

**Elwood Fire Protection District  
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, July 20, 2023**

1. Pledge of Allegiance: The Board stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.  
  
A motion was made by Vinsel and seconded by Prieboy to appoint Prieboy President Pro-Tempore. Roll call: Vinsel Aye, Prieboy Aye. Motion Passed.
2. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. at 309 West Mississippi Street, Elwood, IL 60421, by President Pro-Tempore.
3. Roll Call:  
Present: President Pro-Tempore Colleen Prieboy, Secretary Patricia Vinsel  
Also Present: Chief Locacius, Deputy Chief Melahn, Administrative Assistant Deaville, Administrative Assistant McKinney, Attorney Motylinski, Captain Pfizenmaier, Lieutenant Atwood, and Allan Bertucci. Present via zoom is James Howard with Government Accounting.
4. Public Comment (Limit 3 minutes): Prieboy read a letter addressed to the board from Norman Fanning.
5. Approval of June 15, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Vinsel and seconded by Prieboy to approve the minutes as written. All in favor: Aye 2, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried.
6. Six Month Approval of Closed Session Minutes: A motion was made by Prieboy and seconded by Vinsel to approve and release the Closed Session Minutes from May 18, 2023. Roll call: Prieboy Aye, Vinsel Aye. Motion carried. A motion was made by Prieboy and Seconded by Vinsel to keep the remaining minutes closed. Roll call: Prieboy Aye, Vinsel Aye. Motion carried.
7. Financial Report by Government Accounting, Approval of Bills and Budget Timeline: The Financial Report was presented by James Howard of Government Accounting. Discussed future financing for apparatus with Howard. A motion to approve the financial report as presented was made by Prieboy and seconded by Vinsel. All in favor: Aye 2, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried. Approval of Bills: A motion was made by Vinsel and seconded with Prieboy to approve the bills. All in favor: Aye 2, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried. The budget timeline was discussed.
8. Officers & Attorney's Reports: Reports presented by Chief Locacius, Deputy Chief Melahn, Captain Pfizenmaier, Lieutenant Atwood, and Attorney Motylinski.
9. Old Business:
  - a. Discussion / Possible Action on Accessory Building: Discussion on Accessory Building schedule.
  - b. Other Unfinished Business: None
10. New Business:
  - a. Discussion / Possible Approval of The First Bank of Manhattan Governmental Certificate retroactive to June 30, 2023: A motion was made by Prieboy and seconded by Vinsel to approve the certificate. All in favor: Aye 2, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried.
  - b. Discussion / Possible Action on Surplus Equipment: None.
  - c. Review Correspondence: Thank you letters from Raymond, Jennifer & Family; Sharon Lubsic, MaryAnn Morse & Family; Lee Eskra's Family; Donations in memory of Ron Johansson from Edward and Dorothy Keating, Bill and Aleta Sunley, the Johansson's Family; Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery Certificate of Appreciation and invitation to their Open House.
  - d. Other New Business: Discussed the upcoming closing of the railroad tracks at Mississippi Street July 31 – Aug 2nd. Discussed National Night Out and Elwood Community Days. Discussed Wescom Board Alternates.
11. Closed Session: None

12. Adjournment: A motion was made by Vinsel and seconded by Prieboy to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted Patricia Vinsel  
Board Secretary