

Elgin Township Board
729 S. McLean Blvd Elgin, IL 60123
Meeting of December 11, 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 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Pastor Dave Daubert/Zion Lutheran Church gave the invocation.

Clerk Dowling 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.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Bruderle noted the Truth in Taxation hearing will be combined with the Town Board meeting.

A. PUBLIC HEARING/TRUTH IN TAXATION ACT

Supervisor Bruderle called the Truth in Taxation hearing to order at 6:04 pm. Supervisor Bruderle read the public hearing notice and stated the total property taxes extended or abated for 2022 were \$2,600,557.60. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2023 are \$4,054,000.00. This represents a 55.89% increase over the previous year.

Lore Baker supports the full proposed levy. Eileen McNamee supports the full levy. Mary McCarty strongly encourages the Board to support the levy that was recommended. Jim Gould is urging the Board to support the full levy. Maureen Manning is urging the Board to support the full levy. Dr. Dorothea Poulos supports the full levy. Lisa Ewers supports the full levy.

B. RECOGNIZE PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

C. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

November 13-14, 2023, Regular Town Board meeting. A motion was made by Trustee Stare to approve the minutes of the Town Board meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Bialek. Motion carried. 5-0-0.

D. REPORTS

1. Assessor Comments- Assessor Surnicki: we have finally received our appeal hearing schedule. There are 15 hearing sessions from December 5 to January 17. We will start to work on the 2024 assessments at that point.
2. Road Comments- Commissioner Krabbe: Continued with daily activities, road maintenance, cleaning drains, trimming along roadways, batteries and sign repair. Completed full service on trucks. Prepped and dressed for winter. A snow fence has been installed along Hopps Rd. near Randall Rd. In the past month, there have been 2 minor snow events.
3. Kane County Sheriff Dept Representative- Deputy Matthew Schultz reported the Deputy that was injured in the October 23rd vehicle accident, came home on December 1st. The Zoning Dept. has a new Portal for Property/Nuisance complaints such as structures, overgrown lawns, junk cars on property, etc. You can go to Kane County Health Dept., click on programs and services, environmental health and send in your complaint.
4. South Elgin Police Dept. Representative- Not present.
5. Elgin Police Dept. Representative- Seargent Rick Demirre reported that tomorrow night there will be a bicycle give away at The Centre of Elgin. Wednesday is the Senior Services luncheon. Tuesday at 8:30 am is movie day at Marcus Theatre. This Saturday the EPD will be taking children to Meijer on a shopping spree. Tuesday December 19th, Santa Claus will be in certain neighborhoods in Elgin with the EPD.
6. Committee on Seniors Report- Trustee Rogalla: No meeting in November and there will be no meeting in December. Christmas caroling at 2 nursing homes was very successful and the residents enjoyed it.

7. 708 Community Mental Health Board Report- Trustee Lopez: No report.
8. Cub Scout Pack Report- Trustee Eric Stare: Trustee Stare noted there has been minimal interest with 2 open houses that we've had. There is currently no Pack yet, but Supervisor Bruderle and Trustee Stare will be out targeting Buena Vista Apt complex to see if any children would be interested in joining.

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 12/11/2023 in the amount of \$499,274.27 for General Town fund, \$6,177.03 for General Assistance fund, \$250,912.82 for the Senior fund, \$13,493.97 for the General Road fund, \$2,070,357 for the Insurance fund, \$1,780.00 for the 708 Community Mental Health Board for a total of all funds \$773,708.66. 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. Town and Road Levies; a motion was made by Trustee Lopez to approve the Town Levy. Motion seconded by Trustee Bialek. Discussion held. Roll call vote; Ayes; Trustees Lopez, Rogalla, Bialek, Supervisor Bruderle. Nays; Trustee Stare. Motion carried 4-1-0. A motion was made by Trustee Stare to approve the Road levy. Motion seconded by Trustee Lopez. Discussion held. Roll call vote; Ayes; Trustees Lopez, Bialek, Stare, Rogalla, Supervisor Bruderle. Nays; None. Motion carried 5-0-0.
2. Groot Addendum; Supervisor Bruderle went over the Addendum. A motion was made by Trustee Lopez to approve the addendum. Motion seconded by Trustee Rogalla. Roll call vote; Ayes; Trustees Lopez, Bialek, Stare, Rogalla, Supervisor Bruderle. Nays; None. Motion carried 5-0-0. Discussion held.
3. Addition to Employee handbook: Illinois paid leave for All Workers Act. January 1st, 2024; The new law will be incorporated into The Employee handbook.
4. HSA Tiers; The employee HSA will be adjusted to coincide with our current 3-tier system.
5. Ecker Center Emergency Funding Request; The Ecker Center needs plumbing repairs. A motion was made by Trustee Lopez to cover the estimated cost of \$2,512. Motion seconded by Supervisor Bruderle. Discussion held. Roll call vote; Ayes; Trustee Lopez, Supervisor Bruderle. Nays; Trustees Rogalla, Stare, Bialek. Motion did not carry. 2-3-0.
6. Recording of Township Board Meetings; Zoom meetings can be recorded and saved. A motion was made by Supervisor Bruderle to start recording the meetings via Zoom. Motion seconded by Trustee Stare. Discussion held. Motion carried. 5-0-0.

G. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Lopez expressed his disappointment that the Ecker Center did not receive the funding they needed for the plumbing repairs.

H. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Supervisor Bruderle noted the Holiday sing along at the Township was a wonderful event. Every Friday the Vet Center comes to the Township to give counseling services.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2024, at 6 pm. at Township offices, 729 S McLean Blvd. Elgin, IL 60123.

J. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Dowling.

Karen Dowling, Town Clerk

Date