

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF ELBURN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (COW)
APRIL 3, 2023
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: Village Administrator John Nevenhoven; Asst VA Chris Ranney; 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: Residents LeRoy Herra, Sylvia Corral, Paul Dickey, Grant Sabo, Thomas Gush; Kane County Chronicle reporter Susan O'Neill

1. Call to Order – Mayor Walter called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.
2. Roll Call – A roll call ensued.
3. Public Comment – None
4. Discussion:
 - a. Concentric Managed Support Agreement – Finance Director Elder reported Concentric has been the Village's IT provider for many years and they do a good job. Their contract is in the same format as the past with fixed fees and time and material services. If the Board agrees with the proposal, the agreement will be on the next Village Board agenda for approval. There was consensus to put this on the next Village Board Consent Agenda.
 - b. 2023 Parks Strategic Plan – Village Admin Nevenhoven presented. A process similar to the Village's strategic plan was followed. It has been reviewed and approved by the Parks Commission and this will be the guiding document for Parks going forward. The main theme is to maintain the parks we already have before building new ones. Regarding the Community Center, it is not realistic to put Village money and resources into property not owned by the Village. If there is an opportunity to partner with the Community Center, it will be brought to the Board's attention for consideration. Some trustees stated it is a misconception within Elburn that the Community Center is funded by the Village of Elburn. It is not—the property is privately owned. Trustees felt it is important the community to understand this and the fact that the ice rink at the Community Center has been managed by volunteers. Should a story with this information be published in the newspaper, the hope is that the right people will be attracted to help. Nevenhoven stated there are three options to move forward with Parks: 1) regional park district; 2) Village of Elburn Park District; or 3) a Village of Elburn Parks Department. Partnering with other organizations (library, Elburn Community Center) is an option. Unless a grass roots movement occurs to create a park district, everything for Parks will go through the Village Board.
5. Other Business – A notice has been sent to the Kaneland School District that the Village is not interested in renewing the existing contract for maintenance of the Kaneland Lift Station and Force Main. Staff will meet to discuss and then a meeting will be scheduled with the Kaneland School District.
6. Adjourn – Trustee Mond moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Grabarek and passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Diane McQuilkin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small flourish at the end.

Diane McQuilkin
Village Clerk