

Elgin Township Board
729 S McLean Blvd Elgin IL 60123
Meeting of March 14, 2022

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 6:03 p.m. Clerk Dowling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Pastor Jack Wheatley/Greater Grace Community Church gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

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

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Bruderle noted that on March 15, 2022, there will be a special meeting regarding 708 Mental Health Board referendum.

A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mary Crick with Association for Behavioral Health Care stated gambling problems keep getting bigger & bigger in our Township, and there is a need for a 708 Board. Ron Edelman is not in favor of the 708 Board referendum and is hoping the Township Board will be open-minded about it. Bernie May, Exec. Director of Family Service Assoc., is in favor of the 708 Board and urged the Township Board to vote yes and levy an amount that will make an impact. Maureen Manning, Executive Director of Community Crisis Center and an Elgin Township resident, is in favor of the 708 Board and would also like the Township Board to keep an open mind.

B. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Bialek to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2022, regular Township Board meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Stare. Motion carried 4-0-0.

C. REPORTS

1. Assessor Comments: In Assessor Surnicki's absence, Supervisor Bruderle reported that Assessor's office continues to make strides in processing of sales, permits, new construction, and home & commercial properties. Due to availability of Elgin Township plat books that can be accessed by electronic means, we have ended our relationship with the vendor. The vendor supplied us with yearly paper copies of our

35,000-parcel plat books. The service is no longer needed. The many years of paper plat books were recycled. Continuing with the review of assessments for the 2022 assessment year. We are continuing education with Assessor & office staff taking required assessment-related classes.

2. Road Comments: Road Commissioner Krabbe has been very busy with snow and ice removal. Salt supply is doing well. Still have another salt order to make to meet our required bid. Monitoring roadways for potholes due to the freeze/thaw that we have been seeing along with rainy conditions at times. This tends to lead to potholes. Due to recent warm snap & the snow melting, we were able to walk the ditches along main roads and remove garbage. It filled the dumpster. Continuing with regular maintenance items, such as drain cleaning, sign repair & battery collection. Moving along with Coombs Rd Bridge project. Finished up agreement with railroad for land rights. Still on course for the April letting for construction.

3. Kane County Sheriff Dept. Representative: not present.

4. South Elgin Police Dept. Representative: not present.

5. Elgin Police Dept. Representative: not present.

6. Committee on Seniors Report: Trustee Janet Rogalla noted that Michael Montgomery, Exec Director of Food for Greater Elgin, brought sample boxes of food for the committee to see what is donated to seniors. He is always looking for volunteers. Beth McClory, Senior Services Associates stated that computer tablets were given to seniors. Beverly Ivy has resigned from the Committee on Seniors, and Maggie Beyer took her place as secretary.

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Review & Audit of bills/funds: A motion was made by Trustee Stare to approve the audit/bills funds for the period on or before 3/14/22 in the amount of \$30,249.65 for the General Town Fund, \$833,86 for the General Assistance fund, \$833.86 for the Senior fund \$90,869.44 for the General Road fund, \$2,251.68 for the Insurance Fund, for a total of all funds \$125,038.50. Motion seconded by Trustee Rogalla. Roll call vote: Ayes: Trustees Bialek, Stare, Rogalla, and Supervisor Bruderle. Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0-0.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Appointment: Fred Haas-Committee on Seniors: Supervisor Bruderle made a motion to appoint Fred Haas to the Committee on Seniors for the balance of Beverly Ivy's term. Motion seconded by Trustee Stare. Motion carried 4-0-0.

2. Proclamation for Problem Gambling Awareness month: March is Problem Gambling Awareness month. Mary Crick spoke briefly about it and there is an effort to make the public aware. Clerk Dowling read the proclamation. It was accepted by the Board.

3. Youth Grant Schedule Changes: At the April 4, 2022, Board meeting, the Summer Youth-at-Risk funding applicants will present their proposals.

4. Scheduling of the Annual Town Meeting (April 12, 2022, 7:00 p.m.) This date is set for the Annual Town meeting.

5. Agenda for Annual Town meeting: Trustee Bialek made a motion to adopt the agenda. Motion seconded by Trustee Stare. Motion carried 4-0-0.

F. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Supervisor Bruderle has spoken to many people about the 708 Board referendum and agencies, hearing both support and non-support. We appreciate the input. Regarding Senior Access Passes, Elgin seniors can participate at no cost. We are trying to expand the benefits. Waiting for written confirmation for free admission to the Elgin History Museum.

G. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Bialek thanked everyone for their comments tonight. He delivered food boxes for Senior Services. The donations Senior Services have received from the Township have been going to good use. Trustee Bialek visited the YWCA and saw "Cinderella's Closet". High school girls shop for prom dresses and the cost is \$25. If you know of anyone who needs a prom dress, contact the YWCA. Trustee Rogalla thanked Fred Haas for volunteering his time to the Committee on Seniors.

H. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A SPECIAL Board meeting will be held on Tuesday March 15, 2022, 6:00 p.m. regarding the 708 Mental Health Board ballot referendum. The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2022, 6:00 p.m. at Township offices, 729 S McLean Blvd. Elgin, IL 60123.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Stare moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Trustee Rogalla. Motion carried 4-0-0. Meeting adjourned 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Dowling

Karen Dowling, Town Clerk

Date