

MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF ELBURN BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
NOVEMBER 7, 2022  
AT ELBURN VILLAGE HALL

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

Board Members Absent: Patricia Schuberg

Staff Members Present: Asst Village Administrator Chris Ranney; Finance Director Doug Elder, Village Attorney Bill Thomas, Police Chief Nick Sikora; Building Commissioner Tom Brennan; Public Works Supt Phil VanBogaert; Village Engineers Julie Morrison & Peter Wallers

Others Present: Residents LeRoy Herra, Ken Gustafson, Connor Anderson, Thomas Gush, Tom Reynolds, Richard Temple; Unknown Representative for Variance Petitioner (Agenda item 11A) in lieu of Nikki Christenson; Elburn Herald Reporter Susan O'Neil

1. Call to Order – Village President Jeff Walter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Trustee Anderson 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*

*October 17, 2022*

*\*Committee of the Whole*

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

6. Mayor
  - a. Police Department Citizen Task Force Presentation – Resident Ken Gustafson spoke on behalf of the Police Citizen Task Force regarding construction of a new police station. Gustafson gave a brief background on himself and listed reasons why a safe and secure building is needed in Elburn. He continued the current facility is unsafe for numerous reasons and is severely lacking. The current space is extremely overcrowded for 22 employees to share and does not have adequate facilities for protection. Building a new station will require a referendum and it will be hard to pass. The architect is designing a facility that can be built modularly for future additions. The newest option is a 18K SF facility and is down to \$9M (approx. \$250 addition to a \$200+/- dollar home over the next 20 years). It is not cheap but for the safety of our officers, our town and our businesses—it is important. Gustafson highlighted other alternatives the police department researched, that are not favorable financially, structurally or location-wise. The Police Department has a good record and good support from businesses. The goal is to closely manage building costs to stay on or below budget. The Village has already purchased the property for the facility—at a good location close to utilities, etc. Gustafson said he hopes the Village Board will support the Committee's findings and vote to put it on the April 4, 2023 ballot as

- a referendum. Mayor Walter thanked the Committee for their work, and this will be on the next department head and COW agenda for discussion.
- b. Mayor Walter received the annual letter from Girl Scouts announcing dates when cookies will be sold.
  - c. The Village has been awarded a ComEd grant for an electric charging station. Mayor Walter is unable to attend a celebration on December 1. If anyone is interested in attending in his absence, let him know.
  - d. Tomorrow is election day – please vote!
  - e. The Pace budget for next year has been received. There will be no increase this year.
  - f. Tonight, there will be a blood moon at 4am (lunar eclipse).
7. Village Attorney – No report
8. Village Clerk – Clerk McQuilkin stated election petition filing times have been posted on the Village website, front door of Village Hall and sent to newspapers as a press release.
9. Village Engineer – Village Engineer Morrison advised the sewer lining project is complete. Paving for the 2023 Streets Program is complete. Will begin driveway repair followed by striping. Resident Richard Temple (210 E Shannon St) inquired why gravel in front of his home was not asphalted but the property across the street was. Public Works Supt. VanBogaert replied the contractor matches what was there. Temple stated he would like to replace the gravel with grass. Mr. Temple was advised, since he will be working in the Village’s right-of-way, he could contact the Village Building Commissioner to see if a permit is required.
10. Administration – No report.
11. Building and Zoning
- a. Discuss and Approve Ordinance 2022-27 Variance for 412 S First Street – Building Commissioner Brennan advised the subject property is in the older part of town and this issue comes up from time to time. The Village Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the variance request. A motion to approve was made by Wilson and seconded by Grabarek. A roll call vote ensued. Ayes: Anderson, Filek, Grabarek, Mond, Wilson. Nays: None. Motion carried.
12. Finance Department – Finance Director Elder reported this is the preliminary levy and will determine whether a hearing will be required. PTELL is 5% and equals CPI of 5%. EAV is up this year at 7.9%. Since EAV went up, tax rate will go down slightly.
- a. Discuss and Approve Resolution 2022-11 Truth in Taxation – The levy amount will be \$1,021,700. A motion to approve was made by Grabarek and seconded by Filek. A roll call vote ensued. Ayes: Anderson, Filek, Grabarek, Mond, Wilson. Nays: None. Motion carried.
  - b. Discuss and Approve Resolution 2022-12 Truth in Taxation – SSA 1 – This year’s levy amount is \$26,393—less than last year. No hearing will be required. A roll call vote ensued. Ayes: Anderson, Filek, Grabarek, Mond, Wilson. Nays: None. Motion carried.
  - c. Discuss and Approve Resolution 2022-13 Truth in Taxation – SSA 2 – The levy amount is \$138,492—up from last year and will require a hearing. A motion to approve was made by Anderson and seconded by Filek. A roll call vote ensued. Ayes: Anderson, Filek, Grabarek, Mond, Wilson. Nays: None. Motion carried.
  - d. Discuss and Approve Resolution 2022-14 Truth in Taxation – SSA 6 – The levy amount is \$87,290 which is higher than last year and will require a hearing. A motion to approve was made by Grabarek and seconded by Filek. A roll call vote ensued. Ayes: Anderson, Filek, Grabarek, Mond, Wilson. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- SSA funds may only be used in each particular SSA only.
13. Police Department – Chief Sikora presented the following updates:
- a. Thank you to Ken Gustafson for speaking to the Board tonight regarding a new police station and to Connor Anderson for moral support.

