

Elgin Township Board
729 S. McLean Blvd Elgin, IL 60123
Meeting of April 6, 2020 Minutes

On March 20, 2020 in light of the circumstances surrounding ongoing outbreak of COVID-19, Governor Pritzker issued Executive order 2020-10, requiring, *inter alia*, individuals currently living in Illinois to “shelter-in-place” at their homes, except to perform certain “essential activities” or conduct certain “essential businesses and operations”, including but not limited to, “essential government functions”. Previously, on March 16, 2020, in light of the circumstances surrounding ongoing outbreak of COVID-19, Governor Pritzker issued Executive Order 2020-07, suspending for the duration of the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, *inter alia*, the provisions of the Act: (a) requiring in-person attendance at meetings by members of a public body; and (b) limiting when remote participation is permitted. Thereafter, on April 1, 2020, in light of the circumstances surround the ongoing outbreak of COVID-19, Governor Pritzker issued Executive Order 2020-18, *inter alia*, continuing and extending Executive Order 2020-07 and Executive Order 2020-10 through, at least, April 30, 2020. In furtherance of Executive Order 2020-10, and pursuant to executive Order 2020-07, the Supervisor and other members of the Township Board are lawfully attending this April 6, 2020 Township Board meeting by means other than physical presence. Such participation by “other means” will be video conference. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Franklin Ramirez at 6:00 p.m.

VIRTUAL ROLL CALL

Trustee Susan Van Weelden, Trustee Verner Tepe, Trustee Eduardo Guerra, Supervisor Franklin Ramirez were virtually present. Trustee Richard Poulton virtually arrived at 6:11 pm. **Quorum was established.**

Supervisor Ramirez made a motion to move New Business #2, (Committee on Seniors Emergency Funding Request- Food for Greater Elgin) to after Approval of the Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Trustee Tepe. Motion carried 4-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS- None.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Van Weelden to approve the minutes for the March 9, 2020 meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Tepe. Motion carried 4-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Committee on Seniors Emergency Funding Request – Food for Greater Elgin \$100,000.00- Trustee Van Weelden made a motion to approve \$100,000.00 for the Seniors Emergency fund. Motion seconded by Trustee Tepe. Discussion held. Michael Montgomery from Food for Greater Elgin stated the need for the funds are to provide food for Seniors and the Township. Mike Warren from Food for Greater Elgin feels they haven’t experienced the amount of need yet & greatly appreciates the funding. Rich Jacobs, Chairman of the Senior committee noted the funds are very much needed during this crisis for the seniors. Ayes; Trustee Tepe, Trustee Van Weelden, Trustee Poulton, Trustee Guerra, Supervisor Ramirez. Nays; None. Motion carried 5-0-0. Trustee Tepe noted some Edgewater residents are making face masks and selling them. The funds will go to Food for Greater Elgin.

OLD BUSINESS

1.Review and Audit of bills/funds; A motion was made by Trustee Van Weelden to approve the audit/bills funds for the period of 3/10/20 to 4/2/20 in the amount of \$827.52 for General Town fund, \$7,948.96 for General assistance fund,

\$100,000.000 for Senior fund, for a total of all funds \$108,776.48. Motion seconded by Trustee Tepe. Ayes; Trustee Tepe, Trustee Guerra, Trustee Van Weelden, Trustee Poulton, Supervisor Ramirez. Nays; None. Motion carried 5-0-0.

A motion was made by Trustee Tepe to approve the Board audit report for the period of 4/6/20 to 4/6/20 in the amount of \$29,124.27 for the General town fund, \$10,548.76 for General assistance fund, \$1,215.03 for Senior fund, \$18,555.11 for General Road fund, \$3,349.09 for Insurance fund, for a total of all funds \$62,792.26. Motion seconded by Trustee Van Weelden. Discussion held. Ayes; Trustee Poulton, Trustee Guerra, Trustee Tepe, Trustee Van Weelden, Supervisor Ramirez. Nays; None. Motion carried 5-0-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Assessor Comments- None.
2. Road Comments- Supervisor Ramirez noted there will be Brush pick up for April.
3. Kane County Sheriff Representative comments- None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Summer Programs for Youth at Risk funding Presentations- Trustee Tepe noted if the event doesn't occur, the funds should be returned to the township. Trustee Van Weelden agreed. Presentations were made by: Northern IL Special Recreation Assoc., Fox Valley Christian Action, Northern Illinois Food Bank, Renz Center, YWCA, Crisis Center, Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra, Stem Savvy, Alignment Collaboration for Education, Boys & Girls Club, Grupo De Danza Folklorica Questzaly. Award funding; After the presentations, this year's resources of \$123,500.00 were allocated to the following agencies; Alignment Collaborative for Education \$6,000, Boys & Girls Club of Elgin \$15,000, Crisis Center \$7,500, Elgin Police Department \$20,000, Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra \$7,100, Fox Valley Christian Action \$4,000, Grupo De Dana Folklorica Questzaly \$6,000, Northern IL Special Recreation Assoc. \$7,000, Northern IL Food Bank \$8,000, Renz Addiction Center \$15,000, Stem Savvy \$4,900, Youth Leadership Academy \$8,000, YWCA \$15,000. Trustee Tepe made a motion to distribute the finds of \$123,500. Motion seconded by Trustee Van Weelden. Ayes; Trustee Tepe, Trustee Van Weelden, Trustee Guerra, Trustee Poulton, Supervisor Ramirez. Nays; None. Motion carried 5-0-0.

SUPERVISORS REPORT

Budget discussion will be moved to May meeting. Regarding Tax extension, we hope we will get what we are asking for. The offices remain closed to the public. Received a letter from Groot; if your household has the Covid-19 virus, double bag your recycling and throw it in your garbage.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Poulton noted the county won't penalize anyone who doesn't pay their taxes in June. Your payment can be delayed until September without penalty. Trustee Poulton attended Elgin township committee on seniors. Trustee Tepe asked about the mental health board committee. Supervisor Ramirez stated we have 11 applications. Based on the referendum, there will be no funds available until 2022. Can the Township Board loan the mental health board \$1,000,000.00 and they can pay us back?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next general meeting is scheduled for Monday May 11, 2020 at 6:00 pm. at the Township offices, 729 S. McLean Blvd. Elgin, IL 60123. Annual Town Meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2020 at 7:00 pm. 729 S McLean Blvd., Elgin IL, 60123.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Ramirez moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Trustee Poulton. Motion carried 5-0-0. Meeting adjourned 9:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Dowling.

Karen Dowling, Town Clerk

Date

Franklin Ramirez, Supervisor

Date

Eduardo Guerra, Trustee

Date

Richard Poulton, Trustee

Date

Verner Tepe, Trustee

Date

Susan Van Weelden, Trustee

Date