

VILLAGE OF ELMWOOD

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

DATE & TIME: September 11, 2023 – 7:00PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Neil Boltik, Pat Geraets, Jason Severson, Luke Weix, Meaghan Poquette, and Mark Wolf

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Paul Unser

STAFF PRESENT: Holly Malaszuk, Nick Andrews, Chief Chris Thibado, Andy Nelson, Bryan Bechel

PUBLIC PRESENT: Jim Shwaybach, Luke and Julie Breeggemann, Carl Schroder, Doug Clafflin, Brian Reilly

PRESS PRESENT: None

NOTE: APPROVED MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

President Neil Boltik called the Board Meeting to order at 7:01PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NOTE COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETING LAWS

President Neil Boltik noted that the Village had complied with the open meeting law requirements.

OPEN REGULAR BOARD MEETING-

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR AUGUST 7TH

Luke Weix made a motion to approve the minutes for August 7th as submitted. Seconded by Mark Wolf and motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT –

None

MEAGHAN POQUETTE INTRODUCTION-

President Neil Boltik introduced Meaghan Poquette as the trustee that's filling in for Josh Bleskacek until Spring election.

NURSING HOME DISCUSSION-

President Neil Boltik explained that we'll have three part-time workers for cleaning and maintaining the Heritage Nursing Home building until it's sold. Public Works will maintain the outside of the building.

President Neil Boltik announced our final meeting with Grace Lutheran Communities is on September 19, 2023 at 6:30pm.

OPERATOR'S LICENSES FOR CONSUMER'S COOP – CHARLENE DELONG AND SAM MCGINN – KERN'S KURBSIDE – RILEY ANDERSON

Chief Chris Thabido indicated that Officer Paige Harlow conducted a review of individuals' records and granted approval.

Jason Severson made a motion to approve all Operator's Licenses. Seconded by Mark Wolf. Roll Call and motion carried.

SPORTSMAN'S BANQUET- OCTOBER 27-29 – OPEN CONTAINER

Jason Severson made a motion to approve the open container from noon to midnight on October 28th. Seconded by Mark Wolf. Roll Call and motion carried.

BREEGGEMANN'S GARAGE APPROVAL-

Pat Geraets made a motion to approve the garage, 1912.5 sq. ft. as submitted. Seconded by Mark Wolf and motion carried.

CELECT COMMUNICATIONS DISCUSSION-

Luke Weix explained that we offered to pledge \$30,000 a couple years ago towards the fiber-to-the-home network for Celect Communications but they weren't successful with being granted the grant. They will be applying for the grant in the near future and was wondering if we would be willing to pledge money towards it. Discussion was had comparing internet options within the village. Luke Weix agreed to look into it further and get back to us.

BOARD OF REVIEW DISCUSSION-

Holly Malaszuk explained that Robert Irwin, village assessor, contacted the office and we have to set up a date/time for the Board of Review. It must be posted for a minimum of 30 days and a minimum of one person must be trained or in training to hold the review. Holly Malaszuk ordered training videos and books for training so that Neil and herself would be trained in time for the review. The date is to be determined.

EHLER'S DISCUSSION-

Brian Reilly introduced himself and provided an overview of Ehler's company and its role in our village. He articulated that terminating TIDs 3 and 4 is advisable since they no longer contribute to the village's well-being, making closure a more beneficial option.

Additionally, Brian Reilly discussed the financial challenges faced by the sewer and water utilities, highlighting a substantial debt owed to the General Fund. He stressed the significance of implementing a rate increase. The determination on these issues will be postponed until Holly Malaszuk conducts further research to address some of the outstanding questions.

Library Board: No Report

Nursing Home: Andy Nelson and Bryan Bechel both stated that they understood the outside maintenance is to be done by Public Works. The stated that the equipment in the nursing home will be picked up on Wednesday of this week. Mark Wolf said he would be in contact with Travis about a lock box at the facility.

Jason Severson made a motion to allow part-time employees to be able to start cleaning and providing maintenance on the building on Wednesday September 13, 2023. Seconded by Luke Weix and motion carried.

Parks & Buildings: No Report

Public Works: Andy Nelson reported that mowing has slowed down and they're going to start trimming trees.

Luke Weix made a motion to no longer charge for new water meters and to charge \$300 per deduct meter which must be installed by a certified plumber. Seconded by Meaghan Poquette and motion carried.

Personnel & Finance: Jason Severson made a motion to submit the new changes to the Personnel Policy. Seconded by Meaghan Poquette. Roll Call and motion carried.

Police: Chief Chris Thibado stated that the county will start patrolling around Heritage Nursing Home. The Public Works will be contacted if there's any issues. Holly Malaszuk agreed to reach out to Robert Loberg to determine whether the village is obligated to publicize the sale of the nursing home property.

PAYMENT OF BILLS –

Pat Geraets made a motion to approve full payment on the bills as submitted. Seconded by Luke Weix and motion carried.

ADJOURN –

Jason Severson moved to adjourn. Second by Meaghan Poquette and motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45PM

Respectfully Submitted
Holly R. Malaszuk