

Elgin Township Board
729 S. McLean Blvd Elgin, IL 60123
Meeting of July 12, 2021 Minutes

The regular meeting of the Town of Elgin, Illinois was held in the board room. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Ken Bruderle at 6:01 p.m. Clerk Dowling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Pastor Phil Cavanaugh from Northwest Bible Baptist Church gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Trustees Alejandro Lopez, Mark Bialek, Eric Stare, Janet Rogalla, Supervisor Ken Bruderle were present. **Quorum was established.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lori Baker from AID would like to encourage the Trustees to apply for the PPA funds for Covid. \$734 mill was allocated for mental health and the board can distribute the funds.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Lopez to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2021 regular Township Board meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Stare. Motion carried 5-0-0. A motion was made by Trustee Bialek to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2021 Public Hearing General Town meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Rogalla. Motion carried. 5-0-0. A motion was made by Trustee Stare to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2021 Public Hearing General Road meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Rogalla. Motion carried 5-0-0.

REPORTS

1. Assessor Comments; Assessor Surnicki turned in the assessment rolls on June 15th and is waiting for them to be verified in August. When appeal date comes it will be on website and posted on township building. Hearings will be in the Fall.
2. Road Comments; In Road Commissioner Krabbe's absence, Supervisor Bruderle reported the paving in Catatoga I, Sunvale & Nolan Manor have been completed. Working on shouldering now. Coombs Rd Bridge project is now projected for Nov 2021. Crew has been replacing culverts, ditching, necessary road repairs, trimming trees. Have signed on with T-Mobile to be the new wireless carrier. Bill has decreased by over 2/3rds.
3. Kane County Sheriff Dept Representative; Deputy Chris Ruchaj reported that there have been many tickets written for overweight trucks on Coombs Rd Bridge. Been some thefts at businesses. Elgin Police officer Rick Demierre reported that the EPD is holding a pilot program called pre-arrest diversion to divert nonviolent offenders away from the criminal court system. A citation will be given and a fine paid instead of being arrested. A few of the programs will involve social workers.
4. South Elgin Police Dept. Representative; Not present.
5. Elgin Police Dept. Representative; Officer Rick Demierre reported that National night out will be August 3rd. The EPD has a transparency page on FB so residents can read the reports.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Review and Audit of bills/funds; Discussion held. A motion was made by Trustee Lopez to approve the audit/bills funds for the period on or before 7/9/21 in the amount of \$40, 415.91. for General Town fund, \$3,420.16 for General Assistance fund, \$502.79 for the Senior fund, \$14,551.51 for the General Road fund, for a total of all funds \$58,890.37. Motion seconded by Trustee Stare. More discussion held. Roll call vote, Ayes; Trustees Lopez, Bialek, Stare, Rogalla, Supervisor Bruderle. Nays; None. Motion carried 5-0-0.
2. Recommendations from Committee on Seniors; The Committee on Seniors met to decide on how to allocate funds. Trustee Rogalla made a motion to approve the recommendations for \$425,888. Motion seconded by Supervisor Bruderle. Discussion held. Ayes; Trustees Lopez, Rogalla, Bialek. Supervisor Bruderle. Nays; Trustee Stare. Motion carried 4-1-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Newsletter; Supervisor Bruderle would like to see a quarterly newsletter for the Road district and a 6-month newsletter for the Board and Assessor.
2. AV Equipment, Computer, and Broadcast Strategy (i.e., YouTube vs, FB Live in addition to Zoom); Discussion held on purchasing permanent equipment for our meetings so we can be live on FB or YouTube. Will vote on this at next meeting.
3. Committees; Supervisor Bruderle thanked all committee members for their hard work. There is an application on the website if anyone is interested in joining a committee.
4. Youth Committee; Discussion held. Trustee Stare would like to be the liaison. There was a committee in place but no traction has been made. Supervisor Bruderle made a motion to appoint Trustee Stare as the liaison to the Youth committee. Motion seconded by Trustee Bialek. Motion carried 5-0-0.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Supervisor Bruderle noted that he met with a couple Mental health board members. Very interested in complying with state statute as next 1st step. Working on FB page and on Township website. Began Audit process. Trying to get OMA training but website is still down. Applications went out for the Emergency Utility assistance. The program has been implemented & Trustee Bialek promoted it on WRMN. We have a battery recycling program with Kane County. Regarding the Bee and Butterfly Garden; there will be no bees now. Nick Fuller from Natural Communities met with Supervisor Bruderle and Road Commissioner Krabbe and felt we did not need an inspector to come out every year to inspect the garden. Supervisor Bruderle would like to remove this from the contract. EPD comfort dog was at township building for an Elgin Triad event on June 17th & gave out sack lunches. Elgin Triad will have a Neil Diamond impersonator at Panton Mill Park on July 23rd. They will be giving out food at township in conjunction with Kane County Senior Counsel on July 21st from 10:30 am– 12:30 pm.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Rogalla would like to look into the butterfly garden further. Supervisor Bruderle noted we have been paying a 3rd party for the Nicor and ComEd bills, and this has been canceled. We will now pay ComEd and Nicor directly. Supervisor Bruderle and Trustee Bialek toured the Cobblestone house. Cobblestone house may put together a proposal to the township for funding. Trustee Bialek noted Lori Baker from AID was on WRMN.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next regular meeting is scheduled for August 9, 2021, at 6:00 pm at Township offices, 729 S McLean Blvd. Elgin, IL 60123.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Stare moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Lopez. Motion carried 5-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Dowling.

Karen Dowling, Town Clerk

Date