

**Elwood Fire Protection District
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 17, 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, and Secretary Patricia Vinsel.
Also Present: Fire Chief Christopher Locacius, Deputy Chief Jasen Melahn, Captain Raymond Sebastian, Captain Brandon Pfizenmaier, Lieutenant Justin Lorand, FF/PM Justin Russel, Executive Assistant Jill Deaville, Administrative Assistant Clare McKinney, and Attorney John Motylinski and James Howard with Government Accounting.
4. Public Comment (Limit 3 minutes): None
5. Special Presentation – James Howard of Government Accounting presented the proposed 2025 Budget and 2024 Levy to the Board
6. Approval of September 19, 2024, Regular 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.
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 Prieboy and seconded by Vinsel to approve the Bills. All in favor: Aye 3, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried.
8. Officers & Attorney's Reports: Reports presented by Locacius, DC Melahn, Sebastian, Pfizenmaier, Lorand and Motylinski.
9. Old Business: This is the second year of a three-year contract with Mack & Associates thus the board will engage them to perform the audit for year 2024.
10. New Business:
 - a. Discussion / Possible Action on the 2025 District Board Meeting Schedule: A motion was made by Vinsel and seconded by Bertucci to approve the 2025 District Board Meeting Schedule. All in favor: Aye 3, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried.
 - b. Discussion / Possible Action on the Incentive Program: A motion was made by Prieboy and seconded by Bertucci to approve the Incentive Program. All in favor: Aye 3, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried.
 - c. Discussion / Possible Action on Jackson Generation Settlement Agreement (2024-2029 EAV): After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Prieboy and seconded by Bertucci to approve The Jackson Generation Settlement Agreement subject to attorney review and to give Locacius authority to sign the documents. All in favor: Aye 3, Nay 0, Absent 0.
 - d. Discussion / Possible Action on Updating Appendix A of Ordinance # 11162023B An Ordinance Re-Establishing Ambulance and Related Charges of the Elwood Fire Protection District (Non-Residents): Discussed the update to Appendix A of Ordinance # 11162023B.

- e. Review Correspondence: Thank you letter from the Garden Committee. IML letter and the check for Foreign Fire Insurance Tax was received.
 - f. Other New Business: The Board welcomed new FF/PM Justin Russel.
11. Closed Session: None
12. Adjournment: A motion was made by Bertucci and seconded by Vinsel to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted Patricia Vinsel
Board Secretary