

Elgin Township Board
729 S. McLean Blvd Elgin, IL 60123
Meeting of November 12 and 14, 2024,
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 5:05 p.m.

INVOCATION

Dr. Margaret Brady, Director of Music at St. Hugh of Lincoln Episcopal Church gave the invocation, in place of Reverend Marion Phipps.

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. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Bialek to approve the Regular Town Board meeting minutes of October 15, 2024, Closed Session minutes of October 15, 2024, and Closed Session minutes of September 9, 2024. Motion seconded by Trustee Stare. Motion carried 5-0-0. A motion was made by Supervisor Bruderle to amend the Regular Town Board meeting minutes to change F. 2 to read Highway Commissioner instead of Road Commissioner. Motion seconded by Trustee Stare. Motion carried. 5-0-0.

B. REPORTS

1. Assessor Comments- Assessor Surnicki: In Assessor Surnicki's absence, Supervisor Bruderle read the report: The 2024 appeal period has ended. We have received 149 appeals. There are approximately 36,000 parcels in Elgin Township. In 2023 we received approximately 192 appeals. We continue to process appeals and hope to end our hearings by the end of 2023.
2. Road Comments- Commissioner Krabbe: The 4th and final normal brush pick up of the season is finished. Completed final mowing of the season. Completed sexual harassment and flagger training. Went to a live line demo at KDOT. We have been reworking shoulders along the main roads.
3. Kane County Sheriff Dept Representative- Deputy Santiago Hernandez reported in October there were many complaints regarding burning in the Almora Terrace neighborhood. If anyone would like to ride along with a Deputy, contact Kane County Sheriff via the website.
4. South Elgin Police Dept. Representative- Officer Syeda Iftexhar reported the open house for the new South Elgin Police Dept and Public Safety center will be Nov 23rd from 2 pm – 4pm. The Christmas tree lighting will be on the same day. McLean Blvd at Rt 31 may open at the end of the month. The PD will be distributing turkeys next week. The Shop with a Cop event with the kids will be at Target this year.
5. Elgin Police Dept. Representative- Not present.

C. RECOGNIZE PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1.Review and Audit of bills/funds: A motion was made by Trustee Stare to approve the audit/bills funds for the period on or before November 12, 2024, in the amount of \$27,120.15 for General Town fund, \$2,770.02 for General Assistance fund, \$12,112.62 for Senior fund, \$20,505.56 for the General Road fund, \$5,758.07 for the Insurance fund, \$1,760.00 for the

708 Community Mental Health Board for a total of all funds \$70,026.42. Motion seconded by Trustee Rogalla. Roll call vote: Ayes; Trustees Lopez, Bialek, Stare, Rogalla, Supervisor Bruderle. Nays; None. Motion carried 5-0-0.

E. Closed Session (if needed): Land Acquisition

Not needed.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Appointment (s) to Committee Youth (if any); None.
2. Community Recommended Mental Health Board Recommended Levy. Will follow F. 5.
3. Social Services Funding Presentations: Presentations were made by Easter Seals, Family Services, Assoc., Volunteers of America, Fellowship Housing, Northern IL Food Bank, Corbella Clinic, Ecker Center, Xilin Assoc., Chinese Mutal Aid Assoc., Elgin Cooperative Ministries, Literacy Connection, CASA Kane County, AID, Consumer Credit Counseling Services of IL, Community Crisis center. Greater Grave Community Church., YWCA, Administer Justice.

A motion was made by Trustee Lopez to recess the meeting at 6:50 pm. Motion seconded by Trustee Stare. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Supervisor Bruderle resumed the meeting at 6:59 pm. Roll call: Trustees Alejandro Lopez, Mark Bialek, Eric Stare, Janet Rogalla and Supervisor Ken Bruderle were present. Quorum established.

F. 3. CONTINUED

CASA Kane County, Literacy Connection, AID, Community Crisis Center, Greater Grace Community Church, Consumer Credit Counseling of IL, YWCA, Administer Justice.

