

Elgin Township Board
729 S. McLean Blvd Elgin, IL 60123
Meeting of November 13, 2023, Minutes

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 5:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Deacon Bob Balsamo gave the invocation.

Clerk Dowling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Trustees Mark Bialek, Eric Stare, Janet Rogalla and Supervisor Ken Bruderle were present. Alejandro Lopez joined later via Zoom. **Quorum was established.**

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

See A, Review/Update 708 CMHB Process/Legalities.

A. REVIEW/UPDATE 708 CMHB PROCESS/LEGALITIES

Includes General Announcement. Supervisor Bruderle explained and reviewed the situation regarding the previous Mental Health Board. The goal tonight is to decide on the line item for the levy. Attorney Mark Shuster stated that Legislation is needed to address the conflicts in the law.

B. RECOGNIZE PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dorothea Poulos, MD, would like to know what we can do to get more funding for mental health. Margaret Frisch Klein, Rabbi is in favor of services and more funding. County Board member Vern Tepe is in favor of the not to exceed rate. Maureen Manning is urging the board to please vote on the not to exceed rate. Lore Baker encouraged the board to give all the services they can. Judge Michael Noland feels we must do all we can for Mental Health. Carroll Bailey is in favor of the not to exceed rate, and announced that the Martin Luther King, Jr Prayer Breakfast will be held on January 13, 2024. Susan McIntyre is in favor of funding the Mental Health board to the not to exceed rate. We need to help people in our community. John Bradburn is in favor of the not to exceed rate. Mary Shesgreen is very concerned about teenagers, the homeless, and domestic violence. Please honor the will of the voters of the original intention. Eileen McNamee wants the Board to think of all the citizens who pay taxes and need services. She would like the levy pushed to the highest amount. Bernie May would like the Board to seek opinions from other attorneys regarding the PTELL law. Bob Tanner is in favor of the not to exceed rate. The Township needs the services. Dr. Syed Anwar feels we need the services. Tina Green feels we need the services. Deb Howe is encouraging the board to vote for the not to exceed rate.

C. NEW BUSINESS- Part 1

1. Ordinance Authorizing Attendance at Meetings by Telephonic or Other Electronic Means. Supervisor Bruderle read the Ordinance to allow the Town Board to participate in meetings of the Board of Trustees by other means. A motion was made by trustee Stare to accept the ordinance as read. Motion seconded by Trustee Rogalla. Discussion held. Motion carried. 4-0-0. A motion was made by Trustee Stare to accept Trustee Lopez into the meeting at 6:18 pm. Motion seconded by Trustee Rogalla. Motion carried. 4-0-0.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES October 10, 2023, Regular Town Board meeting. A motion was made by Trustee Bielak to approve the minutes of the Town Board meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Stare. Motion carried. 5-0-0.

E. REPORTS

1. Assessor Comments- Assessor Surnicki; Out of 34,000 parcels, Assessor's office has received 180 assessment appeals. Hearings start December 4, and will end January 11, 2024.
- Road Comments- Commissioner Krabbe; Continued with daily activities, road maintenance, drains, batteries, trimming trees, and sign repair. Preparing trucks for winter season. Getting plows and spreaders ready and installed on trucks.
3. Kane County Sheriff Dept Representative- Not present.
4. South Elgin Police Dept. Representative; Not present.
5. Elgin Police Dept. Representative- Seargent Rick DeMierre noted the Halloween event was very well attended. December 2nd is the Christmas open house at the Police Dept. Don't start your car and leave it running in the driveway. There are more frauds at this time of the year. There will be an Active Shooter presentation on November 15 at 6 pm at the Township building.
6. Committee on Seniors Report- Trustee Rogalla; Maryanne Rowe will be doing the reading on Gratitude at the next reading event on November 20 at 9:30 am. The name has been changed to "Senior Discuss and Discover". Nancy Hill from South Elgin brought a questionnaire to the committee regarding "Age in Place" for Seniors. The committee is thinking of using it. Christmas sing along with be held at The Heritage Woods of South Elgin and Sheridan at Tyler Creek on December 1. There will be an "Emergency call for Seniors" seminar on November 27 at 10 am. The Committee is trying to get medication kits for the elderly from the Fire Dept. Todd Morely will be talking about Grief counseling.
7. 708 Community Mental Health Board Report- Trustee Lopez; The Finance committee has decided on the Levy to recommend to the Board.
8. Cub Scout Pack Report- Trustee Eric Stare; No report.

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Review and Audit of bills/funds; A motion was made by Trustee Rogalla to approve the audit/bills funds for the period on or before 11/13/2023 in the amount of \$47,693.10 for Town fund, \$15,536.03 for General Assistance fund, \$20,323.02 for the Senior fund, \$6,560.00 for the 708 CMHB, \$2,070.57 for the Insurance fund, \$47,626.66 for the General Road fund for a total of all funds \$140,809.38. Motion seconded by Trustee Stare. Roll call vote; Ayes; Trustees Lopez, Bialek, Stare, Rogalla, Supervisor Bruderle. Nays; None. Motion carried 5-0-0.

