

Elgin Township Board
729 S. McLean Blvd Elgin, IL 60123
Meeting of June 14, 2021 Minutes

The regular meeting of the Town of Elgin, Illinois was held in the board room. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Ken Bruderle at 6:00 p.m. Clerk Dowling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Fr. Mulcahey from St Laurence Catholic Church gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Trustee Alejandro Lopez, Trustee Mark Bialek, Trustee Eric Stare, Trustee Janet Rogalla, Supervisor Ken Bruderle were present. **Quorum was established.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joann Hartman member of Committee on Seniors was told the funding for the grants was wrong and the board would be cutting the amount. Would like to have the Committee on Seniors revisit this. Bernadette May, Exec Director of Family Services Assoc. congratulated the new board. 67% of the voters agreed a Mental Health Board is needed. Ms. May addressed the board about a high school student who needed support from the Mental Health Board and would like us to support it & pursue the lawsuit with the county. Karen Beyer member of Mental Health Board noted the state of IL has been reducing funding for Mental health, and Elgin Township needs funding for mental health services. Laurie Baker President of AID noted that 708 board is a way for people to receive services who are not selected from a list. It would pay for what Medicaid does not pay for. Would like to see board file lawsuit or join in with Dundee Township lawsuit. Micki Miller Exec director of Senior Services is surprised to hear the amount of funding has changed for seniors. She is encouraging the board to follow what the committee on seniors recommends & hopes their needs are taken care of. Angela Boque; Dementia Friendly Elgin. Dedicated to strengthening and supporting residents with dementia. They provide education for residents & train businesses. They have been operating on a zero budget. Michael Montgomery Food for Greater Elgin congratulated the new board and invited the board to visit the agencies. Nancy Burnidge is a voter who approved the funding for Mental Health Board. She thanked all who spoke about support for the board and is asking Township board to consider joining in on the lawsuit or start a lawsuit. She thanked the board for the services they provide. Supervisor Bruderle stated that the funding is pretty much what it was this year as last year. He had given the Committee on Seniors the wrong amount and nothing has been cut. A mistake was made. The funding is there and he apologized.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Stare to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2021 Township Board meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Rogalla. Motion carried 5-0-0. A motion was made by Supervisor Bruderle to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2021 Special board meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Stare. Motion carried. 5-0-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Kane County Sheriff Representative; Sheriff Chris Ruchaj told everyone to lock their doors and cars. Kane County Sheriff has 2 social workers who are available to help & are on call.
2. Elgin PD Representative; Officer Rick Demierre noted anything to assist seniors is worth it. There are 2 detectives and 3 part time social workers who ride with detectives. If you have a family member with dementia, make sure you sign them into family finder. Detectives go out and do follow ups with residents with a mental crisis.
3. South Elgin PD Representative; Not present.
4. Supervisor's Report; Supervisor Bruderle has made a lot of changes in his first week. Staff is doing a great job. The building is going to need a new roof soon. There was an issue with the heating system. We saved the township 30% by reprogramming the thermostat. Met with Vern Tepe County Board member regarding mental health. Had a discussion with State Rep Anna Moeller, State Senators Christina Castro and Don DeWitte. The Ecker Center was funded by the state for \$1.8 million. There is a line item in the budget for Senior utility assistance but no mechanism in place to help. Will be addressed later in meeting.
5. Assessor Comments: Assessor Surnicki is working on 2021 assessments and will send to County for certification. The appeal period will be a month long. Hearings will be around Sept. or Oct.
6. Road Comments: Commissioner Krabbe finished the first mowing and will continue to make road repairs along with ditches and culverts. Geneva Construction won the bid for repaving in Sunval, Catatoga I and Noble Manor subdivisions. The Coombs Rd bridge project has been pushed to January now. Regarding Line items of the Budget & Appropriation Ordinance, 725, 727 & 729; 725 is for necessary repairs to road building, 727 is equipment needed and 729 is the resurfacing projects and Coombs Rd bridge.

