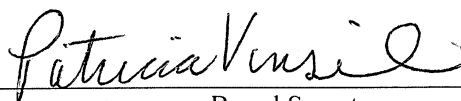


**Elwood Fire Protection District  
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, July 18, 2024**

1. Pledge of Allegiance: The Board stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Bertucci at 9:00 a.m. at 309 W. Mississippi Street, Elwood, IL 60421.
3. Roll Call:  
Present: President Allan Bertucci, Treasurer Colleen Prieboy, Secretary Patricia Vinsel.  
Also Present: Fire Chief Christopher Locacius, Deputy Chief Jasen Melahn, Captain Raymond Sebastian, Captain Brandon Pfizenmaier, Lieutenant Tyler Jenco, FF/EMT Kelly Jacobson, Executive Assistant Jill Deaville, Administrative Assistant Clare McKinney, and Attorney John Motylinski. James Howard with Government Accounting attended via Zoom.
4. Public Comment (Limit 3 minutes): None
5. Approval of June 20, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Vinsel and seconded by Bertucci to approve the minutes as written. All in favor: Aye 3, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried.  
Approval of June 20, 2024, Closed Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Bertucci and seconded by Vinsel to approve the minutes as written. All in favor: Aye 3, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried.
6. 6-Month Review of Closed Session Minutes: A motion to keep the closed session minutes closed as recommended by Motylinski was made by Bertucci and seconded by Vinsel. All in favor: Aye 3, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried. A motion to destroy the recordings from the 9/16/22 and 10/11/22 closed sessions was made by Vinsel and seconded by Bertucci. All in favor: Aye 3, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried.
7. Financial Report by Government Accounting, Approval of Bills: The Financial Report was presented by Howard of Government Accounting. A motion was made by Bertucci and seconded by Prieboy to approve the Financial Report. All in favor: Aye 3, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried. Approval of Bills: A motion was made by Bertucci and seconded by Prieboy to approve the Bills. All in favor: Aye 3, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried.
8. Officers & Attorney's Reports: Reports presented by Motylinski, Locacius, Melahn, Sebastian, Pfizenmaier, and Jenco.
9. Old Business:
  - a. Discussion / Possible Action on Training Tower Purchase: Locacius provided an update which included the soil testing and the necessary special use permit from the Village of Elwood. Discussed the following: insurance, tower manufacturers, community communication when training is scheduled, additional components/expenses with the training tower including setting the concrete pillars/foundation work, cost of the tower construction, warranty, NFPA compliance, scheduling a visit to other towers and the manufacturer, training off-site vs. building a tower, and tower maintenance.

- b. Discussion / Possible Action on Tender Agreement with Western Surety: Discussed the Tender Agreement with Western Surety and the remaining financial obligation on the original contract. Motylinski recommended the board accept the Tender Agreement. A motion was made by Prieboy and seconded by Bertucci to approve the Tender Agreement and to give Locacius authority to execute necessary documentation. All in favor: Aye 3, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried.
  - c. Discussion / Possible Action on Completion Contract with Laub Construction, Inc.: After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Bertucci and seconded by Vinsel to approve the Laub Construction, Inc. Contract and to give Locacius authority to execute necessary documentation. All in favor: Aye 3, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried.
  - d. Discussion / Possible Action on Accessory Building: No additional discussion.
  - e. Other Unfinished Business: None.
10. New Business:
- a. Discussion / Possible Action on Thermal Image Cameras: Discussed quotes for MSA and FLIR cameras. After research and discussion with the other crew members, Jenco recommends the FLIR K65 cameras. A motion was made by Prieboy and seconded by Bertucci to purchase 3 thermal imaging cameras as quoted by Darley not to exceed 17K. All in favor: Aye 3, Nay0, Absent 0. Motion carried.
  - b. Discussion / Possible Action on Surplus Equipment: After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Prieboy and seconded by Bertucci to surplus 3 MSA 5000 Thermal Cameras. All in favor: Aye 3, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried.
  - c. Review Correspondence: Reviewed thank you letters from Jeffery Carey of Joliet Fire Department, and from John Petrakis of Channahon Fire Protection District Fire Chief.
  - d. Other New Business: The board welcomed new hire FF/EMT Kelly Jacobson. Discussed the recent inclement weather and the unified, cooperative response with other departments and Wescom to navigate emergencies during and after the tornados and strong wind damage occurred. Many of our crew went above and beyond to help respond to emergencies even despite their own homes or immediate family members' homes being damaged.
11. Closed Session: None
12. Adjournment: A motion was made by Bertucci seconded by Vinsel to adjourn the meeting at 10:59 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted



Board Secretary