

Elgin Township Board
729 S McLean Blvd Elgin IL 60123
Meeting of June 13, 2022

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. Clerk Dowling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Fr. Robert Camacho/St. Laurence Catholic Church gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

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

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Bruderle read the guidelines for the public to speak on public comments. Public Comments will now be in two segments. First segment is for agenda-related items only and requires sign up. The second segment will be at the end of the meeting and is when commentary regarding non-agenda items is to take place.

A. PUBLIC COMMENTS- Agenda Related

Verner Tepe commented on the Mental Health Board and the referendum. He stated his belief that it was illegally disbanded.

B. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Stare to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2022, regular Township Board meeting. Seconded by Trustee Lopez. Motion carried 5-0-0.

C. REPORTS

1. Assessor Comments: Assessor Surnicki's office will be turning in assessments to the Kane County Supervisor of Assessments on June 15th for certification. After they are certified, we should have a date when our 30-day appeal period begins. This information will be posted on the Assessor's website as soon as we get it. We continue to process a large volume of building permits, property sales and new residential & commercial construction.

2. Road Comments: Road Commissioner Krabbe reported that the state finally awarded the contract on Friday, June 10th, for the Coombs Road Bridge project. Next step will be for the state to set up a pre-construction meeting. Geneva Construction is scheduled to start grinding and paving this week, weather permitting. We completed our first mowing of the year.

3. Kane County Sheriff Dept. Representative: Not present.

4. South Elgin Police Dept. Representative: not present.

5. Elgin PD Representative Jim Roscher: There have been thefts of catalytic converters, so we recommend keeping your cars in the garage.

6. Committee on Seniors Report- Trustee Janet Rogalla: The meeting went very well over the senior funding. Thanked Carl Strathmann for all his hard work.

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Review & Audit of bills/funds: A motion was made by Trustee Bialek to approve the audit/bills funds for the period on or before 6-13-22 in the amount of \$39,915.54 for the General Town Fund, \$16,808.10 for the General Assistance fund, \$755.65 for the Senior fund, \$12,578.65 for the General Road fund, \$1,032.17 for the Insurance Fund, for a total of all funds \$71,090.11. Motion seconded by Trustee Stare. Discussion held. Roll call vote: Ayes: Trustees Lopez, Bialek, Stare, Rogalla, Supervisor Bruderle. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0-0.

2. SB3215 Update: The Senate bill passed in the House and the Senate, and the referendum was validated. The statute was not followed by the previous Board. The Township now has 60 days to appoint a Mental Health Board of at least 7 and a maximum of 9 members. At the July meeting, we will appoint the Mental Health Board. Discussion held.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. TOI (Township Officials of Illinois) Scholarship Award Presentation: Lisa Hodge, Clerk from Blackberry Township presented the Township Officials of Illinois Scholarship to Graham Stocksdale from South Elgin High School.

2. Proclamation - Jamie Garcia: Clerk Dowling read the proclamation for Jamie Garcia. A motion was made by Trustee Rogalla to accept the proclamation. Seconded by Trustee Bialek. Motion carried 5-0-0.

3. CPA Audit- Tighe Kress & Orr: James Gomez went over the audit. A motion was made by Trustee Stare to accept the audit. 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.

4. Committee on Seniors Grant Recommendations- Carl Strathmann, Committee Chair Pro Tempore: Chairman Strathmann explained how the committee came up with the funding. Trustee Stare made a motion to postpone the funding until we can find out if the organizations are funding undocumented residents. Discussion held. There is really no way to know whether residents who are getting funding are undocumented or not. The committee is trying to help all residents in need, regardless of their citizenship. Trustee Lopez agreed with what the committee proposed. Supervisor Bruderle called for a second to Trustee Stare's motion. As there was none, the motion could not come before the Board. A motion was made by Trustee Lopez to accept the funding recommendations as presented. Motion seconded by Trustee Rogalla. Roll call vote, Ayes: Trustees Lopez, Rogalla, Supervisor Bruderle. Nays: Trustees Bialek, Stare. Motion carried 3-2-0.

5. Independent Third Party Needs Assessment for Township Mental Health Needs: Supervisor Bruderle stated that other communities have used a 3rd party consulting group such as Tri-West Group to do a needs assessment to learn what the mental health boards are doing right or wrong. The cost is \$75,000, and Supervisor Bruderle would like to find out more about it so we can best fund the appropriate service agencies. Would like to know if the rest of the Board is willing to investigate this. Discussion held.

6. "What Makes Elgin Township Tick?" Event- This event will take place on August 20, 2022, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the parking lot of the Township building. It is for organizations and service clubs in Elgin Township to showcase for the residents who they are and what services they offer.

F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

None

G. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS The Townships of Illinois seminar on May 26th was excellent. It was attended by Trustees Rogalla and Bialek, Clerk Dowling, and Supervisor Bruderle. Supervisor Bruderle would like each Board member to attend at least one seminar per year. June 17th is GA/EA training, and Supervisor Bruderle will be attending with Belinda.

H. RECOGNIZE PUBLIC COMMENTS- Non-Agenda related

Danice Habun requested the Township consider recording Zoom meetings. She said that the Kane County Health Department just published a mental health assessment and most organizations have already been consulted. Ms. Habun appreciated the conversation on undocumented residents and what Trustee Lopez had to say.

Carroll Bailey brought the Board a poster of the Juneteenth festival taking place this weekend and made an announcement on the event.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday July 11, 2022, at 6 pm Township offices, 729 S McLean Blvd. Elgin, IL 60123.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Clerk Dowling

Karen Dowling, Town Clerk

Date