

MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF ELBURN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (COW)  
JULY 18, 2022  
AT ELBURN VILLAGE HALL

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

Board Members Absent: Matt Wilson

Staff Members Present: Asst Village Administrator Chris Ranney; Finance Director Doug Elder, Village Attorney Bill Thomas, Asst Police Chief Erich Schlachta; Building Commissioner Tom Brennan; Village Engineer Julie Morrison

1. Call to Order – Mayor Walter called the meeting to order at 7:28 PM.

2. Roll Call – A roll call ensued.

3. Public Comment – None

4. Discussion:

a. Building & Zoning 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report – Building Commissioner Brennan presented.

Discussion ensued regarding Elburn Station. Mayor Walter confirmed no inspections, permits or occupancy certificates will occur in Unit 2 until further notice. Inspections, permits, etc. will continue in Unit 1 as of now. Village Attorney Thomas reported he has had substantial communications with Attorney McCracken.

b. Police 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report – In the absence of Chief Sikora, DC Schlachta presented the report.

c. Public Works 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report – Public Works Supt. VanBogaert is on vacation. Any questions regarding the Public Works quarterly reports should be directed to the Superintendent.

d. 2022 Streets Program Potential Additional Expense – Mayor explained the situation on E Pierce Street and that Public Works Supt VanBogaert thinks it would be a good idea to extend sanitary and storm sewers for future tap in by affected homes which have no storm sewer and are currently on individual septic systems. Mayor Walter agrees it makes sense. Discussion ensued as to other areas in town with the same situation, i.e., pretty much everything south of Swain Street off S First Street. Connection fees were discussed and how much the Village will be able to recapture of their investment. Sanitary and storm sewer improvements will create a substantial increase in home values. Forcing connection to the sewer was discussed. Trustee Anderson said there are health department regulations if a septic fails, connection to a municipal sewer system is required if within 1,000 feet. Since this is a health issue, it was inquired if some of the ARPA funds can be used to pay for the sewer installation. Finance Director Elder said this would qualify for use of ARPA funds. Supt VanBogaert estimates it will cost each homeowner approximately \$15,000-\$20,000 (including connection fee to the Village, cost to reconfigure pipes, etc.) to connect to sanitary sewer. Trustees would like to give affected homeowners a heads up. Building Commissioner Brennan will obtain an estimate from his plumbing contractor. Cost for replacement of a septic tank would also be helpful. Brennan will work with his plumbing contractor and Supt VanBogaert for cost estimates to homeowners.

5. Other Business – None

6. Adjourn – Trustee Mondri moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Grabarek and passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Diane McQuilkin  
Village Clerk