

**Elwood Fire Protection District
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 15, 2024**

1. Pledge of Allegiance: The Board stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Vinsel and seconded by Prieboy to appoint Trustee Prieboy as President Pro Tempore. All in favor: Aye 2, No 0, Absent 1. Motion carried.

2. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. at 309 West Mississippi Street, Elwood, IL 60421, by President Pro Tempore Prieboy.

3. Roll Call:

Present: President Pro Tempore Colleen Prieboy, Secretary Patricia Vinsel.

Also Present: Fire Chief Christopher Locacius, Deputy Chief Melahn, Captain Brandon Pfizenmaier, Lieutenant Nick George, Executive Assistant Jill Deaville, Administrative Assistant Clare McKinney, FF Nick May, FF Jonah Yoest, Attorney John Motylinski, and James Howard with Government Accounting attended via Zoom.

Absent: President Allan Bertucci.

4. Public Comment (Limit 3 minutes): None

5. Approval of January 18, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Vinsel and seconded by Prieboy to approve the minutes as written. All in favor: Aye 2, No 0, Absent 1. Motion carried.

6. Financial Report by Government Accounting, Approval of Bills: The Financial Report was presented by Howard of Government Accounting. A motion to approve the financial report as presented was made by Vinsel and seconded by Prieboy. All in favor: Aye 2, Nay 0, Absent 1. Motion carried. Approval of Bills: A motion was made by Vinsel and seconded by Prieboy to approve the bills. All in favor: Aye 2, Nay 0, Absent 1. Motion carried.

7. Officers & Attorney's Reports: Reports presented by Locacius, Melahn, Hunter, Pfizenmaier, George and Motylinski.

8. Old Business:

- a. Discussion / Possible Action on Accessory Building: Locacius updated the Board on the inspector visit. Western Surety Bond Company has indicated it will hire a new contractor. The Village of Elwood has issued Temporary Occupancy for the Accessory Building. Projects that remain: grading, survey plots, finish retention and drainage with stone, gutters, trim work, bay door eyes and springs, paint, check all systems, snow guards, fence caps, concrete repairs, cleaning remaining bird feces, landscaping, and the repelling rack amount others.

- b. Other Unfinished Business: None.

9. New Business:

- a. Discussion / Possible Action on Ten (10) Sets of Turn Out Gear (Bunker Coat and Pants): A motion was made by Vinsel and seconded by Prieboy to approve the purchase of Ten (10) Sets of Turn Out Gear not to exceed \$35,000 and to give Locacius authority to execute necessary documentation for the purchase. All in favor: Aye 2, No 0, Absent 1. Motion carried.

- b. Discussion / Possible Action on Hydrants Purchase: A motion was made by Prieboy and seconded by Vinsel to award Alberico Construction Co., Inc. the purchase and installation of two (2) hydrants not to exceed \$25,000 and to give Locacius authority to execute the necessary documentation for the purchase. All in favor: Aye 2, No 0, Absent 1. Motion carried.
 - c. Discussion / Possible Action on Front Digital Station Sign Purchase: Discussion on bids and specifications. A motion was made by Prieboy and seconded by Vinsel to approve All American Sign Company, Inc for the purchase of a Front Digital Station Sign pending approval by Locacius not to exceed \$30,000 and to give Locacius the authority to execute the necessary documentation for the purchase. All in favor: Aye 2, No 0, Absent 1. Motion carried.
 - g. Discussion / Possible Action on Surplus Equipment: None
 - h. Review Correspondence: The Board reviewed donations in memory of James Edson by Mary Edson and Jean Maryanovich and a letter and donation from Gina Kaptur.
 - i. Other New Business: None
10. Closed Session: None
11. Adjournment: A motion was made by Vinsel seconded by Prieboy to adjourn the meeting at 10:09 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted



Board Secretary