

Elgin Township Board
729 S. McLean Blvd Elgin, IL 60123
Meeting of March 8, 2021 Minutes

The regular meeting of the Town of Elgin, Illinois was held downstairs in meeting room A at the Elgin Township Building. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Franklin Ramirez at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Trustee Eduardo Guerra, Trustee Susan Van Weelden, Trustee Richard Poulton, Supervisor Franklin Ramirez were present. **Quorum was established.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Brenda Rogers asked the board to have Rich Jacobs, Chairman of Committee on Seniors be removed from any & all committees. Vern Tepe wants to make sure everyone in Kane County gets vaccinated. He has created "Vaccine Buddies" along with Carol Strathmann. If you would like to get a shot, contact Mr. Tepe at 630-632-9811. Mr. Tepe will be holding Zoom and FB live informational meetings on how the County Board operates the 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month at 8 pm. The first Monday in April will be on "How the Forest Preserve Operates".

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Van Weelden to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2021 Township Board meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Poulton. Discussion held. Under New Business, Funds Distribution discussion; Trustee Poulton noted that when he made a motion for the 3 committees plus the Township board to meet, it should read the Township board MEMBERS meet. In Trustee comments, the City of Elgin should read OPRGANIZATIONS IN THE CITY OF ELGIN will hold a meeting Feb 15th. Motion carried. 4-0-0. A motion was made by Trustee Van Weelden to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2021 special meeting, Motion seconded by Trustee Guerra. Motion carried 4-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Things are still being worked out on the new accounting software program. 1.Review and Audit of bills/funds. A motion was made by Trustee Poulton to approve the audit/bills funds for the period of 2/9/21 to 3/8/21 in the amount of \$21,571.78 for General Town fund, \$10,859.16 for General assistance fund, \$1,141.20 for the Senior fund, \$ 80,437.45 for the General road fund, \$5,057.65 for the Insurance fund, for a total of all funds \$119,067.24. Motion seconded by Trustee Van Weelden. Road commissioner Seyller had a big shipment of salt, and new gutters and down spouts were purchased. Discussion held. Ayes; Trustee Guerra, Trustee Van Weelden, Trustee Poulton, Supervisor Ramirez. Nays; None. Motion carried 4-0-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Assessor Comments: Not present, no report.

Road Comments: Commissioner Seyller has been maintaining equipment and picking up garbage on roads.

Kane County Sheriff Representative: Deputy Chris Ruchaj noted there really weren't any crashes in Elgin Township during the big snowstorm. There have been some car burglaries. Major drug stores are getting their own vaccines. Deputy Mike Wilgosiewicz commented that the sheriff's office has been involved in vaccines 1A & 1B. Deputy Chris Ruchaj noted that there have been some unemployment scams on residents in unincorporated areas. The state's website has a couple videos you can watch.

The mental health board meeting will meet March 17th at 6 pm. The Committee on Seniors sent out the RFP's for the grants.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Applying for rental assistance (landlord/tenant); Vern Tepe, Kane County board member explained that Kane County accepted \$15.7M for rent relief. Funds will be paid to landlords. IL Dept of public housing will manage it. Township

may be able to assist with residents. Township can scan, upload, help, and set up appointments. Expecting this to be fully operational by May 1st.

2. Proclamation for problem Gambling; March is Problem Gambling Awareness month. Mike Donahey spoke briefly about it. There is an effort to make people aware. Supervisor Ramirez read the proclamation. Trustee Van Weelden make a motion to approve it. Motion seconded by Trustee Guerra. Motion carried 4-0-0.

SUPERVISORS REPORT

Passports have gone up. Library has stopped providing this service. Early voting starts March 22, 2021 at Township building. Trustee Poulton stated that not many have signed up for the blood drive and they want a minimum of 20.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Van Weelden was very impressed at how well-organized vaccines were in Kane County. Trustee Poulton noted the next committee meeting on Seniors is March 25th. Trustee Poulton attended the Elgin Hispanic Network zoom call. The Committee on Seniors, Youth committee, and Mental health board will meet April 19. RFP's were sent out and are due back May 15th. Decisions will be made in June and payments will be disbursed in July.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Annual Town meeting will be held on April 13, 2021 at 7 pm in lower level of Township building. Next general meeting is scheduled for Monday April 5, 2021 at 6:00 pm. at the Township offices, 729 S. McLean Blvd. Elgin, Illinois 60123.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Van Weelden moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Guerra. Motion carried 4-0-0. Meeting adjourned 7:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Dowling.

Karen Dowling, Town Clerk

Date

Franklin Ramirez, Supervisor

Date

Ed Guerra, Trustee

Date

Richard Poulton, Trustee

Date

Susan Van Weelden, Trustee

Date