Mental Health Fund, \$ 4,216.75 for the General Road Fund, \$2,199.15 for the Insurance Fund, for a total of all funds of \$44,780.17. Motion seconded by Trustee Stare. Roll call vote: Ayes; Trustees Lopez, Bialek, Stare, Supervisor Bruderle. Nays; None. Motion carried 4-0-0.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Announcement of Recruitment of Applicants to Committee on Seniors (including specific term of office): The opening was announced, and the subject will be held off until next month when the Board can receive input from Trustee Rogalla.
2. Announcement of Recruitment of Applicants to Community Mental Health Board (including specific term of office): Three spots are available with varying terms of office.
3. Review of Recommendations by the Committee on Seniors for Senior Services Funding and Allocation Decision: The Board received the recommendations from the Committee on Seniors from Committee Chair Maggie Beyer, with additional commentary from Secretary Ed Dring for the allocation of the \$401,000 available for funding senior services. To enable discussion, Trustee Lopez motioned to modify the recommendations. Seconded by Trustee Stare. After considerable discussion, Trustee Bialek motioned to amend the initial motion to approve the recommendations as submitted. Seconded by Trustee Lopez. Additional discussion. A roll call vote was called: Ayes: Trustee Bialek, Trustee Lopez, Supervisor

Bruderle. Nays: Trustee Stare. The motion carried 3-1-0. Supervisor Bruderle thanked the members of the Committee on Seniors for their work.

4. Elgin July 4th Parade Participation: Help is needed in passing out candy. Road District vehicles and possibly the Township's bus will be included in the Township entourage.

5. "What Makes Elgin Township Tick?" – August 17th: The event will be held on August 17th, so be sure to save the date. The event highlights the great service clubs and social service agencies that serve our community.

6. HVAC Systems Discussion: One of the air conditioners failed and was replaced. Preparation needs to be made for the future, with potential repairs/replacements of the roof and the remainder of the HVAC system. Additionally, during a recent power failure, it was discovered that the building was already wired for a generator. There was discussion about the inheritance of *deferred* deferred maintenance and the importance of this Board catching up on the deferred maintenance of the building.

F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS: None.

G. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Supervisor Bruderle announced that there will be a Flag Day celebration on June 14th at Veterans Memorial Park that includes a presentation of the history of the American flag. The event is for all ages, and it begins at 4:30 p.m.

The Lending Closet is up and running, thanks to the efforts of coordinating volunteer Betsy Homes, with help from her husband. The equipment is now organized and in the new storage building. Supervisor Bruderle, as well as Trustee Stare, thanked Road Commissioner Krabbe and his crew for their work on the building, which made the Lending Closet a reality.

On June 25th at 3:00 p.m., the Mobile Food Bank will be at the Buena Vista apartment complex.

The Senior Discuss and Discover program, thanks to Committee on Seniors member Marianne Rowe, is a fantastic program, and seniors can also sign up and stay for the Monday Senior Lunch that takes place shortly afterwards.

The community has been very generous in their support of the Elgin Township Pet Food Bank to help our seniors who are in need to be able to feed their pets.

Supervisor Bruderle updated the Board that the legislation that Elgin Township initiated regarding the resolution of the conflict between PTELL and the Community Mental Health Act has passed the state legislature. Additionally, the Kane County Treasure agreed to make the Community Mental Health Fund referendum tax a separate item on tax bills starting this year. The Kane County Board will be voting tomorrow on bridge funding requested in a grant submission for the county's ARPA funds. The Kane County Board ARPA Committee recommended awarding the Elgin Township Community Mental Health Board a one-time \$500,000 for the bridge funding.

H. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 8, 2024, at 6 pm. at Township offices, 729 S McLean Blvd. Elgin, IL 60123.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn from Trustee Stare. Seconded by Trustee Bialek. Motion passed 4-0-0, and the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Deputy Clerk Mihalec.

Jeanette Mihalec, Deputy Clerk

Date