

Elgin Township Board
729 S. McLean Blvd Elgin, IL 60123
Meeting of January 8, 2024, 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 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Father Robert Blood of St. Edwards Central Catholic High School gave the invocation.

Deputy Clerk Mihalec led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Trustees Alejandro Lopez, Mark Bialek, Eric Stare, Janet Rogalla and Supervisor Ken Bruderle were present.

Quorum was established.

A. RECOGNIZE PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vern Tepe gave his view on Township reserves.

B. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

December 11, 2023 – Regular Town Board Meeting. Trustee Stare made a motion to approve the minutes of the Town Board meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Lopez. Motion carried, 5-0-0.

C. FY2023 AUDIT

Joe Troyer of GW & Associates presented the FY2023 audit and stated that the firm gave an unmodified clean opinion and found no material misstatements. He stated that the Board might want to consider temporarily reducing the IMRF levy, transferring funds from the General Fund to GA, as well as raise the GA levy to catch up and help meet GA funding needs. This audit reflects a typical year. Trustee Rogalla made a motion to accept the audit as presented. Motion seconded by Trustee Bialek. Motion carried, 5-0-0.

Supervisor Bruderle reminded the Board that they had already reduced the IMRF levy and set the GA levy so that it would be less than 2½ times the last 3 years' average so that we cannot accumulate excessive funds (and, therefore, comply with statute. As needs vary year-to-year, that is a moving target, difficult to navigate, and evident of the great need in our community for assistance (and, therefore, a high number of applications).

D. REPORTS

1. Assessor Comments: Not present, as preparing for his own office's audit.
2. Road Comments: Commissioner Krabbe: Not present – snow event.
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 Rogalla: The Committee on Seniors hosted the Senior Discuss and Discover program today to a packed room, with the speaker being attorney Anna Dopke of Schening & Dopke Law, who did a great job presenting on estate planning, transfer on death, and trusts.
7. 708 Community Mental Health Board Report - Trustee Lopez: The 708 Board did not meet since the last Township Board meeting, so no report.
8. Cub Scout Pack Report- Trustee Stare: We will be canvassing the Buena Vista Apartments and tying the scouting program in with Dr. Robert Renteria.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Review and Audit of bills/funds: A motion was made by Trustee Lopez to approve the audit/bills funds for the period on or before 1/08/2024 in the amount of \$ 53,149.34 for General Town Fund, \$ 9,260.48 for General Assistance Fund, \$ 4,524.64 for the Senior Fund, \$ 48,221.45 for the General Road Fund, \$ 2261.67 for the Insurance Fund, \$ 0.00 for the 708 Community Mental Health Board Fund for a total of all funds \$ 117,417.58.

Motion seconded by Trustee Rogalla. Roll call vote: Ayes: Trustees Lopez, Bialek, Stare, Rogalla, Supervisor Bruderle. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0-0.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Reappointments for Committee on Seniors (3-year terms)

- a. Alfredo Ramirez: Motion made by Trustee Rogallo to reappoint, with Trustee Stare seconding. Motion carried, 5-0-0.
- b. Ed Dring: Motion made by Trustee Stare to reappoint, with Trustee Rogalla seconding. Motion carried, 5-0-0.
- c. Fred Haas: Motion made by Trustee Lopez to reappoint, with Trustee Stare seconding. Motion carried, 5-0-0.
- d. Bob Carlsen: Motion made by Trustee Rogallo to reappoint, with Trustee Bialek seconding. Motion carried, 5-0-0.

G. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Bialek asked about possible legislation regarding the mental health funding situation. Supervisor Bruderle stated that there are a lot of positive moving parts. The conflict is between the Community Mental Health Act and PTELL. The state senate and Kane County are working on the \$1.4 million levy, and the Township attorney suggested legislation with good-better-best options. We will find out at the end of March if things are moving forward. We have given it to the legislators, and they will run with it. If we fix it, we fix it for everyone in Illinois.

H. SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS

Supervisor Bruderle reported that his office’s outdated computers were replaced, and digital security was enhanced with the new server. Two laptops were also purchased, and our GA clients can use them in our office for job searches and to access necessary documents for submission.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2024, at 6 p.m. at the Township offices, 729 S McLean Blvd. Elgin, IL 6. 3. Township offices will be closed for the Lincoln’s Birthday and Washington’s Birthday (observed) holidays.

J. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Deputy Clerk Mihalec

Jeanette Mihalec, Deputy Clerk

Date