

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF ELBURN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (COW)
SEPTEMBER 20, 2021
AT ELBURN VILLAGE HALL

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

1. Call to Order – Mayor Walter called the meeting to order at 7:43 PM.
2. Roll Call – A roll call ensued.
3. Public Comment – None
4. Discussion:
 - a. ARPA Projects – Village Admin Nevenhoven presented. Guidance is needed from the Board to identify projects to undertake using this funding. It is best to have plans in place in advance. There is an ARPA hotline if there are questions. There are current/existing projects (manhole rehab, stormwater at the park, lead service lines) that are qualified. Use of this funding for substantial projects will free up capital funds for other projects. Finance Director Elder stated engineering fees for eligible projects would be covered. The total ARPA funds expected is \$815K of which we have already received \$407K with the final payout next year. The firm administering ARPA funding strongly recommends project(s) plan(s) be in place by the end of this calendar year. Engineer Morrison stated the Village must obligate by December 2024 and expend funds by December 2026. In addition to major sewer projects, additional parking that will help the expanding business community was suggested. It was suggested the Village consider utilizing private parking that is not utilized in the evening (churches, etc.) so we're not creating more impervious surfaces. Purchase of the space next to Paisano's for public use was another suggestion. Staff will work some figures around suggestions given and bring back to the Board to move forward.
 - b. Honorary Street Names – The Village received a request from Bob Jass Chevrolet to rename a section of South Street to honor a long-time employee. The Village does not have a policy in place for honorary street naming. A copy of Maple Park's policy was provided for the Board's review which can easily be adapted for Elburn. Direction was requested from the Board whether a formal policy is needed. The Village currently has two honorary street names (David L. Anderson Way at Third & North Streets and Callaghan Memorial Drive on Filmore near Lions Park). A brief explanation was given behind the motivation for the two current honorary street names. There would be a cost associated for creation and installation of the signs—would this cost be passed along to the nominating party? There was consensus to adopt a policy—but to what extent. Perhaps civic things should be included as one of the requirements, not just private or personal attributes. The Village Board will have final say on all requests. Staff was directed to Elburn-ize the Maple Park policy and bring back to the Board for further review.
 - c. Honorary Street for Fred Swift – It was stated the two current honorary street name instances make sense but perhaps the honorarium for Mr. Swift would be more appropriate as a Bob Jass "thing." Some trustees could see going both ways while others were concerned with setting a

precedent. A “hall of fame” or plaque was suggested for instances such as this. While there was some disagreement on this, staff was asked to obtain more information on Mr. Swift. There was consensus from the Board to adopt a policy before making a final decision on this request.

5. Other Business – None

6. Adjourn – Trustee Mondy moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Grabarek and passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Diane McQuilkin
Village Clerk