

**Elwood Fire Protection District  
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, April 18, 2024**

1. Pledge of Allegiance: The Board stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
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 Bertucci.
3. Roll Call:  
Present: President Allan Bertucci, Treasurer Colleen Prieboy, Secretary Patricia Vinsel.  
Also Present: Fire Chief Christopher Locacius, Deputy Chief Jasen Melahn, Captain Carl Hunter, Captain Brandon Pfizenmaier, Lieutenant Justin Lorand, FF/EMT Brent Kladis, FF/PM Chris Collins, FF/PM Nick May, Executive Assistant Jill Deaville, Administrative Assistant Clare McKinney, Attorney John Motylinski, Heidi Hermes with Metro Paramedics, and Lauri Pope of Mack & Associates. James Howard with Government Accounting attended via Zoom.

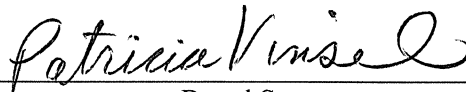
Special Presentation:

Heidi Hermes with Metro Paramedics presented Collins, Kladis, and May with Certificates of Appreciation for their Achievement of Outstanding Pre-Hospital Childbirth on March 13, 2024. Locacius, on behalf of the District, recognized Kladis, Collins, and May for their outstanding performance and presented them with pink stork pins.

4. Audit FY 2023 Presentation by Mack & Associates: Lauri Pope of Mack & Associates presented the Audit FY 2023.
5. Public Comment (Limit 3 minutes): None
6. Approval of March 21, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Prieboy and seconded by Bertucci to approve the minutes as written. All in favor: Aye 3, No 0. Motion carried.
7. 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 Bertucci and seconded by Vinsel. All in favor: Aye 3, Nay 0. Motion carried. Approval of Bills: A motion was made by Prieboy and seconded by Vinsel to approve the bills. All in favor: Aye 3, No 0. Motion carried.
8. Officers & Attorney's Reports: Reports presented by Locacius, Melahn, Hunter, Pfizenmaier, Lorand, and Motylinski.
9. Old Business:
  - a. Discussion / Possible Action on Accessory Building: Discussed the status of the accessory building progress, pay requests, and current liens/intent to lien. Locacius and Mattingly of Professional Construction Consulting, Inc. have been in contact consistently to continue building progression. Motylinski has been addressing all related legal matters and continues to keep the Chief and Board informed.
  - b. Other Unfinished Business: Discussed cost sharing with the other taxing bodies for the Opinion of Value Report (Phase 1) from Whitt Law regarding ExxonMobil.

10. New Business:
- a. Discussion / Possible Action on the Audit FY 2023: A motion was made by Prieboy and seconded by Bertucci to approve the Audit FY 2023 as presented. All in favor: Aye 3, Nay 0. Motion carried.
  - b. Discussion/ Possible Action Ordinance # 04182024 An Ordinance of the Elwood Fire Protection District Eliminating the Office of Office Assistant: A motion was made by Vinsel and seconded by Bertucci to approve Ordinance #04182024. All in favor: Aye 3, No 0. Motion carried.
  - c. Discussion / Possible Action on Surplus Equipment: None
  - g. Review Correspondence: Thank you letter from Barbara Williams.
  - h. Other New Business:
    - Stepan extended an invitation to their training in Texas this year. Collins and Yoest will be attending.
    - Discussed meetings for a training tower.
    - Discussed landscaping around the pink hydrant.
    - Discussed windows/doors cracking around the building.
    - Discussed rigs currently on order.
11. Closed Session: None
12. Adjournment: A motion was made by Bertucci seconded by Vinsel to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted



Board Secretary