A motion was made by Trustee Stare to recess the meeting at 7:58 pm until Thursday Nov 14, 2024, at 5 pm. Motion seconded by Trustee Lopez. Motion carried. 5-0-0.

Supervisor Bruderle called the meeting back to order on Nov 14, 2024, at 5:06 pm. Roll call: Trustees Alejandro Lopez, Mark Bialek, Eric Stare, Janet Rogalla and Supervisor Ken Bruderle were present. **Quorum was established.**

NEW BUSINSS CONTINUED

3. Elgin Partnership for Ealy Learning, PADS, Coalition for a Safe and Healthy Elgin, Fox Valley Hands of Hope, Well Child Center.

A motion was made by Trustee Stare to recess the meeting for 5 minutes at 5:48 pm. Motion seconded by Trustee Lopez. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Supervisor Bruderle called the meeting back to order at 5: 55 pm. Roll call: Trustees Alejandro Lopez, Mark Bialek, Eric Stare, Janet Rogalla and Supervisor Ken Bruderle were present. **Quorum was established.**

4. Allocation of Social Services Funding Discussion/Action: Discussion held. A motion was made by Trustee Bialek not to fund Coalition for a Safe and Healthy Elgin. Motion seconded by Trustee Rogalla. More discussion held. Roll call vote; Ayes; Trustees Bialek, Rogalla, Supervisor Bruderle. Nays: Trustees Lopez. Stare. Motion carried 3-2-0. A motion was made by Trustee Bialek not to fund Greater Grace Community Church. Motion seconded by Trustee Rogalla. Discussion held. Roll call vote: Ayes; Trustees Lopez. Bialek, Rogalla. Supervisor Bruderle. Trustee Stare abstained. Motion carried. 4-0-1. A motion was made by Trustee Stare not to fund YWCA. Motion seconded by Trustee Bialek. Ayes; Trustees Stare, Rogalla, Supervisor Bruderle. Nays; Trustee Lopez. Bialek. Motion carried 3-2-0. A motion was made by Trustee Stare to fully fund Corbella Clinic in the amount of \$40,000. Motion seconded by Trustee Lopez. Discussion held. Roll call vote; Ayes; Trustees Lopez, Stare, Rogalla. Supervisor Bruderle. Nays; Trustee Bialek. Motion carried 4-1-0. A motion was made to fully fund

CASA Kane County in the amount of \$15,000. Motion seconded by Trustee Lopez. Roll call vote; Ayes; Trustees Lopez. Bialke, Stare, Rogalla, Supervisor Bruderle. Motion carried. 5-0-0. A motion was made by Trustee Stare to fully fund Elgin Partnership for Early Learning in the amount of \$10,000. Motion seconded by Trustee Lopez. Discussion held. Roll call vote; Ayes; Trustees Lopez, Stare. Nays; Trustees Bialek, Rogalla, Supervisor Bruderle. Motion did not carry. 2-3-0. A motion was made by Trustee Bialek to fully fund AID in the amount of \$37,500. Motion seconded by Trustee Rogalla. Discussion held. Roll call vote; Ayes; Trustees Lopez. Bialek, Stare, Rogalla, Supervisor Bruderle. Nays; none. Motion carried 5-0-0. A motion was made by Trustee Rogalla to fully fund Northern IL Food bank in the amount of \$25,000. Discussion held. A motion was made by Trustee Lopez to amend the funding to \$30,000. Motion seconded by Trustee Stare. Discussion held. Roll call vote; Ayes; Trustee Lopez, Stare. Nays; Trustees Bialek, Rogalla, Supervisor Bruderle. Motion did not carry. 2-3-0. A motion was made by Trustee Lopez to fully fund Northern IL Food Bank in the amount of \$25,000. Motion seconded by Trustee Stare. Roll call vote; Ayes; Trustees Lopez, Bialek, Stare, Rogalla, Supervisor Bruderle. Nays; none. Motion carried 5-0-0. A motion was made by Trustee Bialek to fully fund Fellowship Housing Corp., in the amount of \$10,000. Motion

seconded by Trustee Stare. Discussion held. Roll call vote; Ayes; Trustees Lopez, Bialek, Stare, Rogalla, Supervisor Bruderle,. Nays; none. Motion carried 5-0-0.

