

VILLAGE OF ELMWOOD

323 W. Winter Avenue Elmwood, 54740

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

DATE & TIME: October 9, 2023 – 7:00PM

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Public Works

STAFF PRESENT: Holly Malaszuk, Nick Andrews, Chief Chris Thibado

PUBLIC PRESENT: Jill Shwaybach, Amy Bechel, Rita Princko, Dawn Toth, Jolee Galampee, Carl Schroder

PRESS PRESENT: Cari Cornelius

NOTE: APPROVED MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

President Neil Boltik called the Board Meeting to order at 7:00PM

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 SEPTEMBER 11TH -

Paul Unser made a motion to approve the minutes for September 11th as submitted. Seconded by Mark Wolf and motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT –

None

APPROVE NICHOLAS ANDREWS TO BE ON THE LIBRARY ACCOUNT -

Mark Wolf made a motion to approve Nicholas Andrews to be on and have full access to the Village Library account. Seconded by Meaghan Poquette. Roll Call and motion carried.

APPROVE PICNIC LICENSE – SPORTSMAN’S BANQUET OCTOBER 28TH –

Paul Unser made a motion to approve the Picnic License for the Sportsman’s Banquet on October 29th. Seconded by Pat Geraets and motion carried.

OPERATOR’S LICENSES -VALARIE JOHNSON, TAYLOR SCHOLIN- SANDBAR

Chief Chris Thibado reported to the Board Members that he has conducted the necessary background checks and has given his approval for both individuals. Mark Wolf made a motion to approve the licenses as submitted. Seconded by Jason Severson and motion carried.

TEMPORARY LICENSE FOR SPORTSMAN’S BANQUET – JORDANNE RAEBEL

Jason Severson made a motion to approve the temporary license for Jordanne Raebel as submitted. Seconded by Pat Geraets and motion carried.

CELECT COMMUNICATIONS DISCUSSION-

Luke Weix clarified that 24/7 and Celect Communications have an agreement to not encroach on each other’s property. We currently do not have an estimate for the proposed rates. The Board Members have decided to waive the fees and withhold any monetary donations at this time. This decision stems from the absence of our audit report from the previous year, which is essential in the understanding the current financial standing of our books. Luke Weix made a motion to waive the fees. Seconded by Mark Wolf. Roll Call and motion carried.

EHLER'S DISCUSSION-

President Neil Boltik explained that Ehler's Public Finance have alerted us to the fact that the sewer and water system is unable to sustain itself, leading to continuous borrowing from the General Fund. Ehler's proposal involves conducting a comprehensive Sewer Utility Rate Study for the Village, with costs not exceeding \$8,000.00.

Luke Weix made a motion to approve having the Sewer Utility Rate Study done for the Village. Seconded by Meaghan Poquette. Roll Call and motion carried.

Library Board: Nicholas Andrews presented the Library's Budget Report, emphasizing that they are seeking the same funding as the previous year. He expressed a strong ambition for the library to engage more actively with the community, proposing initiatives such as using the library as an advertising space, setting up suggestion boxes, and allowing community members to voice their opinions on upcoming village ordinances, which are slated for revision. Meaghan Poquette enthusiastically supported these ideas. President Neil Boltik nominated Meaghan Poquette to serve as the Library Liaison, alongside Mark Wolf.

Additionally, Nicholas revealed that Kern's Kurbside would be hosting a library event on November 2nd. Jolee Galampee and Jill Schwayback commended Nicholas for his contributions as the Library Director.

Nursing Home: President Neil Boltik explained that an offer had been presented and that the Board Members had agreed to the counteroffer. Further details will be discussed at a later time.

Parks & Buildings: No Report

Public Works: Paul Unser conveyed the message from the Public Works, stating that the sewer tests were conducted on Thursday and the results are expected within two weeks. Celect Communications has not yet contacted them to determine the path for laying fiber optic cables across the village. The Process of tree trimming is scheduled to commence next week. Furthermore, there are plans to replace the rotten boards at the end of the egg tunnel with guard rails. The assessment of roads for the Department of Transportation (DOT) will also begin shortly. Jill Schwayback stated that a tree has fallen near her house, and she's uncertain whether it falls under her responsibility or that of the Public Works due to its location.

Personnel & Finance: No Report

Police: Chief Chris Thibado stated that the Village might have additional dues to settle with Pillar Construction due to the halt of payments. Additionally, he announced his plan to dispense candy in front of the Village Auditorium at the end of the month.

PAYMENT OF BILLS –

Paul Unser made a motion to approve full payment on the bills as submitted. Seconded by Jason Severson and motion carried.

ADJOURN –

Mark Wolf moved to adjourn. Second by Jason Severson and motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:36PM

Respectfully Submitted
Holly R. Malaszuk