

**Elwood Fire Protection District
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 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 President Bertucci at 9:00 a.m. at 309 W. Mississippi Street, Elwood, IL 60421.

A motion to appoint Prieboy as Secretary pro tempore was made by Bertucci and seconded by Prieboy. All in favor: Aye 2, Nay 0, Absent 1. Motion carried.
3. Roll Call:
Present: President Allan Bertucci and Treasurer Colleen Prieboy.
Also Present: Fire Chief Christopher Locacius, Captain Brandon Pfizenmaier, Lieutenant Tyler Jenco, Fire & Life Safety Educator Ehrin Villalobos, Executive Assistant Jill Deaville, Attorney John Motylinski. James Howard with Government Accounting arrived after the start of the meeting.
Absent: Secretary Patricia Vinsel.
4. Public Comment (Limit 3 minutes): None
5. Approval of February 20, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Bertucci 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 Bertucci 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 Prieboy and seconded by Bertucci to approve the Bills. All in favor: Aye 2, Nay 0, Absent 1. Motion carried.
7. Audit FY 2024 Presentation: The Mack & Associates Audit FY 24 was presented by Howard. A motion was made by Bertucci and seconded by Prieboy to accept the audit as presented. All in favor: Aye 2, Nay 0, Absent 1. Motion carried.
8. Officers & Attorney's Reports: Reports were presented by Locacius, Melahn, Pfizenmaier, Villalobos, Jenco, and Motylinski.
9. Old Business: None.
10. New Business:
 - a. Discussion / Possible Action on the Audit FY 2024: A motion was made by Bertucci and seconded by Prieboy to accept the audit as presented. All in favor: Aye 2, Nay 0, Absent 1. Motion carried.
 - b. Discussion / Possible Action on the Purchase of a Gear Washing Extractor (Grant Funding): A motion was made by Bertucci and seconded by Prieboy to approve the purchase of the Gear Washing Extractor as quoted by Equipment International LTD with \$19,395 in grant funding and \$3070 in district funds. All in favor: Aye 2, Nay 0, Absent 1. Motion Carried.
 - c. Discussion / Possible Action on the Purchase of Firefighting Hose: A motion was made by Bertucci and seconded by Prieboy to approve the purchase of Firefighting Hose as quoted by Air One not to exceed \$25,875.00 All in favor: Aye 2, Nay 0, Absent 1. Motion carried.

- d. Discussion / Possible Action on the Amended Levy Ordinance #03202025: After discussion with Howard and Motylinski, a motion was made by Bertucci and seconded by Prieboy to approve Ordinance # 03202025. All in favor: Aye 2, Nay 0, Absent 1. Motion carried.
 - e. Discussion / Possible Action on Surplus Equipment: None
 - f. Review Correspondence: Reviewed Grant Award Letters from IPRF and The Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal.
 - g. Other New Business: Promotions: Lieutenant Lorand to Captain and FF/EMT Keith Jurek to Lieutenant.
10. Closed Session: None
11. Adjournment: A motion was made by Bertucci and seconded by Prieboy to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted Patricia Vinsell
Board Secretary