

**Elwood Fire Protection District  
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, September 19, 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 and Secretary Patricia Vinsel.  
Also Present: Fire Chief Christopher Locacius, Deputy Chief Jasen Melahn, Captain Raymond Sebastian, Lieutenant Tyler Jenco, FF/PM Sean Steik, FF/EMT Josh Melahn, Executive Assistant Jill Deaville, Administrative Assistant Clare McKinney, and Attorney John Motylinski. James Howard with Government Accounting attended via Zoom.  
Absent: Treasurer Colleen Prieboy
4. Public Comment (Limit 3 minutes): None
5. Approval of August 15, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Vinsel and seconded by Bertucci to approve the minutes as written. All in favor: Aye 2, Nay 0, Absent 1. Motion carried.
6. Financial Report by Government Accounting, Approval of Bills: The Financial Report was presented by Howard of Government Accounting. The discussed the possibility of investing some funds with Sawyer Falduto. The board asked Howard to obtain information. A motion was made by Bertucci and seconded by Vinsel to approve the Financial Report. All in favor: Aye 2, Nay 0, Absent 1. Motion carried. Approval of Bills: A motion was made by Bertucci and seconded by Vinsel to approve the Bills. All in favor: Aye 2, Nay 0, Absent 1. Motion carried.
7. Officers & Attorney's Reports: Reports presented by Locacius, DC Melahn, Sebastian, Jenco and Motylinski.
8. Old Business:
  - a. Discussion / Possible Action on Training Tower Purchase: A motion was made by Vinsel and seconded by Bertucci to approve the purchase of the Training Tower as quoted by American Fire Training Tower not to exceed \$750,000 and to authorize Locacius to execute necessary documents. All in favor: Aye 2, Nay 0, Absent 1. Motion carried
  - b. Discussion / Possible Action on Accessory Building: Discussed the successful walk through with Laub Construction and FGMA. The only pending issue is the replacement of the bay door windows which are being replaced under the warranty.
  - c. Discussion / Possible Action on a Laub Construction Payment: A motion was made by Bertucci and seconded by Vinsel to approve the payment of Laub Construction in the amount of \$312,551.00. All in favor: Aye 2, Nay 0, Absent 1. Motion carried
  - d. Other Unfinished Business: None.

9. New Business:
- a. Discussion / Possible Action New Ejector Pumps for the Basement: A motion was made by Bertucci and seconded by Vinsel to approve the purchase of the ejector pumps not to exceed \$17,000. All in favor: Aye 2, Nay 0, Absent 1. Motion carried.
  - b. Discussion / Possible Action on the Purchase of Auto Extrication Air Bags: A motion was made by Vinsel and seconded by Bertucci to approve the purchase of auto extrication air bags not to exceed \$12,000. All in favor: Aye 2, Nay 0, Absent 1. Motion carried.
  - c. Discussion / Possible Action on Surplus Equipment: None.
  - d. Review Correspondence: Reviewed thank you letters Locacius sent to Manhattan and Channahon Fire Protection Districts. The board acknowledged the receipt the Pension Funds Tax Levy Request Letter.
  - e. Other New Business: None
10. Closed Session: None
11. Adjournment: A motion was made by Bertucci and seconded by Vinsel to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted



Board Secretary