OLD 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 6/14/21 in the amount of \$18,595. for General Town fund, \$6,977.00 for General assistance fund, \$710.33 for the Senior fund, \$8,098.15 for the General road fund, for a total of all funds \$34,381.24. Motion seconded by Trustee Lopez. Roll call vote, Ayes; Trustees Lopez, Bialek, Stare, Rogalla, Supervisor Bruderle. Nays; None. Motion carried 5-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Service Line Contract Update; Supervisor Bruderle contacted the company, and no more letters will go out. Discussion held. A motion was made by Trustee Stare to cancel the service line contract agreement. Motion seconded by Trustee Rogalla. Motion carried. 5-0-0.
2. Appointment of Township Attorney (60ILCS 1/70-37); Discussion held. Supervisor Bruderle made a motion to appoint Mark Shuster as Township Attorney. Motion seconded by Trustee Stare. More discussion held. Motion carried 5-0-0.
3. Appointment of Deputy Clerk; Discussion held. Supervisor Bruderle made a motion to appoint Jeanette Mihalec as Deputy Clerk. Motion seconded by Trustee Stare. Discussion held. Motion carried 5-0-0.
4. Appointment for Committee on Seniors; Supervisor Bruderle made a motion to table the appointment for another member. Motion seconded by Trustee Stare. Motion carried 5-0-0.
5. Appointment of Board liaison for Mental Health Board; Supervisor Bruderle made a motion to appoint Trustee Lopez as the liaison for the Mental Health Board. Motion seconded by Trustee Rogalla. Discussion held. Motion carried 5-0-0.
6. Notice of Appointment of Authorized Agent- IMRF. Trustee Rogalla made a motion to appoint Supervisor Bruderle the authorized agent for IMRF. Motion seconded by Trustee Stare. Motion carried 5-0-0.
7. 457b Plan Administrator Change; A motion was made by Trustee Rogalla to appoint Supervisor Bruderle as the 457b plan Administrator. Motion seconded by Trustee Bialek. Motion carried 5-0-0.
8. CPA Audit (60ILCS 1/80-20, 60ILCS 1/70-15); Supervisor Bruderle suggests an outside firm to come in and do a special audit of the books. Trustee Stare made a motion to have an outside firm audit the books. Motion seconded by Trustee Rogalla. Discussion held. Motion carried. 5-0-0.

9. Check Signing Process and Bill Payment Options; Discussion held. Supervisor Bruderle would like a trustee to also sign any checks written over \$10,000. Supervisor Bruderle recommended Trustee Rogalla. Trustee Bialek made a motion for Trustee Rogalla to sign checks over \$10,000. Motion seconded by Trustee Stare. Motion carried 5-0-0. Trustee Bialek made a motion to pay bills electronically if they are set up for that. Motion seconded by Trustee Lopez. Motion carried 5-0-0.

10. Senior Utility Assistance Program; Supervisor Bruderle would like to implement the Utility Assistance Program. Trustee Rogalla made a motion to implement it. Motion seconded by Trustee Stare. Discussion held. Motion carried 5-0-0. Trustee Lopez made a motion to tweak the program and amend the application process or refine and immediately implement the program. Motion seconded by Trustee Stare. Motion carried 5-0-0.

11. Committee on Seniors Grant Recommendations; Committee on Seniors met and discussed "aging in place". Supervisor Bruderle said that he made a mistake on the amount that he stated to Chairman Jacobs. The committee was instructed by Chairman Jacobs to grant 100% or nothing from the RFP's, thus the committee does not want partial funding. Organizations are happy to receive any funding the township offers versus nothing and will adjust programs accordingly and/or use additional funding from other sources. A motion was made by Trustee Stare to table recommendations and bring back to the committee on how to distribute funds. Motion seconded by Trustee Bialek. Motion carried 5-0-0. The Committee on Seniors will meet June 24th.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Bialek will be on WRMN Radio tomorrow morning along with Cherie Aschenbrenner focusing on scams.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next general meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2021 at 6:00 pm at Township offices, 729 S McLean Blvd. Elgin, IL 60123.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Stare moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Lopez. Motion carried 5-0-0. Meeting adjourned 8:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Dowling.

Karen Dowling, Town Clerk

Date