

VILLAGE OF ELMWOOD

323 W. Winter Avenue Elmwood, 54740

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

DATE & TIME: March 4, 2024 – 7:00PM

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Holly Malaszuk, Bryan Bechel, Chief Chris Thibado

PUBLIC PRESENT: Lexi Dominik, Carl Schroder, Dawn Toth, Doug Claflin, Rita Pincko, Kevin Arnoldy, Erin Geraets, Amy Bechel, Gloria Cejas, Jeff Kerg, Jim Schweybach

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 February 12, 2024 -

Paul Unser made a motion to approve the minutes for February 12th as submitted. Seconded by Pat Geraets and motion carried.

STATEMENT FROM VILLAGE PRESIDENT -

President Neil Boltik mentioned personnel turnover in recent years, including changes in the office positions. Additionally, the closure of the nursing home and the failure of the buyer to finalize the purchase of the building have led to its relisting on the market. With the closure of the nursing home, the village's financial situation has improved, no longer draining the accounts. There are TID 3 & 4 closures will be voted on in the Aprils meeting but the money from the TIDs have been going into the general fund. The forthcoming audit will help determine the appropriate distribution of funds among the County, CVTC and Elmwood School. A comprehensive plan is long overdue and will be developed soon. Holly Malaszuk, the village clerk, will initiate a sign-up sheet for village notifications via text or email alerts.

PUBLIC INPUT –

Community Club: Dawn Toth explained that they're attempting to secure a grant aimed at enhancing outdoor spaces within the park. Proposed projects include resurfacing the tennis court and introducing amenities such as pickleball or disc golf.

Doug Claflin expressed his concerns about the cost of the dumpsters that are currently at the nursing home and asked if the tree limbs and leaves would be cleaned up this spring.

President Neil Boltik explained that the village isn't paying for the dumpsters to sit there and would only get charged if they must come out to empty the dumpsters. Outdoor maintenance will be starting at the nursing home once the weather gets better.

JEFF KERK PROPERTY –

Jeff Kerk's son, representing him, mentioned that the retaining wall was constructed approximately 4-5 years ago. He suggested that they could trim the two ends of the retaining wall to ensure it no longer encroaches on the nursing home's property. President Neil Boltik stated that any adjustments made should comply with the survey requirements. However, there might be a need to seek a variance as the wall would still remain within 3 feet of the property lines.

HALF THROTTLE SALOON (PLUMBING)

Kevin Arnoldy reported encountering problems with sewer blockages and proposed accessing the alley's west back corner to excavate and repair the issue. He noted the need to coordinate with the school, as the repair work might encroach about 1 foot into the school's parking lot blacktop. Pat Geraets suggested that Kevin should discuss the matter with the school administration and be included on their agenda. When asked how deep the manhole is, Bryan Bechel verified that it's approximately 5ft at the building and 10ft in the alley.

Paul Unser made a motion to approve the building being tied into the alley. Seconded by Luke Weix. Roll Call and motion carried.

BIG DICK'S PROM – APRIL 6TH – PICNIC LICENSE

Paul Unser made a motion to approve the picnic license as submitted. Seconded by Meaghan Poquette. Roll Call and motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF CLASS "A" BEER LICENSE – GLORIA CEJAS

Pat Geraets explained that there was no specified limit on the number of Class "A" Beer Licenses the Board Members were willing to allocate within the Village limits. Following deliberation, the Board Members resolved to grant Gloria Cejas a Class "A" Beer License for her new business, Mi Tiendita. As a result, there are now five additional licenses available. Making it a total of 8 class "A" Beer Licenses that can be issued at a time within the Village limits. Luke Weix made a motion to approve Gloria Cejas's Class "A" License and having a total of 8 Licenses within the Village. Seconded by Meaghan Poquette. Roll Call and motion carried.

LIBRARY ROOF –

Mark Wolf presented the email from Pax Building Services containing their estimate for repairing the library roof. The Board Members inquired about the cost of the adhesion test. Regardless, they agreed that the test should be conducted, and the decision to proceed with the roof repair would be postponed until the test results are available. Mark Wolf made a motion to approve getting the adhesion test completed. Seconded by Luke Weix. Roll Call and motion carried.

Library Board: Holly Malaszuk and Neil Boltik announced that an Easter Lunch will be held on Saturday March 30th at the Village Auditorium from 11am to 2pm, with proceeds from goodwill donations dedicated to the repair of the library roof.

Nursing Home: No Report

Parks & Buildings: No Report

Public Works: Bryan Bechel stated, in addition to their regular duties, they assisted in cleaning up the nursing home and clinic, addressed a water leak issue at a business, coordinated safety measures with a local business by providing cones and signs, obtained equipment quotes from other businesses, arranged for meat donation from Sailer's for the Easter Lunch, and dedicated time to study for upcoming tests on the 26th. He also spoke with Piece County Highway Department about brushing back Partridge Avenue and will take two days.

Personnel & Finance: Pat Geraets informed that revisions have been made to the Personnel Policy during a Personnel and Finance meeting. These revisions align recognized holidays with those of the state, clarify certain language for better understanding, and introduce the option to cash out compensatory time. Mark Wolf made a motion to approve the revisions. Seconded by Luke Weix. Roll Call and motion carried.

Police: Chief Chris Thibado reported 11 calls within the Village, completed the monthly reporting, and issued two tickets for vehicles parked illegally during snow removal.

PAYMENT OF BILLS –

Pat Geraets made a motion to approve full payment on the bills as submitted. Seconded by Paul Unser. Roll call and motion carried.

ADJOURN –

Mark Wolf moved to adjourn. Second by Jason Severson. Roll Call and motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM

Respectfully Submitted
Holly R. Malaszuk
Clerk/Treasurer