

**Elgin Township Board**  
**729 S. McLean Blvd Elgin, IL 60123**  
**Meeting of September 14, 2020 Minutes**

The regular meeting of the Town of Elgin, Illinois was held on September 14, 2020 downstairs in meeting room A at the Elgin Township Building. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Franklin Ramirez at 6:01 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** Resident Mary Roberti is helping out with the relocation of PADS. The best location is 600 S State St Elgin, She would like the board to sign a letter for the city to grant the building to PADS. There will be a town hall meeting on Thursday night at Wing Park Pavilion at 5:30 pm and 7:00 pm with a presentation and panel for discussion. The group will be meeting with SWAN (Southwest Area Neighbors) at Zion Lutheran Church on September 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:45 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

August 10, 2020 Regular Town Board meeting; A motion was made by Trustee Poulton to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Trustee Van Weelden. Motion carried 5-0-0.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- 1.Assessor Comments; Assessor Surnicki had 164 appeals which is less than last year. Contacted Comcast and they refunded our cancellation fees. Board of review hearings start 3<sup>rd</sup> week in October and finish November 16th. Office is taking walk-ins now.
- 2.Road Comments; Road Commissioner Seyller started brush pick up today for the month of September. Another payment has been made to Geneva Construction. Waiting to be reimbursed for the grant.
3. Kane County Sheriff Representative comments- None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Review & Audit Bills/funds; A motion was made by Trustee Van Weelden to approve the audit/bills funds for the period of 8/11/20 to 9/11/20 in the amount of \$727.52 for General Town fund, \$4,931.37 for General assistance fund, for a total of all funds \$5,658.89. Motion seconded by Trustee Tepe. Ayes; Trustee Poulton, Trustee Guerra, Trustee Tepe, Trustee Van Weelden, Supervisor Ramirez. Nays; None. Motion carried 5-0-0. A motion was made by Trustee Poulton to approve the audit/bills funds for the period of 9/14/20 to 9/14/20 in the amount of \$27,227.69 for the General Town fund, \$10,730.16 for General Assistance fund, \$428.02 for Senior fund, \$429,361.95 for General Road fund, \$3,110.20 for Insurance fund, for a total of all funds \$470,858.02. Motion seconded by Trustee Van Weelden. Discussion held. Motion carried 5-0-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 1 Bees & Butterfly vote; Trustee Poulton had sent the contract to all board members, and made a motion to accept the contract. Motion seconded by Trustee Van Weelden. Discussion held. Motion carried 4-1-0. More discussion held. Trustee Poulton made a motion to enter the agreement with Natural Communities Native Plants. Motion seconded by Supervisor Ramirez. Motion carried 4-1-0.
- 2.Investment Discussion; Supervisor Ramirez will be ready with a plan next month and will have a report.
- 3.Mental Health Board Appointments; a. Anthony Ortiz; He has asked for his name to be removed from appointees list.
- b. Shirley Bassett; Supervisor Ramirez suggested tabling her appointment until the end of the meeting or next month.
- 4.Committee on Youth Appointments; a. Tish Calhamer, b. Billie Moffett, c. Alejandra Rodriguez, d. Dr. DeSean Coleman, Sr. Supervisor Ramirez moved to consolidate all 4 appointees into 1 vote. Seconded by Trustee Poulton. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Trustee Van Weelden gave a brief description of each appointee. Discussion held. Trustee Tepe made a motion to approve all 4 candidates. Seconded by Trustee Van Weelden. Motion carried 5-0-0.

**SUPERVISORS REPORT**

Kane county received Covid funds, but we will not be reimbursed unless we are over budget. Township will not be reimbursed. Discussion held. Letters will be sent to the Elgin Republican and Democratic Township chairman asking if they will hold a caucus. If we do not hear back from them, we will assume they are not holding one. The Mental health board has written a mission, vision and value statement. Discussion held. We will be purchasing rugs for the upstairs and won't be renting anymore. Early voting starts October 19<sup>th</sup> at the Township building thru November 2<sup>nd</sup>. November 3<sup>rd</sup> voting will be in next building, "B" door. Annual town meeting will be held Tuesday September 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Social service funding board meeting will be November 9<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm.

**TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

Trustee Van Weelden noted the South Elgin Economic Development Association is holding a Zoom event on October 20<sup>th</sup> about a village update by South Elgin village president Steve Ward. The Elgin Chamber CEO Carol Gieske will present business resources, and a video marketing expert will also be present. The grand opening of Pantan Mill Park is slated for October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. There will be self-guided tours after October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Upper IL River Valley Development Authority Board has not yet met this month, but board members and director have noted the numerous business assistance programs available through DCEO. For further info refer to the State DCEO website (Dept. of Commerce and Economic Opportunity). The Long Red Line/1 Billion rising committee met via Zoom last week. They are working on a virtual event for 2021. Will keep us updated.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next general meeting is scheduled for Monday October 5, 2020 at 6:00 pm. at the Township offices, 729 S. McLean Blvd. Elgin, IL 60123.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Supervisor Ramirez moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Trustee Van Weelden. Motion carried 5-0-0. Meeting adjourned 7:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Dowling.

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Karen Dowling, Town Clerk

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Franklin Ramirez, Supervisor

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Eduardo Guerra, Trustee

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Verner Tepe, Trustee

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Susan Van Weelden, Trustee

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Richard Poulton, Trustee