

**Elwood Fire Protection District
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 17, 2025**

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, Secretary Patricia Vinsel, and Treasurer Colleen Prieboy.
Also Present: Fire Chief Christopher Locacius, Deputy Chief Jasen Melahn, Battalion Chief, Brandon Pfizenmaier, Battalion Chief Justin Lorand, Lieutenant Keith Jurek, Executive Assistant Jill Deaville, Administrative Assistant Clare McKinney, and Attorney John Motylinski. James Howard with Government Accounting, Anthony Miceli of Speer Financial, and John Falduto of Sawyer Falduto Asset Management attended via Zoom.
Absent: None
4. Public Comment (Limit 3 minutes): None
5. Public Hearing concerning the intent of the Board to issue not to exceed \$3,100,000 of General Obligation Bond (Alternate Revenue Source) of the District to purchase a ladder truck and a fire engine: A motion was made by Bertucci and seconded by Vinsel to open the hearing at 9:02 AM. All in favor: Aye 3, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried. In the absence of public comments, a motion was made by Vinsel and seconded by Bertucci to close the public hearing 9:04AM. All in favor: Aye 3, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried.
6. Approval of the July 3, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Prieboy and seconded by Vinsel to approve the minutes as written. All in favor: Aye 3, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried.
7. 6-Month Review of Closed Session Minutes: A motion was made by Vinsel and seconded by Prieboy to keep closed the following minutes as recommended by Motylinski: 1/31/2022, 2/14/2022, 5/9/2022, 6/14/2022. All in favor: Aye 3, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried.
8. 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 Vinsel to approve the Bills. All in favor: Aye 3, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried.
9. Officers & Attorney's Reports: Reports were presented by Locacius, Melahn, Lorand, Pfizenmaier, and Motylinski.
10. Old Business: None
11. New Business:
 - a. Discussion / Possible Action on Speer Financial Engagement Letter: A motion was made to approve the Speer Financial Engagement Letter by Bertucci and seconded by Vinsel. All in favor: Aye 3, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion Carried.
 - b. Discussion / Possible Action on Sawyer Falduto Asset Management, LLC to serve as Investment Advisor to the Elwood Fire Protection District: After discussion, a motion was made by Bertucci and seconded by Vinsel to approve Sawyer Falduto Asset Management,

LLC to serve as Investment Advisor to the Elwood Fire Protection District. All in favor:
Aye 3, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion Carried.

- c. Discussion / Possible Action on Charles Schwab to serve as Custodian to the Elwood Fire Protection District: A motion was made by Bertucci and seconded by Vinsel to approve Charles Schwab to serve as Custodian to the Elwood Fire Protection District. All in favor:
Aye 3, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion Carried.
 - d. Discussion / Possible Action on Surplus Equipment: None
 - e. Review Correspondence: None
 - f. Other New Business: Locacius presented Jeff Toepper with his Training Coordinator helmet shield and welcomed him to the Elwood Fire Protection District. Vinsel thanked Lorand and Villalobos for her CPR instruction.
12. Closed Session: None
11. Adjournment: A motion was made by Bertucci and seconded by Vinsel to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted _____

Patricia Vinsel

Board Secretary