- b. New full-time officer Loza is in the final phase of police academy training and is scheduled to graduate on December 9, 2022.
  - c. Halloween went well this year. Staff passed out candy and interacted with families and will do the same next year
  - d. The revised fireworks ordinance is being reviewed by the Village Attorney.
  - e. Sirens have been installed on the north side of town at Fox Pointe. They are not yet functional and wiring into the rest of the system is forthcoming. A siren in eastern Blackberry Creek is not functioning. It will be repaired.
14. Public Works Department – Public Works Supt VanBogaert reported on the following:
- a. Discuss and Approve Ordinance 2022-26 KCSWO – The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the Kane County Stormwater Ordinance to get it up to date with the Kane County Ordinance. It is a county-wide ordinance and the Village of Elburn follows. The Village may adopt more restrictive sections if they wish. It is good to have documentation that the Village has adopted to most recent version. A motion to approve was made by Wilson and seconded by Grabarek. A roll call vote ensued. Ayes: Anderson, Filek, Grabarek, Mond, Wilson. Nays: None. Motion carried.
  - b. Discuss and Approve Payout #2 for National Power and Rodding – Trustee Grabarek asked how many years the coating will last. Trustee Wilson stated easily 30 years unless it was installed incorrectly. A motion to approve was made by Grabarek and seconded by Mond. A roll call vote ensued. Ayes: Anderson, Filek, Grabarek, Mond, Wilson. Nays: None. Motion carried.
  - c. Discuss and Approve Elburn Station Community Park Award – A total of 8 bids were received with Trian being the low bid at 36% over engineer estimate. The bid exceeds the approved budget by \$115K and will require a budget amendment. Mayor Walter asked three times for a motion. Being none, Mayor Walter stated this will be brought back to a future COW agenda for further discussion.
  - d. Discuss and Approve 2023 Streets Program PSA – The total estimated cost of the project, including Construction (\$975,000), Construction Engineering & Design Engineering (\$121,976) is \$1,096,976. A motion to approve was made by Wilson and seconded by Mond. A roll call vote ensued. Ayes: Anderson, Filek, Grabarek, Mond, Wilson. Nays: None. Motion carried.
15. Bills
- a. Approve the Bills List – A motion was made by Trustee Grabarek and seconded by Trustee Filek to approve the bills for Monday, November 7, 2022 for \$799,526.18. A roll call vote ensued. Ayes: Anderson, Filek, Grabarek, Mond, Wilson. Nays: None. Motion carried.
16. Other Business – None
17. Adjourn - Trustee Mond motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:54. p.m. with Trustee Grabarek seconding the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Diane McQuilkin  
Village Clerk