

MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF ELBURN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (COW)  
APRIL 5, 2021  
AT ELBURN VILLAGE HALL

Board Members Present: President Jeff Walter, Trustees: Ken Anderson, Sue Filek, Bill Grabarek, Chris Mond, Patricia Schuberg

Board Members Absent: Matt Wilson

Staff Members Present: Village Administrator John Nevenhoven; Finance Director Doug Elder, Village Attorney Bill Thomas, Police Chief Nick Sikora; Building Commissioner Tom Brennan; Public Works Supt Phil VanBogaert; Village Engineer Julie Morrison

Others Present: Resident LeRoy Herra; Kane County Chronicle reporter Jake Bartelson

1. Call to Order – Mayor Walter called the meeting to order at 8:28 PM.
2. Roll Call – A roll call ensued.
3. Public Comment – None
4. Discussion:
  - a. Community Alert Systems – Chief Sikora stated this is per a previous inquiry by the Village Board for a means to reach out to residents in emergency situations or public notices. Examples of emergency situations were listed as were examples of public notices for community awareness. Chief Sikora explained the bids and the pricing. There was agreement voice messaging is an important element to include. All communication types link to the national weather service and allow two-way communication (voting box, etc.) which can be used by the Police Department and Public Works. There was discussion to be cautious because too much communication will make the notices lose potency. Residents can sign up for the type of notifications they wish. While this is not budgeted, perhaps the cost can be shared between departments. Chief Sikora likes CodeRED E + Unlimited. If was asked if we can get out of a 3 year contract if we change our mind after 1 year—especially if a lot of residents do not sign up for the notifications. Chief Sikora will check on contract termination and will consult with the Village attorney. Chief Sikora will report back with answers to questions raised this evening.
5. Other Business – None
6. Adjourn – Trustee Mond moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Filek and passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Diane McQuilkin  
Village Clerk