

**Elwood Fire Protection District
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 17, 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.
3. Roll Call:
Present: President Allan Bertucci, Secretary Patricia Vinsel, and Treasurer Colleen Prieboy.
Also Present: Fire Chief Christopher Locacius, Deputy Chief Jasen Melahn, Captain Ray Sebastian, Executive Assistant Jill Deaville, Administrative Assistant Clare McKinney, Attorney John Motylinski. James Howard with Government Accounting attended via Zoom.
Absent: None
4. Public Comment (Limit 3 minutes): April Veerman presented a flyer for the Elwood Community Days 2025 5K held on 9/12/2025 at 6PM with proceeds benefiting the Bradley Veerman Charity Fund. She asked us to please promote this event and seek donations for the goodie bags.
5. Approval of March 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 3, Nay 0, Absent 0. 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 Vinsel 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.
7. Officers & Attorney's Reports: Reports were presented by Locacius, Melahn, Sebastian, and Motylinski.
8. Old Business: None.
9. New Business:
 - a. Discussion / Possible Action on Ordinance # 04172025 Establishing the Office of Training Coordinator: A motion was made by Vinsel and seconded by Prieboy to approve Ordinance # 04172025. All in favor: Aye 3, Nay 0, Absent 0.
 - b. Discussion / Possible Action on Hiring of a Training Coordinator: A motion was made by Prieboy and seconded by Bertucci to give the Fire Chief authority to hire a Training Coordinator. All in favor: Aye 3, Nay 0, Absent 0.
 - c. Discussion / Possible Action on the Brycer Compliance Engine (web-based technology): A motion was made by Bertucci and seconded by Vinsel to approve the Brycer Compliance Engine. All in favor: Aye 3, Nay 0, Absent 0.
 - d. Discussion / Possible Action on the Engagement of Real Estate Agent: After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Vinsel and seconded by Bertucci to approve the engagement of real estate agent and to give Locacius authority to execute necessary documentation. All in favor: Aye 3, Nay 0, Absent 0.
 - e. Discussion / Possible Action on the Termination of the Cash Rent Agriculture Land Lease with Werner Farm: After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Bertucci and seconded

by Vinsel to terminate the Cash Rent Agriculture Land Lease with Werner Farm and to authorize Locacius to execute necessary documentation. All in favor: Aye 3, Nay 0, Absent 0.

f. Discussion / Possible Action on Surplus Equipment: None

g. Review Correspondence: Reviewed Farmers Weekly Review Article written about our Autism Acceptance Month events. Reviewed a letter from Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery inviting us to the Memorial Day Celebration.

h. Other New Business: None

10. Closed Session: None

11. Adjournment: A motion was made by Bertucci and seconded by Vinsel to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted



Board Secretary