

**Elwood Fire Protection District
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 15, 2024**

1. Pledge of Allegiance: The Board stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Bertucci at 9:00 a.m. at 309 W. Mississippi Street, Elwood, IL 60421.
3. Roll Call:
Present: President Allan Bertucci, Treasurer Colleen Prieboy, Secretary Patricia Vinsel.
Also Present: Fire Chief Christopher Locacius, Deputy Chief Jasen Melahn, Captain Carl Hunter, Captain Brandon Pfizenmaier, Lieutenant Justin Lorand, FF/EMT Josh Melahn, FF/PM Kevin Klincik, Executive Assistant Jill Deaville, Administrative Assistant Clare McKinney, and Attorney John Motylinski. James Howard with Government Accounting attended via Zoom.
4. Public Comment (Limit 3 minutes): None
5. Presentation: Locacius announced Deputy Chief Melahn has been a member of the Illinois Fire Chiefs' Association for 20 years. Josh Melahn presented DC Melahn with the 20-year pin.
6. Approval of July 18, 2024, 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. Continued 6 Month Review of Closed Session Minutes: A motion was made to release the following closed session meeting minutes: 10/11/2022, 9/16/2022, 5/31/2022, 5/3/2022 by Prieboy and seconded by Bertucci. Aye 3, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried.
8. Financial Report by Government Accounting, Approval of Bills: The Financial Report was presented by Howard of Government Accounting. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Bertucci and seconded by Prieboy to approve the Financial Report. 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.
9. Officers & Attorney's Reports: Reports presented by Motylinski, Locacius, Melahn, Hunter, Pfizenmaier, and Lorand.
10. Old Business:
 - a. Discussion / Possible Action on Training Tower Purchase: Locacius will be presenting to the Planning and Zoning Committee of the Village of Elwood on August 27th. The soil samples revealed some of the piers must go down an additional two feet. The estimate has been updated accordingly. The next Village Board Meeting is September 4th.
 - b. Discussion / Possible Action on Accessory Building: Laub Construction has been working daily, they have obtained full occupancy, and have been providing us with daily reports. Diana Book and Jason Laub were introduced to the board. Western Surety has confirmed they are sending payment per the Tender Agreement today.
 - c. Other Unfinished Business: None.

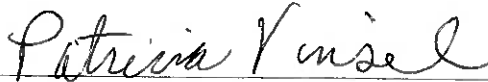
11. New Business:

- a. Discussion / Possible Action on Life Insurance Renewal: A motion to approve the life insurance renewal was made by Prieboy and seconded by Vinsel. All in favor: Aye 3, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried.
- b. Discussion / Possible Action on Health Insurance Renewal (Health, Dental, Vision): A motion to approve the health insurance renewal was made by Prieboy and seconded by Bertucci. All in favor: Aye 3, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried.
- c. Discussion / Possible Action on Surplus Equipment: A motion was made by Vinsel and seconded by Prieboy to surplus 11 Getac Computers. All in favor: Aye 3, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried.
- d. Review Correspondence: Reviewed letters from Valerian Solar and Fire Chief Shorkey.
- e. Other New Business: The board welcomed new hire FF/EMT Kevin Klincik. The Manhattan/Elwood Library has reached out to Locacius to discuss having EFPD involved in events with the library once construction is complete. Discussed the possibility of hiring a Fire Life Safety Education Coordinator for our District to continue to build on our community outreach and education.

12. Closed Session: None

13. Adjournment: A motion was made by Prieboy seconded by Vinsel to adjourn the meeting at 10:14 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted



Board Secretary