G. NEW BUSINESS- Part 2

1. 708 CMHB Levy. Drew Sosnowski Mental Health Board Chairman addressed the board and thanked the consultant that was hired for being very helpful. Whatever number the Board comes up with will not solve all the problems. The amount of \$1.4M will impact the residents of Elgin Township. Suzanne Rozicki addressed the board and asked Attorney Mark Shuster if we are limiting ourselves to \$1.4M. Mr. Shuster believes it will. Supervisor Bruderle stated the board can only go up 5% for the year from \$1.4M. The goal is to have a separate line item on the tax bill for Mental Health. Supervisor Bruderle would like to discuss doubling the rate because it cannot be increased. Attorney Mark Shuster noted the vote in December is to finalize the levy. Vice Chairman Mike Warren of the Mental Health Board stands by the recommendation of the Board. Discussion held. Supervisor Bruderle suggested increasing the levy to \$2.8M. More discussion held. A motion was made by Trustee Rogalla to accept the \$1.4M recommendation of the 708 MHB. Motion seconded by Trustee Bialek. More discussion held. Trustee Lopez would like to see the funding increased. Roll call vote. Ayes; Trustees Bialek, Rogalla, Supervisor Bruderle. Nays; Trustees Lopez, Stare. Motion carried. 3-2-0.

Supervisor Bruderle called for a 3-minute recess at 7:24 pm. Meeting resumed at 7:27 pm. Roll call by Clerk Dowling. Trustees Alejandro Lopez, Mark Bialek, Eric Stare, Janet Rogalla, Supervisor Ken Bruderle were present. **Quorum was established.**

2. Social Service Funding Presentations. Presentations were made by Community Crisis Center, Greater Family Health, Fellowship Housing, Making Kane County for Kids, Fox Valley Hands of Hope, Ecker Center, Consumer Credit Counseling service of IL, Northern IL Food Bank, Elgin Bike Hub NFP, dba Elgin Community Bikes, Family Service Assoc of Greater Elgin Area, Well Child Center, AID.

Supervisor Bruderle reminded the Board to have your amounts for funding in mind for tomorrow.

A motion was made by Trustee Stare to recess the meeting at 8:46 pm until November 14, 2023, at 5 pm. Motion seconded by Trustee Bialek. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Supervisor Bruderle resumed the Board meeting on November 14, 2023, at 5:05 pm.

ROLL CALL

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

G. NEW BUSINESS Cont.

Presentations were made by Corbella Clinic, Elgin Partnership for Early Learning, Summit School, Inc., Volunteers of America, PADS, Transportation Collaboration, Centro de Informacion, Boys & Girls Club, Administer Justice, TLC Pregnancy Services, Easter Seals, Elgin Cooperative Ministries, Chinese Mutual Aid Assoc, YWCA, Coalition for a Safe and Healthy Elgin, Literacy Connection, Greater Grace Community Church, Our Neighborhoods Empowered.

3. Allocation of Service Funding Discussion/Action.

This year's resources of \$500,000 will be allocated to the following Agencies: Community Crisis Center \$64,500, Greater Family Health \$6,250, Fellowship Housing \$10,000, Making Kane County for Kids 0, Fox Valley Hands of Hope \$5,500, Ecker Center \$62,500, Consumer Credit Counseling service of IL \$2,000, Northern IL Food Bank \$20,000, Elgin Bike Hub NFP, dba Elgin Community Bikes 0, Family Service Assoc of Greater Elgin Area \$25,000, Well Child Center \$11,250, AID \$31,250, Corbella Clinic \$40,000, Elgin Partnership for Early Learning \$5,000, Summit School, Inc. \$7,000, Volunteers of America \$21,625, CASA Kane County 0, PADS \$41,250, Transportation Collaboration \$22,500, Centro de Informacion \$15,000, Boys & Girls Club \$3,750, Administer Justice \$18,375, TLC Pregnancy Services \$30,000, Easter Seals \$8,000, Elgin Cooperative Ministries \$17,000, Chinese Mutual Aid Assoc \$5,625, YWCA \$3,000, Coalition for a Safe and Healthy Elgin \$3,000, Literacy Connection \$5,625, Greater Grace Community Church \$5,000, Our Neighborhoods Empowered \$10,000. A motion was made by Trustee Stare to fund the agencies as presented. Motion seconded by Trustee Rogalla. Roll call vote; Ayes; Trustees Bialek, Stare, Rogalla, Supervisor Bruderle. Motion carried 4-0-0. Trustee Stare abstained from voting for Grace Community Church. Motion carried 3-0-1.

H. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

None.

I. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Supervisor Bruderle reminded the board that the Township Tax Levy Ordinance includes Mental Health. Please look both ordinances over. There will be a vote at the December meeting.

J ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2023, at 6 pm. at Township offices, 729 S McLean Blvd. Elgin, IL 60123.

K. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Dowling.

Karen Dowling, Town Clerk

Date

