

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF ELBURN BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MAY 3, 2021
AT ELBURN VILLAGE HALL

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

Board Members Absent:

Staff Members Present: 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: Representative Wheeler & assistant Ben Marcum; Resident LeRoy Herra; Kane County Chronicle reporter

1. Call to Order – Village President Jeff Walter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Trustee Mond led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call – A roll call ensued.
4. Public Comment, Awards & Presentations – None
5. Omnibus Agenda (Omnibus Vote) – All items listed with an asterisk (*) are considered to be routine by the Village Board or were recommended unanimously by the Committee of the Whole and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Board Member or citizen so requests in which event the item will be removed from the Omnibus (Consent) Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.

*Minutes

**Village Board*

April 19, 2021

**Committee of the Whole*

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A motion was made by Trustee Schuberg and seconded by Trustee Wilson to approve the Omnibus Agenda. A roll call vote ensued. Ayes: Anderson, Filek, Grabarek, Mond, Schuberg, Wilson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

6. Swear-In – Village President Walter and Trustees Anderson, Schuberg and Wilson – Rep Keith Wheeler conducted the swearing of oath to President Walter and Trustees Anderson, Schuberg and Wilson.

Rep Wheeler gave a brief update on what's happening in Springfield including: budget/LGDF, federal funds, new district maps for the entire state (congressional, state senate, state house), energy (push in IL for cleaner energy and will cost more \$ to most residents). Rep Wheeler concluded that what Elburn does means a lot to him and he would like to advocate for Elburn—just let him know what is affecting Elburn.

7. Mayor
 - a. Discuss and Approve Appointments to Various Commissions and Staff Positions – Mayor Walter read aloud all appointments and asked if Trustees agreed to vote on them as a slate vs. individually. There was consensus to vote on appointments as a whole. A motion to approve the appointments was made by Grabarek and seconded by Filek. A roll call vote ensued. Ayes: Anderson, Filek, Grabarek, Mond, Schuberg, Wilson. Nays: None. Motion carried.
8. Village Attorney – Attorney Bill Thomas reported on an Appellate Opinion recently regarding an open meetings act (OMA) violation involving the City of Bloomington. An executive session was called

where the City discussed items not authorized in the session. As a result of the ruling, the entire discussion was exposed. The ultimate goal of OMA is to be as transparent as possible. There are exceptions to discuss items outside of the public's eyes and ears and Thomas stressed caution.

9. Village Clerk – No report
10. Village Engineer – Village Engineer Morrison advised crack sealing from last year's road program is underway. The final pay estimate for last year's program will be submitted soon and the project will be closed out.
11. Administration – In Village Admin Nevenhoven's absence, Mayor Walter stated the new carpet has been installed at Village Hall.
12. Building and Zoning – Building Commissioner Brennan stated he issued ten single family home permits in the month of April. At this pace, we will outnumber last year's permits.
13. Finance Department – No report
14. Police Department – Chief Sikora advised Detective Shepherd conducted the first "Neighborhood Wash" event last weekend. A total of 10 bags of trash was collected by volunteers. The hope is that the group will grow and continue.
 - a. Discuss and Approve Resolution 2021-10 to Close Route 47 (Elburn Days Parade) – This is an annual resolution. A motion to approve was made by Schuberg and seconded by Wilson. A roll call vote ensued. Ayes: Anderson, Filek, Grabarek, Mond, Schuberg, Wilson. Nays: None. Motion carried.
 - b. Discuss and Approve Ordinance 2021-14 Disposal of Personal Property – Squad Cars – Chief Sikora presented and gave an explanation of the vehicles being disposed. A motion to approve was made by Grabarek and seconded by Anderson. A roll call vote ensued. Ayes: Anderson, Filek, Grabarek, Mond, Schuberg, Wilson. Nays: None. Motion carried.
 - c. Discuss and Approve Purchase of a New Squad Car – Chief Sikora stated this vehicle will be a 2020 model year from the State Bid due to a six-month delay for 2021 models. The total purchase for both vehicles (agenda items 11c and 11d) is not to exceed \$112K which includes a radar trailer and all up fitting. The squad car total is \$47K for the vehicle and equipment and the CSO vehicle will be \$45K and includes up fitting. A motion to approve was made by Grabarek and seconded by Schuberg. A roll call vote ensued. Ayes: Anderson, Filek, Grabarek, Mond, Schuberg, Wilson. Nays: None. Motion carried.
 - d. Discuss and Approve Purchase of a New CSO Vehicle – A motion to approve was made by Filek and seconded by Schuberg. A roll call vote ensued. Ayes: Anderson, Filek, Grabarek, Mond, Schuberg, Wilson. Nays: None. Motion carried.
15. Public Works Department
 - a. Discuss and Approve a Contract with Builders Asphalt (2021-22 Streets Program) - \$846,443.85 – Public Works Supt VanBogaert presented. The low bid is \$173K less than engineers' estimate. A motion to approve was made by Anderson and seconded by Mond. A roll call vote ensued. Ayes: Anderson, Filek, Grabarek, Mond, Schuberg, Wilson. Nays: None. Motion carried.
 - b. Discuss and Approve Purchase of a Skid Steer from AHW - \$68,993 – VanBogaert presented the bids obtained. As directed by the Village Board, Public Works is obtaining more equipment and higher qualified employees. The additional equipment is working out great and allows quicker response to water main breaks and other in-house projects. A motion to approve was made by Schuberg and seconded by Mond. When asked why a heavy duty windshield is needed, VanBogaert stated it is for operator protection when doing more aggressive work such as taking down trees and bush hogging. A trailer to better transport the skid steer will be in next year's budget—it will barely fit on the trailer we have now. Trustee Anderson suggested keeping track of hours spent on the machine for ROI. A roll call vote ensued. Ayes: Anderson, Filek, Grabarek, Mond, Schuberg, Wilson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

16. Bills

- a. Approve the Bills List – A motion was made by Trustee Grabarek and seconded by Trustee Schuberg to approve the bills for Monday, May 3, 2021 for \$137,704.18. A roll call vote ensued. Ayes: Anderson, Filek, Grabarek, Mond, Schuberg, Wilson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Regarding the crane purchase, VanBogaert explained it is capable of lifting approximately 5,000 pounds. It will be used to pull pumps (among other things) which we have been getting billed \$1,500-\$2,000 when done by an outside vendor. Trustee Mond inquired about uniform allowance for Public Works. VanBogaert stated the annual allowance became \$450 in May 2020.

17. Other Business – None

18. Adjourn - Trustee Filek motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. with Trustee Grabarek seconding the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Diane McQuilkin
Village Clerk