

Elgin Township Board
729 S. McLean Blvd Elgin, IL 60123
Meeting of April 1, 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

Resident Edward Dring, Secretary of the Committee on Seniors, gave the invocation.

Clerk Dowling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Trustees Alejandro Lopez, Mark Bialek, Eric Stare via Zoom, Trustee Janet Rogalla, and Supervisor Ken Bruderle were present. A motion was made by Trustee Bialek to accept Trustee Stare into the meeting via Zoom. Motion seconded by Trustee Rogalla. Motion carried 5-0-0. **Quorum was established.**

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Bruderle reminded all Summer Youth Agencies to be respectful of time during presentations, and for all to be respectful in Public Comments.

A. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Lopez to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2024 Regular Town Board meeting, Town Public Hearing and Road Public Hearing. Motion seconded by Trustee Rogalla. Motion carried. 5-0-0.

B. RECOGNIZE PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

C. REPORTS

1. Assessor Comments- Assessor Surnicki was not present. Clerk Dowling gave his report: During the month of March 2024, the Assessor's office assisted 210 walk-ins. Many walk-ins needed assistance in filling out the Senior Assessment Freeze form. Continue to process sales, and new construction permits. When the weather permits, many new residential and commercial properties will be inspected.
2. Road Comments- Commissioner Krabbe: We continued with normal activities. Had a minor salting event Friday March 22nd. The first brush pick up will start Monday April 8th. Hopps Rd will be closed between Randall Rd and Otter Creek school on April 6th and 13th from 7 am-12 pm.
3. Kane County Sheriff Dept Representative- Deputy Matthew Schultz reported April 10th, from 6-7 pm, there will be a re-entry workshop for residents released from jail or prison, or who are still struggling to find employment. It will be held at the Santori Library in Aurora. There is a Go fund me page for Deputy Chris Ruchaj's children.
4. South Elgin Police Dept. Representative- Not present.
5. Elgin Police Dept. Representative- Officer Jim Roscher reported the Helicopter Easter egg hunt was a huge success. On April 20th from 1-4 pm there will be an Autism awareness and Child Abuse awareness event. The Police academy for residents is starting soon.
6. Committee on Seniors Report- Trustee Rogalla: There was no meeting last Thursday. The next meeting will be April 25th.
7. 708 Community Mental Health Board Report- Trustee Lopez: the Mental Health Board is moving forward with the logo. The final amount for the assessment was approved and will be paid.
8. Cub Scout Pack Report- Trustee Eric Stare: No report.

D. 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 April, 1, 2024 in the amount of \$17,802.20 for General Town fund, \$3,574.76 for General Assistance fund, \$950.18 for the Senior fund, \$2,192.19 for the General Road fund, \$2,218.62 for the Insurance fund, \$8,150.00 for the 708 Community Mental Health Board for a total of all funds \$34,887.95. Motion seconded by Trustee Bialek. Roll call vote: Ayes; Trustees Lopez, Bialek, Stare, Rogalla, Supervisor Bruderle. Nays; None. Motion carried 5-0-0.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1.Summer Youth at Risk Funding Agency Presentations and Awarding- Presentations were made by: Elgin Partnership for Early Learning, Kimball Cheer Summer Camp, Northern Illinois Food Bank, Alignment Collaborative for Education, Youth Leadership Academy, Fox Valley Christian Action, Elgin Police Dept. A motion was made by Trustee Lopez to fully fund the Agencies. Motion seconded by Trustee Rogalla. Discussion held. A total of \$92,000 will be allocated to the following Agencies: Elgin Partnership for Early Learning \$12,000, Kimball Cheer Summer Camp \$10,000, Northern Illinois Food Bank \$11,500, Alignment Collaborative for Education \$13,500, Youth Leadership Academy \$10,000, Fox Valley Christian Action \$15,000, Elgin Police Dept. \$20,000. Roll call vote: Ayes; Trustees Lopez, Stare, Rogalla, Supervisor Bruderle. Nays; Trustee Bialek. Motion carried 4-1-0. This year’s resources are \$125,000. The difference of \$33,000 is intended to cover other future undetermined programming as well as Cub Scout pack scholarships.

F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Rogalla noted all the organizations are good for kids. Trustee Bialek wants to make sure we spend the funds the way the taxpayers would want them spent.

G. SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS

Supervisor Bruderle reminded the board to look for the Statement of Economic Interest in your email. It needs to be completed by May 1st. The Newsletter will be going out next week. Elgin Community College Trustee Shane Nowak was instrumental in adding the Blizzard Theatre to the Senior Access pass, and this will be noted in the Newsletter. Supervisor Bruderle is inviting City Councilman Steve Thoren, City Councilwoman Rose Martinez and ECC Trustee Shane Nowak to the next meeting. April events: April 15th, Senior Discuss and Discover. April 17th. Credit reports and Scores workshop 6 pm. April 17th, Discussion on Dam removal with a question and answer by Mayor Dave Kaptain, 6:30 pm. April 24th. The Vitto Zatto Show will be here from 11 am – 1pm. All events are held at the Township and are open to the public.

Kareem Eleftangi commented that we are in unprecedented times right now and is concerned with the Rockford stabbings and other violent crimes that have taken place in the recent past.

H. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Annual Town Meeting will be held Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 7 pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday May 13, 2024, at 6 pm. at Township offices, 729 S McLean Blvd. Elgin, IL 60123.

I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Dowling.

Karen Dowling, Town Clerk

Date