

**Elwood Fire Protection District
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 20, 2025**

1. Pledge of Allegiance: The Board stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Trustee Prieboy at 9:00 a.m. at 309 W. Mississippi Street, Elwood, IL 60421.

A motion to appoint Prieboy as President pro tempore was made by Vinsel and seconded by Prieboy. All in favor: Aye 2, Nay 0, Absent 1. Motion carried.

3. Roll Call:

Present: Treasurer Colleen Prieboy and Secretary Patricia Vinsel.

Also Present: Fire Chief Christopher Locacius, Captain Brandon Pfizenmaier, Fire & Life Safety Educator Ehrin Villalobos, Executive Assistant Jill Deaville, Administrative Assistant Clare McKinney, and Attorney John Motylinski. James Howard with Government Accounting attended via Zoom.

Absent: President Allan Bertucci attended via zoom. Deputy Chief Jasen Melahn.

4. Public Comment (Limit 3 minutes): None
5. Approval of January 16, 2025, 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. A motion was made by Vinsel and seconded by Prieboy to approve the Financial Report. 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 were presented by Locacius, Pfizenmaier, and Motylinski.
8. Old Business: None.
9. New Business:
 - a. Discussion / Possible Action on the Training Tower Concrete Foundation: After discussion, a motion was made by Vinsel and seconded by Prieboy to approve the Training Tower Concrete Foundation as quoted by D. Oxley Construction not to exceed \$150,000 and to give Locacius authority to execute necessary documents. All in favor: Aye 2, Nay 0, Absent 1. Motion Carried.
 - b. Discussion / Possible Action on the Purchase of Vehicle Extrication Equipment: A motion was made by Vinsel and seconded by Prieboy to approve the Genesis Extrication Equipment not to exceed \$50,000. All in favor: Aye 2, Nay 0, Absent 1. Motion Carried.
 - c. Discussion / Possible Action on the Purchase of a Door Fob System: A motion was made by Vinsel and seconded by Prieboy to approve the Door FOB System not to exceed \$35,000 and to give Locacius authority to execute necessary documents. All in favor: Aye 2, Nay 0, Absent 1. Motion carried.
 - d. Discussion / Possible Action on the Purchase of Security Camera System: A motion was made by Vinsel and seconded by Prieboy to approve the Security Camera System not to

exceed \$25,000 pending the troubleshooting on the current system and to give Locacius authority to execute necessary documents. All in favor: Aye 2, Nay 0, Absent 1. Motion carried.

- e. Discussion / Possible Action on Image Trend Conference 2025: A motion was made by Prieboy and seconded by Vinsel to approve attendance to the Image Trend Connect Conference for DC Melahn and Lt. Lorand. All in favor 2, Nay 0, Absent 1. Motion carried.
- f. Discussion / Possible Action on the Purchase of HVAC System: A motion was made by Vinsel and seconded by Prieboy to approve the HVAC System as quoted by Pitch Perfect not to exceed \$18,000.
- g. Discussion / Possible Action on Ten (10) Sets of Turn Out Gear (Bunker Coat and Pants): A motion was made by Vinsel and seconded by Prieboy to approve the Ten (10) Sets of Turn Out Gear not exceed \$35,000. All in favor: Aye 2, Nay, Absent 1. Motion carried.
- h. Discussion / Possible Action on the Resolution 02202025 Budget Line Item Reclasses Under 10% of Fund Expenditures: A motion was made by Vinsel and seconded by Prieboy to approve Resolution 02202025. All in favor: Aye 2, Nay 0, Absent 1. Motion carried.
- i. Surplus Equipment: A motion was made by Prieboy and seconded by Vinsel to surplus the Genesis Extrication Equipment and to give Locacius authority to trade the equipment in. All in Favor: Aye 3, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried.
- j. Review Correspondence: Thank you letter from Phillip & Patricia Carlos.
- k. Other New Business: The Board welcomed FLSE Ehrin Villalobos.

10. Closed Session: None

11. Adjournment: A motion was made by Vinsel and seconded by Prieboy to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted

Colleen Prieboy
Board Secretary - pro-tem