

**Elwood Fire Protection District
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 16, 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 Treasurer Prieboy at 9:00 a.m. at 309 W. Mississippi Street, Elwood, IL 60421.
3. Roll Call:
Present: Secretary Patricia Vinsel, and Treasurer Colleen Prieboy.
Also Present: Fire Chief Christopher Locacius, Deputy Chief Jasen Melahn, Fire & Life Safety Educator Ehrin Villalobos, Battalion Chief Brandon Pfizenmaier, Battalion Chief Justin Lorand, Lieutenant Tyler Jenco, Executive Assistant Jill Deaville, Administrative Assistant Clare McKinney, and Attorney John Motylinski. James Howard with Government Accounting attended via Zoom.
Absent: President Allan Bertucci listened to the meeting via Zoom phone link.

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

4. Public Comment (Limit 3 minutes): Joy Ronald said thank for the senior lunch. Mary Ann Morse also said thank you on behalf of the Twilighters.
5. Special Presentation – James Howard 2026 Budget and 2025 Levy Presentation to the Board: James Howard presented the proposed 2026 Budget and 2025 Levy to the Board.
6. Approval of September 18, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Prieboy and seconded by Vinsel to approve the minutes as written. All in favor: Aye 2, Nay 0, Absent 1. Motion carried.
7. Financial Report by Government Accounting, Approval of Bills: The Financial Report was presented by Howard of Government Accounting via Zoom. 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 Prieboy and seconded by Vinsel to approve the Bills. All in favor: Aye 2, Nay 0, Absent 1. Motion carried.
8. Officers & Attorney's Reports: Reports were presented by Locacius, Melahn, Villalobos, Lorand, Pfizenmaier, Jenco, and Motylinski.
9. Old Business:
 - a. Discussion / Possible Action on Full-Time Positions: A motion was made by Prieboy and seconded by Vinsel to commence full time testing for the position of Battalion Chief as listed: 10/20/2025 Announcement on the website; 10/27/2025 Applications Due; 11/4/2025 Orientation (8:30am) and Written Test (9:00am) 25% of score; Thursday November 6th (9:00am) Oral Interviews 75% of score. All in favor: Aye 2, Nay 0, Absent 1. Motion carried.