

**Elgin Township Board**  
**729 S. McLean Blvd Elgin, IL 60123**  
**Meeting of December 13, 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**

Paul Delgado/Minister, Westside Church of Christ. Not present. Trustee Lopez gave the invocation.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We are live on Zoom.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Lore Baker from AID is in favor of a mental health board and is asking the board to place a referendum on the ballot. Vern Tepe is urging the board to place a referendum on the ballot for a mental health board.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

A motion was made by Trustee Lopez to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2021, regular Township Board meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Stare. Motion carried 5-0-0. A motion was made by Trustee Stare to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2021, Special Purpose Board meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Bialek. Motion carried 5-0-0.

**REPORTS**

1. Assessor Comments: Assessor Surnicki's board of review hearing will be finished on Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup>.
2. Road Comments: Road Commissioner Krabbe: All equipment has been serviced and is ready to go. Continuing to maintain roads and tree trimming. Put up a snow fence on Hopps. Coombs Rd bridge project is on schedule for construction in March of 2022. Had the annual walk-through for underground storage fuel tanks. In process of updating signs on roads we maintain.
3. Kane County Sheriff Dept Representative: Not present.
4. South Elgin Police Dept. Representative: Not present.
5. Elgin Police Dept. Representative: Not present.

**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 12/13/21 in the amount of \$563,543.77 for General Town fund, \$10,799.56 for General Assistance fund, \$12,544.47 for the Senior fund, \$19,685.90 for the General Road fund, \$16,359.21 for the Road Insurance fund, for a total of all funds \$622,932.91. Motion seconded by Trustee Stare. Roll call vote: Ayes Trustee's Lopez, Bialek, Stare, Rogalla. Supervisor Bruderle. Nays None. Motion carried 5-0-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Town & Road Levies: Road District Ordinance No. 21-04. Trustee Stare made a motion to accept ordinance 21-04. Seconded by Trustee Rogalla. Roll Call Vote, Ayes: Trustees Lopez, Bialek, Stare, Rogalla, Supervisor Bruderle. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0-0. Township Ordinance No. 21-03. Trustee Bialek made a motion to accept Ordinance 21-03.

Motion seconded by Trustee Stare. Roll call vote. Ayes: Trustees Lopez, Bialek, Stare, Rogalla, Supervisor Bruderle. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0-0.

**SUPERVISOR'S COMMENT**

Award letters & agreements for the social service grants went out, and checks will be delivered as documents are signed & returned. Encouraging Trustees to visit local organizations. Utility bills have been less this year compared to last year because the 3<sup>rd</sup> party utility company was canceled and ComEd is being paid directly. Supervisor Bruderle thanked all who donated toys for Toys for Tots. Residents were very generous this year. We are accepting applications for the senior prescription drug program thru Dec 30th<sup>1</sup>. Township started a pet food drive for seniors who can't afford to feed their pets. Residents have been very generous. We have 120 shares on our FB posts regarding the pet food drive. Supervisor Bruderle turned a closet into an office for an interview room for confidentiality, and it has been very effective. All trustees were given an updated Trustee operational manual. We are moving forward with legal preparations to put the 708 board questions on the ballot for June 28, 2022. Exploring additional options to support and offer expanded mental health services to our Township residents. Senior Access Pass is going extremely well. Approximately 190 passes have been issued. The Committee on Seniors' mission statement needs to be updated. It should go far beyond advising the Township board for senior referendum funding.

**TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

Supervisor Bruderle reiterated that he has been in conversation with the Township attorney regarding the timeline and proper wording of a bullet-proof referendum for a mental health board for the June 28<sup>th</sup> primary election. Trustee Bialek asked about property in the back. Encap was supposed to come out and mow one more time. Deputy Clerk Jeanette Mihalec applied for a grant for seeds to plant in the back. Trustee Bialek volunteered at Northern Illinois Food Bank. Trustee Stare said that he made a promise to put the 708 referendum on the ballot and intends to keep his promise. He would like to see our application for grants to be amended to fund "U.S. citizens and legal residents only". He would also like to see a referendum on the ballot asking taxpayers if illegal residents should receive funding from the Township. Trustee Lopez feels we should find out if we can legally state "legal residents and U.S. citizens only" whether it's on a ballot or application. Trustee Rogalla would like clarification on 708 board. i.e., how funds will be spent?

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2022, 6:00 p.m. at Township offices, 729 S McLean Blvd. Elgin, IL 60123.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Stare moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Rogalla. Motion carried 5-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Dowling.

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Karen Dowling, Town Clerk

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