

Elwood Fire Protection District
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 16, 2026

1. Pledge of Allegiance: The Board stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Veerman at 9:00 a.m. at 309 W. Mississippi Street, Elwood, IL 60421.
3. Roll Call:
Present: President April Veerman, Treasurer Patricia Vinsel
Also Present: Fire Chief Christopher Locacius, Deputy Chief Jasen Melahn, Training Coordinator Jeff Toepper, Battalion Chief Brandon Pfizenmaier, Battalion Chief Justin Lorand, Lieutenant Tyler Jenco, Executive Assistant Jill Deaville, Administrative Assistant Clare McKinney, Attorney John Motylinski, and James Howard with Government Accounting attended via Zoom.
Absent: None.
4. Public Comment (Limit 3 minutes): None
5. Approval of March 19, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Vinsel and seconded by Veerman to approve the minutes as written. All in favor: Aye 2, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried.
6. Financial Report by Government Accounting, Approval of Bills: The Financial Report was presented by Howard of Government Accounting. A motion was made by Vinsel and seconded by Veerman to approve the Financial Report. All in favor: Aye 2, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried. Approval of Bills: A motion was made by Vinsel and seconded by Veerman to approve the Bills. All in favor: Aye 2, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried.
7. Officers & Attorney's Reports: Reports presented by Locacius, Melahn, Pfizenmaier, Lorand, Jenco, Toepper, and Motylinski.
8. Old Business: None
9. New Business:
 - a. Discussion / Possible Action on Pension Board Appointments: A motion was made by Veerman and seconded by Vinsel to reappoint Clare McKinney to the Pension Board for a 3 year term starting 4/30/2026. All in favor: Aye 2, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried.
 - b. Discussion / Possible Action on Resolution #04162026A Creating a Retirement Healthcare Funding Plan: After discussion, a motion was made by Veerman and seconded by Vinsel to approve Resolution #04162026A and to authorize Locacius to execute necessary documents related to the plan. All in favor: Aye 2, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried.
 - c. Discussion / Possible Action on Resolution #041662026B Creating a Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plan: After brief discussion, a motion was made by Vinsel and seconded by Veerman to approve Resolution #04162026B, to terminate any existing plans, and to authorize Locacius to execute necessary documents related to the plans. All in favor: Aye 2, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried.
 - d. Discussion / Possible Action on Resolution # 04162026C Resolution Removing Allan J. Bertucci As An Authorized Signer for the Elwood Fire Protection District: A motion was made by Veerman and seconded by Vinsel to approve Resolution #04162026C. All in favor: Aye 2, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried.

- e. Discussion / Possible Action on Surplus Equipment: None.
 - f. Review Correspondence: None.
 - g. Other New Business: Locacius discussed hiring part time positions with the board for consideration for the 2027 budget.
10. Closed Session: None.
11. Adjournment: A motion was made by Veerman and seconded by Vinsel to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 a.m. All in favor Aye 2, Nay 0, Absent 0.

Respectfully Submitted

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