

**Village of Elmwood Park
Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees Minutes
3131 Taylor Avenue – Village Hall Building 3
July 9, 2015 at 6:30 pm**

All agenda items shall follow protocol including staff overview, Board discussion, questions by public, Board disposition of items. The public must be recognized by the President.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order by President Steiner at 6:35 p.m.

Present: President Steiner, Trustees Pete Clouthier, Alan Bagg, Kathy Wells, Laura Rude, Nick Haas, Jeff Klimek, and Clerk Treasurer Tammy Ruggaber

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT AND INPUT

Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.84(2) "the public notice of a meeting of the governmental body may provide for a period of public comment, during which the body may receive information from members of the public." Correspondence shall be read into record at this time.

Pierre Tyson, who resides at 3432 N. Elmwood Drive, spoke regarding the issues at his residence. He stated that he now has his dog licensed and will keep the yard up to par. He addressed the drug raid and stated that nothing illegal was found at his residence.

Sheri Klabo speaks of the property at 3432 Elm Tree Court and shows the board pictures of the property. Neighbors had been keeping up with the mowing, but she feels it is time or the Village to do something about it.

Wendy Spencer suggests hiring someone to do the work at 3432 Elm Tree Court who is insured and bonded.

The Treasurer gives the financial report. The Village received \$33,523.58 in revenues in June and 16,580.03 in expenditures.

Trustee Haas moves to approve the minutes from June 11, 2015. It is seconded by Trustee Bagg. All are in favor and the motion passes unanimously.

Reports

Trustee Klimek gives his report. He has received quotes for repairing all the potholes and some other road repairs. He does not have the information with him. He is hoping to start the work next week.

He also comments that he was contacted by the Sewer Treatment Plant about some language on our website about disposal of medical waste. They would like to see us give more detail about what is allowed and not allowed to be put in the garbage. Personal hygiene items are allowed but medical waste is not allowed at all. It must be dropped off at the site. Hours are available on our website.

Trustee Clouthier has no report.

Trustee Haas has no report.

Trustee Wells explains that the Clerk sent out a letter to 3501 Taylor Ave regarding boat storage. She also states that the Heinrich property is good with their lawn maintenance.

Trustee Rude has no report.

Trustee Bagg indicates that he and the Clerk are doing a review of the insurance. They are going to review the policies and make sure we have adequate coverage.

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Sgt Gehrand of the Racine County Sheriff's office gives his report. President Steiner asks if we can put a caution light up to deter speeding. Sgt Gehrand indicates a speed trailer might be helpful and he will look into installing one. Sgt Gehrand also indicates that Deputy Sutton can get an unmarked squad, if someone would allow him to park in their driveway. Trustee Rude, who lives at 3525 Taylor, offers her driveway.

President Steiner discusses, with Sgt Gehrand, the process of allowing residents to park on the street. The Clerk can print a parking permit on colored paper which allows residents, who have been given approval from the Board of Trustees, to park in certain restricted areas for a determined period of time. President Steiner makes a motion to create a parking permit, with the time period of one year, for 3342 Taylor Avenue, to park on Maryland Ave. Trustee Haas moves to amend the motion to include the effective date of July 9, 2015 for one year. President Steiner seconds the motion. Trustee Rude amends the motion to limit the permit to three months and they park on Maryland Ave, on the north side of the road. Trustee Haas seconds the motion. The motion is defeated.

President Steiner addresses the issue of the willow tree ordinance and the letters that were sent to the Gavins and the Wards. The Wards have had their tree for fifteen years. The board is looking at revising their ordinances and will not act on this issue at this time. Trustee Haas moves to return the \$50 appeal fee to the Wards. It is seconded by President Steiner, and the motion passes unanimously.

There is more discussion on the ordinance and Trustee Klimek moves to table the discussion until the next regular meeting. Trustee Bagg seconds the motion. Bagg (aye) Clouthier (abstain) Wells (nay) Rude (abstains) Steiner (nay) Haas (aye) Klimek (aye). The motion passes.

President Steiner talks about the Planning Commission Roles and Responsibilities. Trustee Haas states that anyone can learn about the roles of the Plan Commission by reading state statutes and the Village Board can give them additional duties by ordinance.

Trustee Klimek moves to accept the accounts payable. It is seconded by Trustee Haas, and the motion passes unanimously.

Leif Peterson has brought to the attention of the board, a problem regarding the berm around the cell tower. It is unsightly. He has only been partially completed. 45 more feet need to be finished. There are six feet of weeds growing on it. The board discusses the expense of excavation and the impact of heavy trucks driving thru our parking lot. The Village will discuss putting it in the budget for next year.

President Steiner indicates that any agenda items, the members of the board would like put on future agendas, should be submitted to the clerk no later than the Monday prior to the meeting.

President Steiner moves to appoint Vince Lange, who resides at 3523 Maryland Ave, to the Board of Appeals. Trustee Haas seconds the motion and it passes unanimously.

There is a street light out in the 3300 block of Lathrop Avenue. Jeff Klimek will call Goebel Electric to repair it.

Trustee Haas believes that the ordinance change regarding erosion control is unnecessary. Trustee Haas moves that the erosion control ordinance be tabled. It is seconded by President Steiner. The motion fails. Trustee Haas moves to send the proposed erosion control ordinance back to the Plan Commission for further review and it passes unanimously.

The Purchasing Policy is tabled.

The building permit brochure was removed from the website. The Clerk is working on revising it.

The Clerk needs to draft a resolution authorizing Wendy Spencer to act as a rental agent on behalf of the Village. Trustee Haas talks about the hold harmless agreement that to board voted to require of renters. The two page

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form is not necessary as the language on the bottom of the rental agreement states the Village shall not be held responsible for any accident or injury. He asks the board how they want to handle, specifically, the hold harmless requirement the board mandated. Wendy Spencer believes that this hold harmless agreement will scare renters away. Trustee Clouthier moves to consult with the Wisconsin League of Municipalities to resolve this issue. Trustee Haas seconds the motion, and it passes unanimously.

The board is establishing a committee to review ordinances. President Steiner has indicated he wants Trustee Haas to head the committee. Trustee Haas moves to appoint Alan Bagg and Eric Fanning to this committee. It is seconded by Trustee Clouthier and the motion passes unanimously.

With no other business to conduct, Trustee Haas moves to adjourn. This is seconded by Trustee Wells and it passes unanimously. The meeting is adjourned at 8:33 pm.

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