

**Elwood Fire Protection District
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 18, 2024**

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 Treasurer Prieboy to President pro tempore. All in favor: Aye 2, No 0, Absent 1. Motion carried.

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 pro tempore Prieboy.

3. Roll Call:

Present: Treasurer Colleen Prieboy, Secretary Patricia Vinsel.

Also Present: Chief Christopher Locacius, Deputy Chief Melahn, Captain Brandon Pfizenmaier, Lieutenant Justin Lorand, Executive Assistant Jill Deaville, Administrative Assistant Clare McKinney, and Attorney John Motylinski. James Howard with Government Accounting attended via Zoom. President Allan Bertucci attended via Zoom but did not participate.

4. Public Comment (Limit 3 minutes): None

5. Approval of December 21, 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, No 0, Absent 1. Motion carried.

6. 6 Month Review of Closed Session Minutes: A motion was made by Prieboy and seconded by Vinsel to keep closed session minutes closed. All in favor: Aye 2, No 0, Absent 1. Motion carried. A motion was made by Prieboy and seconded by Vinsel to destroy the tapes from the following closed session minutes: 1/31/2022, 2/14/2022, 5/3/2022, 5/9/2022, 5/31/2022, and 6/14/2022. All in favor: Aye 2, No 0, Absent 1. 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 Vinsel and seconded by Prieboy. All in favor: Aye 2, Nay 0, Absent 1. Motion carried. Approval of Bills: A motion was made by Vinsel and seconded by Prieboy to approve the bills. All in favor: Aye 2, Nay 0, Absent 1. Motion carried.

8. Officers & Attorney's Reports: Reports presented by Locacius, Melahn, Pfizenmaier, Lorand and Motylinski.

9. Old Business:

- a. Discussion / Possible Action on Accessory Building: The inspector for Western Surety) is scheduling a site visit for the end of January or early February.

- b. Other Unfinished Business: None.

10. New Business:

- a. Discussion / Possible Action on Illinois Fire Chiefs Association, FDIC International, and Illinois Fire Inspectors (conferences): After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Vinsel and seconded by Prieboy to approve attendance to the above-named conferences. All in favor: Aye 2, No 0, Absent 1. Motion carried.

- b. Discussion / Possible Action on Resolution 01182024 Budget Line Item Reclasses Under 10% of Fund Expenditures: A motion was made by Vinsel and seconded by Prieboy to adopt Resolution 01182204. All in favor: Aye 2, No 0, Absent 1. Motion carried.
 - c. Discussion / Possible Action on Door Locking System (new building): A motion was made by Prieboy and seconded by Vinsel to approve the Door Locking System for the new building not to exceed \$15,000. A motion was made by Prieboy and seconded by Vinsel to give Locacius authority to execute the related documents. All in favor: Aye 2, No 0, Absent 1. Motion carried.
 - d. Discussion / Possible Action on Apparatus Bay Alerting System: A motion was made by Prieboy and seconded by Vinsel to approve the Apparatus Bay Alerting System not to exceed \$12,000. A motion was made by Prieboy and seconded by Vinsel to give Locacius authority to execute the related documents. All in favor: Aye 2, No 0, Absent 1. Motion carried.
 - e. Discussion / Possible Action on Station Generator: A motion was made by Prieboy and seconded by Vinsel to approve the Station Generator CAT Unit as proposed (Reference # AF2431277708) not to exceed \$55,000. A motion was made by Prieboy and seconded by Vinsel to give Locacius authority to execute the related documents. All in favor: Aye 2, No 0, Absent 1. Motion carried.
 - f. Discussion / Possible Action on Cash Rent Agriculture Land Lease: A motion was made by Prieboy and seconded by Vinsel to approve the Cash Rent Agriculture Land Lease. All in favor: Aye 2, No 0, Absent 1. Motion carried.
 - g. Discussion / Possible Action on Surplus Equipment: None
 - h. Review Correspondence: The board reviewed donations from Renetta Bridge and a donation in memory of James Edson.
 - i. Other New Business: New hire, Elias Gil introduced himself to the board. The board welcomed him to the Elwood Fire Protection District.
11. Closed Session: None
12. Adjournment: A motion was made by Vinsel seconded by Prieboy to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted



Board Secretary