

Elgin Township Board
729 S. McLean Blvd Elgin, IL 60123
Meeting of July 8, 2019 Minutes

The regular meeting of the Town of Elgin, Illinois was held on July 8, 2019 in the Board Room of the Elgin Township Building. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Franklin Ramirez at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Carl Missele, George Bero, Cherie Aschenbrenner Randy Endean, Mike Kenyon, William Wurst and Randy Hopp all expressed their dissatisfaction with the board for partnering with Service Line Warranties of America to offer homeowners a protection plan. Randy Hopp also stated the Agenda was not posted on the website. Richard Poulton has applied for the Trustee position and met with the trustees. He commended the board for their work.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Van Weelden to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2019 Township Board meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Guerra. Motion carried 4-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Review and Audit of bills/funds. A motion was made by Trustee Tepe to approve the audit/bills funds for the period of 6/11/19 to 7/3/19 in the amount of \$12,849.34 for General Town fund, \$6,006.50.00 for General assistance fund, \$21,605.84 for a total of all funds \$21,605.84. Motion seconded by Trustee Van Weelden. Ayes; Trustee Tepe, Trustee Guerra, Trustee Van Weelden, Supervisor Ramirez. Nays; None. Motion carried 4-0-0. A motion was made by Trustee Van Weelden to approve the audit/bills funds for the period of 7/8//19 to 7/8/19 in the amount of \$35,501.08 for the General Town fund, \$17,665.74 for General Assistance fund, \$385,096.23 for the Senior fund, \$15,464.77 for the General Road fund, \$3,119.33 for the Insurance fund for a total of all funds \$456,847.15. Motion seconded by Trustee Guerra. Discussion held. Ayes; Trustee Tepe, Trustee Guerra, Trustee Van Weelden, Supervisor Ramirez. Nays; None. Motion carried 4-0-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Assessor Comments; Assessor Surnicki turned the assessment packet into the county. When appeal carries, it will be on the website.

Road Comments; Commissioner Seyller applied for a grant for Elgin estates subdivision for rebuilding of curbing and roads. He is waiting for approval of the grant. The tentative time table for the first phase is August 2019, & should be completed by October 2020. The new bridge on Coombs Rd goes for bid in March 2020 and should be completed sometime in 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

1. CPA Audit- Mike Del Valle from Lauterbach and Amen went over the Management letter and gave the Board a brief presentation on the audit report for March 21, 2019. Trustee Tepe had questions for Mr, Del Valle and he will look into it and respond back with the answers.
2. Senior Services Associates Update- Beth McClory gave an update on Senior Services programs. They have been able to expand their programming in the Township building and are very grateful for that.
3. Email Subscriptions- Trustee Tepe noted that our communications could be better with residents and suggested purchasing an email list. Our cost would be \$2,115.05. He also recommended using SendinBlue, an email marketing service to send out the emails. Trustee Tepe made a motion to spend but not to exceed \$2,500 for the email list, and to spend but not to exceed \$100 a month for SendinBlue. Motion seconded by Trustee Van Weelden. Discussion held. Trustee Van Weelden made a motion to table the motion. Discussion held. Motion seconded by Trustee Guerra. Motion carried 3-1-0.

4. Bees/Butterfly Garden Discussion- Supervisor Ramirez noted we have 1 acre of land behind the parking lot and recommended starting a butterfly garden in memory of Vicki Pelock former trustee, and also 1 beehive. Supervisor Ramirez did some research on bees. Discussion held

5. Trustee Appointment- Jose Villalobos furnished his resignation & has resigned from the board. Supervisor Ramirez opened the floor for nominations. Discussion held. Supervisor Ramirez nominated Richard Poulton. Trustee Van Weelden nominated Willie Clements. Seeing there were no other nominations & nominations were closed, Clerk Dowling called the roll; Trustee Van Weelden placed a vote for Willie Clements, Trustee Tepe placed a vote for Richard Poulton, Trustee Guerra placed a vote for Willie Clements, Supervisor Ramirez placed a vote for Richard Poulton. On breaking the tie Clerk Dowling placed a vote for Richard Poulton and the majority went to Mr. Poulton as the new trustee to serve out the remaining term vacated by Jose Villalobos.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

There was a 4-1-0 vote to partner with the Service Line Warranties of America. Supervisor Ramirez had some problems with the postcard that was mailed to residents. It was not the board's intention to scare residents.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Van Weelden is serving on Activate Elgin and the South Elgin Economic Development boards as liaison for the township. She is also serving on The Red line and Women on the Brink boards. Trustee Tepe voted against the Service Line Warranties of America protection plan. Trustee Tepe noted the next Tech seminar will be Tuesday July 23, 2019 at Gail Borden Library in South Elgin at 7 pm. The topics will be "Buying on line" and "How to keep yourself protected".

ANNOUNCEMENTS-

Next general meeting is scheduled for Monday August 12, 2019, 6:00 pm. at the Township offices, 729 S McLean Blvd., Elgin, Illinois 60123.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Van Weelden made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. Motion seconded by Trustee Tepe. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Dowling.

_____ Karen Dowling, Town Clerk	_____ Date
_____ Ed Guerra, Trustee	_____ Date
_____ Verner Tepe, Trustee	_____ Date
_____ Susan Van Weelden, Trustee	_____ Date
_____ Franklin Ramirez, Supervisor	_____ Date