

Elgin Township Board
729 S. McLean Blvd Elgin, IL 60123
Meeting of October 14, 2019 Minutes

The regular meeting of the Town of Elgin, Illinois was held on October 14, 2019 in the Board Room of the Elgin Township Building. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Ramirez at 6:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Clerk Dowling.

ROLL CALL

Trustee Susan Van Weelden, Trustee Richard Poulton, Trustee Verner Tepe, Trustee Eduardo Guerra, Supervisor Franklin Ramirez were present. **Quorum was established.**

Supervisor Ramirez made a motion to add #3 to Other Business; Kane County Sheriff Representative. Motion seconded by Trustee Poulton.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Van Weelden to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2019 Township Board meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Tepe. Discussion held. Motion carried 5-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Investment Report; No questions or comments.

1.Review and Audit of bills/funds. A motion was made by Trustee Poulton to approve the audit/bills funds for the period of 9/10/19 to 10/10/19 in the amount of \$23,151.06 for General Town fund, \$29,042.47 for General assistance fund, \$407.29 for the Senior fund, \$46,999.47 for the General Road fund, \$3,278.07 for the Insurance fund, for a total of all funds \$102,878.36. Motion seconded by Trustee Van Weelden. Ayes; Trustee Tepe, Trustee Guerra, Trustee Van Weelden, Trustee Poulton, Supervisor Ramirez. Nays; 0. Discussion held. Trustee Tepe made a motion to amend the \$130 payment to Birch. Seeing there was no second, the motion failed 4-1-0.

2. Bees/Butterfly Garden; Trustee Poulton met with road commissioner Seyller and a Conservation representative regarding cleaning out the vegetation. The cost would be \$5,000 to \$7,500. Trustee Poulton made a motion to approve but not to exceed \$7,500 to clean out vegetation so butterfly garden can be created. Motion seconded by Trustee Tepe. After discussion motion failed, Ayes; 0. Nays; 5. Will be discussed again at December meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Assessor Comments; None.

2.Road Comments; Road Commissioner Seyller reported final brush pick up is this week. Ditch problems are being finished and the culverts are finished.

3.Kane County Sheriff Representative; Sheriff Jamie Gartland reported that there is a suspect in custody regarding the unlocked vehicle burglaries. Lawn Equipment was stolen from Foothill Rd in Elgin.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Social Service Presentation Discussion: Supervisor Ramirez noted that last year the presentations were 7 minutes long. Discussion held. Speaking time will be 5 minutes with 7-minute time slots.

2.Tax & Levy Discussion; Discussion held. Trustee Tepe made a motion to go with the 1.9% use for PTEL. Motion seconded by Trustee Van Weelden. It comes out to a 45 cent a year increase when tax levy submitted. Motion carried 5-0-0.

3.RX Program; Trustee Poulton make a motion to keep the program as is. Motion seconded by Trustee Van Weelden. Motion carried 5-0-0.

4. Garbage Contract Discussion; A representative from Groot is here. Our contract is coming up. Discussion held. Trustee Tepe made a motion to extend the agreement for 4 years. Motion seconded by Trustee Van Weelden. Trustee Tepe suggested tabling the motion until next month so we can find out if we need to go out for a bid. Motion carried 5-0-0.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

The website is now on the front burner. We're trying to do a better job marketing the township. Emails are going out to residents.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Van Weelden attended the following events: Sept 10th; U-46 Career Expo, Sept 19th; along with Trustee Guerra, Hunger Summit with CHEF (Community Harvest Educational Foundation), Sept 25th; spoke to Women's group regarding Township, Sept 26th; "Maid in America" Film/discussion, Oct 1st, CHEF lunch and learn, Oct 2nd; Long Red Line committee meeting, Oct 8th; along with Trustee Poulton TIF Meeting representing the Township, Oct 10th; Women in Mentoring meeting, Oct 11th; South Elgin Economic Development Assn. meeting, Township outreach. February 12, 2020 is "One Billion Rising" Event. Trustee Poulton and Supervisor Ramirez attended census launch. Trustee Poulton is thinking of putting together bullet points to explain what the Township does. He has copies of the article "Consolidations would reduce costs and improve efficiency" for Township government. Trustee Tepe reported the next Tech seminar will be on 3D printing on Oct 22nd. We have the ability to put on Expo's at the township such as pet fairs, job fairs, etc.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-

Next general meeting is scheduled for Monday November 4, 2019, 4:00 pm. at the Township offices, 729 S McLean Blvd., Elgin, Illinois 60123.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Poulton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 pm. Motion seconded by Trustee Van Weelden. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Dowling.

_____ Karen Dowling, Town Clerk	_____ Date
_____ Ed Guerra, Trustee	_____ Date
_____ Verner Tepe, Trustee	_____ Date
_____ Susan Van Weelden, Trustee	_____ Date
_____ Richard Poulton, Trustee	_____ Date
_____ Franklin Ramirez, Supervisor	_____ Date