

**Elwood Fire Protection District
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 16, 2024**

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.
3. Roll Call:
Present: Treasurer Colleen Prieboy, Secretary Patricia Vinsel.
Also Present: Fire Chief Christopher Locacius, Deputy Chief Jasen Melahn, Captain Raymond Sebastian, Captain Brandon Pfizenmaier, Lieutenant Tyler Jenco, Executive Assistant Jill Deaville, Administrative Assistant Clare McKinney, Attorney John Motylinski, and James Howard with Government Accounting. President Allan Bertucci attended via Zoom but did not participate.
4. Public Comment (Limit 3 minutes): None
5. Approval of April 18, 2024, 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 1. Motion carried.
6. Financial Report by Government Accounting, Approval of Bills: The Financial Report was presented by Howard of Government Accounting. After a discussion on the CenterPoint TIF expiration, TIF surplus funds and the recent tax bills, 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.
7. Officers & Attorney's Reports: Reports presented by Locacius, Melahn, Sebastian, Pfizenmaier, Jenco, and Motylinski.
8. Old Business:
 - a. Discussion / Possible Action on Accessory Building: Discussion on current liens, intents to lien and payment requests. Sub-contractors have been calling the station for payment. It is explained to the subs that they need to contact the surety company and provide any requested paperwork. Motylinski updated the board on the legalities.
 - b. Other Unfinished Business: None.
9. New Business:
 - a. Discussion / Possible Action on Raker Digital: A motion was made by Vinsel and seconded by Prieboy to approve Rake Digital as the IT provider pending attorney review. All in favor: Aye 2, Nay 0, Absent 1. Motion carried. Motion was made by Vinsel and seconded by Prieboy to authorize Locacius to execute any necessary documents. All in favor: Aye 2, Nay 0, Absent 1. Motion carried. A motion to terminate services with Leading IT was made by Vinsel and seconded by Prieboy. All in favor: Aye 2, Nay 0, Absent 1.
 - b. Discussion/ Possible Action on Ambulance Purchase: Locacius discussed the current lead times and prices for ambulances and he feels it would be a good strategic move to approve ordering the second ambulance now. Prieboy stated that the residents do deserve an

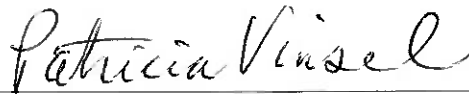
ambulance with a smoother ride but would like to table the motion until the next meeting. She would like to schedule a workshop to discuss finances and future payments in the meantime.

- c. Discussion / Possible Action on Surplus Equipment: None
- d. Review Correspondence: Executive Appointment by Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant of Patricia Vinsel to the Elwood Fire Protection District. Letter of support from Representative Lauren Underwood for our AFG grants through FEMA. Letter of support from Exxon Mobil for the training tower. Thank you letters from Wescom and Elwood School.
- e. Other New Business: Discussed changing employee contracts to calendar year as opposed to June to June.

10. Closed Session: None

11. Adjournment: A motion was made by Vinsel seconded by Prieboy to adjourn the meeting at 10:58 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted



Board Secretary