

MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF ELBURN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (COW)  
DECEMBER 3, 2018

Board Members Present: President Jeff Walter, Trustees: Ken Anderson, Sue Filek, Bill Grabarek, Dave Gualdoni, Matt Wilson

Board Members Absent: Patricia Schuberg

Staff Members Present: Village Administrator John Nevenhoven; Finance Director Doug Elder, Village Attorneys Britz & Bill Thomas, Police Chief Nick Sikora; Building Commissioner Tom Brennan; Public Works Supt VanBogaert

Others Present: Residents LeRoy Herra, Mary Gustafson, Brian Murphy, Chuck Urbasek, Jeff Rodstrom, Jason Bennent, Elburn Herald Reporter Susan O'Neill; Water Well Solutions reps Ahmad Hamdan (Project Manager) and Todd Kerry (Regional Director of Wells Central Region)

1. Call to Order – Mayor Walter called the meeting to order at 7:57 PM.
2. Roll Call – A roll call vote ensued.
3. Public Comment – None
4. Discussion:
  - a. Moratorium on Video Gaming – Village Admin Nevenhoven said this topic came up at the last meeting. The 2013 Village Ordinance allowing video gaming and a current list of machines in town (a total of 15) was provided. Each establishment may only have a maximum of five terminals but there is no cap for the number of terminals in town. The Village can regulate machines by requiring a liquor license (except at truck stops and veteran organizations). The Board was asked if they would like to set a limit. Revenue generated from video gaming has increased and half of the revenue goes to parks. At this time, Board members felt this is a win-win for revenue as long as it does not get out of control and require more police. There was consensus from the Board to leave as is for now.
  - b. Snow Removal Policy – Public Works Supt VanBogaert presented and asked for direction from the Board as to what the Village should have in place. With a projected population of 15,000, we should have an updated plan identifying expectations and levels of service based on the amount of snowfall or in the case of an ice event. During the recent blizzard, we did not see consistency of snow removal throughout the Village and the Anderson Road turn lanes must be completely plowed. There are approximately 63 school bus stops in town and the Village has limited personnel to clear them. Curb to curb plowing is important especially for mail delivery. Overall, Elburn was in pretty good shape following the recent blizzard of 9+ inches of snow. A policy will provide clear expectations for residents and Village personnel. While the Village has 35.2 centerline road miles, a minimum of two swipes of a plow increases the miles by double and on some streets by triple or quadruple. Resident Bennent stated a lot of cars remained parked on the street throughout the blizzard requiring snow plows to go around them. When the vehicles eventually move, it leaves a mess on the street. Everyone must be responsible and move vehicles off roadways per Village Ordinance. Chief Sikora stated some tickets were issued and officers knocked on doors, etc. to keep the streets as clear of vehicles as possible. It was recommended the Village post reminders on social media when a storm event occurs. Elburn has become the size where snow/ice removal needs to be more of a science.
5. Other Business – None

6. Adjourn – Trustee Gualdoni moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wilson and passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diane McQuilkin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "D" and a long, sweeping tail.

Diane McQuilkin  
Village Clerk