

**Elwood Fire Protection District
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 16, 2023**

1. Pledge of Allegiance: The Board stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. at 309 West Mississippi Street, Elwood, IL 60421, by President Bertucci.
3. Roll Call:
Present: President Allan Bertucci, Treasurer Colleen Prieboy, Secretary Patricia Vinsel.
Also Present: Chief Christopher Locacius, Captain Brandon Pfizenmaier, Lieutenant Justin Lorand, Administrative Assistant Jill Deaville, Administrative Assistant Clare McKinney, Attorney John Motylinski, James Howard with Government Accounting.
4. Public Comment (Limit 3 minutes): None
5. 9:00 a.m.: Public Hearing on the 2024 Budget and Appropriations Ordinance #11162023: Motion made by Prieboy and seconded by Bertucci to open the public hearing on the 2024 Budget and Appropriations. All in favor: Aye 3, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried. In the absence of public comment on the Budget and Appropriations, a motion was made by Bertucci and seconded by Vinsel to close the public hearing at 9:02 a.m. All in favor: Aye 3, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried.
6. Approval of October 19, 2023, 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. Financial Report by Government Accounting, Approval of Bills: The Financial Report was presented by Howard of Government Accounting. After a brief discussion, a motion to approve the financial report as presented was made by Bertucci and seconded by Prieboy. 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.
8. Officers & Attorney's Reports: Reports presented by Locacius, Pfizenmaier, Lorand, and Motylinski.
9. Old Business:
 - a. Discussion / Possible Action on Accessory Building: Discussion on outstanding issues including the repel bar and concrete. Western Surety received our letter and they have been briefed on the issues. They will be in contact with Integral and a conference may be the next step.
 - b. Other Unfinished Business: None.
10. New Business:
 - a. Discussion / Possible Action on the Ratification of Action Taken on October 19, 2023, Regarding the Emergency Water Main Issue: A motion was made by Prieboy and seconded by Bertucci to ratify the action taken on October 19, 2023, regarding the emergency water main repair. All in Favor: Aye: 3 Nay 0. Absent 0. Motion carried.
 - b. Discussion / Possible Adoption of the 2024 Budget and Appropriations Ordinance #11162023: A motion was made by Bertucci and was seconded by Vinsel to adopt the 2024 Budget and Appropriations Ordinance #1162023. Roll Call: Bertucci – Aye, Vinsel -Aye, Prieboy – Aye. Motion carried.

- c. 9:15 a.m.: Truth in Taxation Act Hearing on the 2023 Levy Ordinance # 11162023A: Motion made by Bertucci and seconded by Prieboy to open the public hearing on the 2023 Levy at 9:15 a.m. All in favor: Aye 3, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried. In the absence of public comment on the 2023 Levy, a motion was made by Bertucci and seconded by Vinsel to close the public hearing. All in favor: Aye 3, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried.
 - d. Discussion / Possible Adoption of the 2023 Levy Ordinance # 11162023A: Motion made by Bertucci and seconded by Vinsel to adopt the 2023 Levy Ordinance # 11162023A as presented. Roll Call: Bertucci – Aye, Vinsel -Aye, Prieboy – Aye. Motion carried.
 - e. Discussion / Possible Adoption of Ordinance # 11162023B An Ordinance Re-Establishing Ambulance and Related Charges of the Elwood Fire Protection District (Non-Residents): A motion was made by Bertucci and was seconded by Prieboy to adopt Ordinance #11162023B. All in Favor: Aye: 3 Nay 0. Absent 0. Motion carried.
 - f. Discussion / Possible Action on the IPRF Workers Compensation Policy Proposal: A motion was made by Bertucci and was seconded by Vinsel to approve the IPRF Workers Compensation Policy as proposed and to authorize Locacius to execute necessary documents. All in Favor: Aye: 3 Nay 0. Absent 0. Motion carried.
 - g. Discussion / Possible Action on the Property & Casualty Insurance Policy Proposal: A motion was made by Bertucci and was seconded by Prieboy to approve the Property & Casualty Insurance Policy as proposed and to authorize Locacius to execute necessary documents. All in Favor: Aye: 3 Nay 0. Absent 0. Motion carried.
 - h. Discussion / Possible Action on Accident & Sickness Insurance Policy Renewal: A motion was made by Bertucci and was seconded by Prieboy to approve the Accident & Sickness Insurance Policy as proposed and to authorize Locacius to execute necessary documents. All in Favor: Aye: 3 Nay 0. Absent 0. Motion carried.
 - i. Discussion / Possible Action on Opening a New Account at First Bank of Manhattan for Ambulance Billing: A motion was made by Prieboy and was seconded by Bertucci to open a checking account with a \$100 deposit with First Bank of Manhattan with the account signers as Bertucci, Vinsel and Prieboy. All in Favor: Aye: 3 Nay 0. Absent 0. Motion carried.
 - j. Review Correspondence: Thank you letters/emails from Wilmington Fire, Walmart, and Elwood School were reviewed. Upcoming events Jackson Township Toy Drive, Village Christmas Parade.
 - k. Other New Business: Trustee Prieboy received a call from a patient's daughter who was very appreciative of EFPD going above and beyond. Attorney Tom Gilbert will be retiring. President Bertucci thanked EFPD for their attendance at the recent Groundbreaking for Habitat for Humanity.
11. Closed Session: None
12. Adjournment: A motion was made by Bertucci and seconded by Vinsel to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted _____



Board Secretary