

**Elwood Fire Protection District
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 18, 2025**

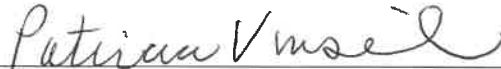
1. Pledge of Allegiance: The Board stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Bertucci at 9:00 a.m. at 309 W. Mississippi Street, Elwood, IL 60421.
3. Roll Call:
Present: President Allan Bertucci, Secretary Patricia Vinsel, and Treasurer Colleen Prieboy.
Also Present: Fire Chief Christopher Locacius, Deputy Chief Jasen Melahn, FLSE Ehrin Villalobos, Training Coordinator Jeffrey Toepper, Battalion Chief Brandon Pfizenmaier, Battalion Chief Justin Lorand, Lieutenant Nick George, FF/PM Chris Collins, Executive Assistant Jill Deaville, Administrative Assistant Clare McKinney, and Attorney John Motylinski. James Howard with Government Accounting attended via Zoom.
Absent: None
4. Public Comment (Limit 3 minutes): None
5. Approval of the August 21, 2025, 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.
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, Villalobos, Lorand, Pfizenmaier, Toepper, George and Motylinski.
8. Old Business: None
9. New Business:
 - a. Discussion on Full-Time Hire Study: Locacius presented the full-time study put together by Government Accounting along with a potential timeline and testing plan.
 - b. Discussion / Possible Action on the Purchase of a Fire Tender (Tanker): Locacius discussed purchasing a new tender. The apparatus committee has started gathering information and has met with the manufacturer.
 - c. Discussion / Possible action on the Purchase of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA): After a brief discussion, a motion to approve the purchase of the SCBA not to exceed \$375,000 was made by Bertucci and seconded by Vinsel. All in favor: Aye 3, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried.
 - d. Discussion / Possible Action on the Refurb of Engine 611: A motion was made by Bertucci and seconded by Vinsel to approve the refurb of the engine 611 not to exceed \$250,000. All in favor: Aye 3, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried.
 - e. Discussion / Possible Action on Health Insurance Renewal (Health, Dental, Vision): A motion was made by Bertucci and seconded by Vinsel to approve the insurance renewals. All in favor: Aye 3, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried.

- f. Discussion / Possible Action on Policy 100-21: A motion was made by Bertucci and seconded by Vinsel to approve Investment Policy 100-21. All in favor: Aye 3, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried.
- g. Discussion / Possible Action on Surplus Equipment: None
- h. Review Correspondence: Thank you letters from Elwood School and The Moles Family. Tax levy Request letter and reports from the Elwood Fire Pension Board.
- i. Other New Business: The board welcomed new PM Robert Sauer. Bertucci thanked everyone for their help with Elwood Community Days.

10. Closed Session: None

11. Adjournment: A motion was made by Bertucci and seconded by Vinsel to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted



Board Secretary