A motion was made by Trustee Lopez to recess the meeting for 5 minutes at 7:17 pm. Motion seconded by Trustee Stare. Motin carried. 5-0-0. Supervisor Bruderle called the meeting back to order at 7:24 pm. Roll call: Trustees Alejandro Lopez, Mark Bialek, Eric Stare, Janet Rogalla and Supervisor Ken Bruderle were present. **Quorum was established.**

Discussion held regarding Mental Health Board funding. A motion was made by Trustee Bialek to move the balance of \$42,675 to the 708 Mental Health Board. Motion seconded by Trustee Lopez. Discussion held. Roll call vote; Ayes; Trustees Lopez, Bialke, Stare, Rogalla, Supervisor Bruderle. Nays; none. Motion carried 5-0-0.

This year's resources of \$500,000 were allocated to the following agencies: 708 Community Mental Health Board \$42,675, Administer Justice \$12,000, AID \$37,500, CASA Kane County \$15,000, Chinese Mutual Aid Association \$5,000, Coalition for a Safe & Healthy Elgin 0, Community Crisis Center \$79,250, Consumer Credit Counseling Services of IL \$3,650, Corbella Clinic \$40,000, Easter Seals \$13,000, Ecker Center \$69,000, Elgin Cooperative Ministries \$14,400, Elgin Partnership for Early Learning \$6,500, Family Service Assoc. of Greater Elgin Area \$25,625, Fellowship Housing Corp \$10,000, Fox Valley Hands of Hope \$7,500, Greater Grace Community Church 0, Literacy Connection \$5,000, Northern IL Food Bank \$25,000, PADS \$50,000, Volunteers of America \$11,000, Well Child Center \$14,400, Xilin \$13,500, YWCA 0. A motion was made by Trustee Rogalla to fund the organizations as presented. Motion seconded by Trustee Stare. Roll call vote; Ayes; Trustees Lopez, Bialek, Stare, Rogalla, Supervisor Bruderle. Nays; none. Motion carried 5-0-0.

5. Receptionist/Concierge: Because of an increase in the number of services the Township has provided, Supervisor Bruderle thinks it would be a good idea to have a receptionist or concierge provide their services to answer phones and perform other duties, starting as a part-time volunteer position and potentially becoming an employee of the Township. A motion was made by Supervisor Bruderle to look for a receptionist as a volunteer on a part-time basis. Motion seconded by Trustee Stare. Discussion held. Roll call vote; Ayes; Trustees Lopez, Bialek, Stare, Rogalla, Supervisor Bruderle. Nays; none. Motion carried 5-0-0.

2. Community Mental Health Board Recommended Levy: Discussion held. A motion was made by Trustee Lopez to accept the recommended levy for the 708 Community Mental Health Board of \$1.4M. Motion seconded by Supervisor Bruderle. Discussion held. Roll call vote: Ayes; Trustees Lopez. Nays; Trustee Bialek, Stare, Rogalla, Supervisor Bruderle. Motion did not carry 1-4-0. A motion was made by Supervisor Bruderle to change the recommended levy to \$1M for the Mental Health Board. Motion seconded by Trustee Rogalla. Discussion held. Roll call vote: Ayes; Trustees Lopez, Rogalla, Supervisor Bruderle, Nays: Trustee Stare, Bialek. Motion carried 3-2-0.

G. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Clerk Dowling and Road Commissioner Krabbe attended the TOKC dinner. It was very informative.

H. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Supervisor Bruderle thanked the board for all their hard work and stated the board works very well together and is respectful of each other. Thursday Nov 21st at 6 pm there will be an "Acts of Violence Preparedness" presentation at the Township.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday December 9, 2024, at 6 pm. at Township offices, 729 S McLean Blvd. Elgin, IL 60123.

I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Dowling.

Karen Dowling, Town Clerk

Date