

Elgin Township Board
729 S. McLean Blvd Elgin, IL 60123
Meeting of February 13, 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 6:02 p.m.

INVOCATION

Pastor Steven Maske Good Shepherd 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 we have a special guest tonight, State Representative Suzanne Ness. Regarding public comments, please be respectful.

A. RECOGNIZE PUBLIC COMMENTS

Janeth Barba the new CEO of Family Service Association of Greater Elgin introduced herself.

B. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2024, Regular Town Board meeting. A motion was made by Trustee Lopez to approve the minutes of the Town Board meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Rogalla. Motion carried. 5-0-0.

C. REPORTS

1. Assessor Comments- Assessor Surnicki reported the 2023 assessment year is closed. Continuing to process permits, sales and new construction in a high volume. Our goal is to submit our 2024 assessment roll to the Kane County Supervisor on June 15, 2024, for certification.
2. Road Comments- Commissioner Krabbe reported after our last meeting, there was a busy 2 week stretch with snow plowing. Continued with normal activities; monitoring roadways for potholes, battery collection, sign maintenance, drain cleaning, trimming brush along roadways.
3. Kane County Sheriff Dept Representative- Deputy Matthew Schultz reported there will be a Kane County Sheriff's Citizens Academy class to be held March 6th through May 22nd every Wednesday from 6-9 pm. It will show the public what the Sheriff does. Illinois Sheriff's Association has a scholarship program, and the application deadline is March 15, 2024. The application is on the main page of the website.
4. South Elgin Police Dept. Representative- Not present.
5. Elgin Police Dept. Representative- Not present.
6. Committee on Seniors Report- Trustee Rogalla reported that the Senior committee is working on gaps in the grief counseling. The Committee wants to put together a "road map" for seniors so they know where they can go to get help. There will be training for Narcan on March 23rd at 1:30 pm at the Township. A seminar will be held at the Township by AARP, regarding "Making your Home Safe". Waiting to hear from AARP on date. All the organizations attended the 6 month review for the RFP's.
7. 708 Community Mental Health Board Report- Trustee Lopez reported that the final needs report from NIU was accepted. The budget has been tabled because the committee is waiting for Springfield.
8. Cub Scout Pack Report- Trustee Eric Stare. Supervisor Bruderle reported that Robert Renteria will give a presentation on March 28th at 5 pm at the Township for potential Cub scout advisers and leaders. Supervisor Bruderle and Trustee Stare have knocked on doors talking to parents to see if anyone is interested in joining the Pack.

D. UNFINISHED 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 2/13/2024 in the amount of \$99,305.03 for General Town fund, \$6,860.81 for General Assistance fund, \$11,546.64 for the Senior fund, \$86,776.46 for the General Road fund, \$2,118.56 for the Insurance fund, \$3,680.00 for the 708 Community Mental Health Board for a total of all funds \$210,287.50. 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.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1.708 Levy Update- State Representative Suzanne Ness via Zoom reported that there will be changes to HB4541. They want to get the PTELL language in the bill. Representative Ness went over the changes to be proposed. Mental Health board member Suzanne Rozicki noted to Representative Ness that the funds are needed very soon. Kane County board member Vern Tepe noted that an exception needs to be made to get it on the tax bill. Janeth Barba expressed urgency for the funds.

2.Budget Timing Changes- Supervisor Bruderle noted at the next meeting there will be a hearing for the new fiscal budget.

3.Community Dining- On March 18th at 11 am in the Senior Social Café, lunch will be brought in by the Kane Senior Counsel. This is to encourage seniors to socialize. This will be a soft opening and will be held every Monday at 11 am.

4.Yearly Calendar of Events- Supervisor Bruderle noted April 24th at 11 am, the Vito Zatto show will be at the Township. Senior “Discuss and Discover” is every 3rd Monday of the month. June 14th will be a field trip to Veterans memorial. August 17th is our second annual “What Makes Elgin Township Tick” event. September 16th will be a field trip to the Trolley Museum. Discussion held.

5. Food for Greater Elgin-Supervisor Bruderle noted they need volunteers. He also noted that they are no longer purchasing dairy products. Supervisor Bruderle would like to see \$12,000 to \$15,000 appropriated to Food for Greater Elgin since we have a line item for funding for this. A motion was made by Trustee Lopez to provide Food for Greater Elgin with \$12,000. Motion seconded by Trustee Stare. Discussion held. Mike Warren spoke and noted that dairy products had to be suspended because of the high prices. There is a 38% increase in residents using their services. More discussion was held. Roll call Vote: Ayes; Trustees Lopez, Bialek, Stare, Rogalla, Supervisor Bruderle, Nays; None. Motion carried 5-0-0.

F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Bialek noted that himself, Trustee Lopez, and Supervisor Bruderle attended the Trivia night fundraiser at the Elgin History Museum. Trustee Bialek and Supervisor Bruderle attended the Elgin Youth Bowling Fundraiser.

G. SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS

Supervisor Bruderle noted the TOI is offering scholarships for High School Seniors. Early voting starts at the Township building March 4th. Youth at Risk finding applications are on the Township’s website.

H ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2024, at 6 pm. at Township offices, 729 S McLean Blvd. Elgin, IL 60123.

I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Dowling.

Karen Dowling, Town Clerk

Date

