

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF ELBURN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (COW)
FEBRUARY 21, 2023
AT ELBURN VILLAGE HALL

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

Board Members Absent:

Staff Members Present: Village Administrator John Nevenhoven; Asst Village Admin/HR Specialist Chris Ranney; Finance Director Doug Elder, Village Attorney Bill Thomas, Police Chief Nick Sikora; Public Works Supt Phil VanBogaert; Village Engineer Julie Morrison

Others Present:

1. Call to Order – Mayor Walter called the meeting to order at 7:59 PM.
2. Roll Call – A roll call ensued.
3. Public Comment – None
4. Discussion:
 - a. Amending Class E Liquor Licenses – To-Go Drinks – Village Admin Nevenhoven presented. OH.M.G! restaurant owners requested authorization to sell to-go alcoholic drinks to their customers. Currently, this is only allowed for Class A liquor license holders. State law changed during covid to allow carryout of alcoholic beverages with certain restrictions. The State law expires on January 3, 2024. Direction was requested from the Board. Trustee Wilson said it makes sense to allow—it is common sense. Trustee Schuberg likes the specifications as outlined for sealed containers. Drinks may be delivered by restaurant employee drivers, but not by third parties (i.e., Door Dash, etc.). Mayor Walter stated, as Village Liquor Commissioner, he is OK with it too and asked if the Village can leave it in place once the State law expires. Restaurants in other communities have allowed the same. There was no opposition to the change to E1, E2 and E3 liquor licenses. Nevenhoven will craft something and bring it back to the next Village Board for discussion/action.
 - b. FY 2024 Administration Budget – Nevenhoven presented and highlighted major changes to the proposed budget including a complete revision of the Village's Zoning Ordinance and an effort to standardize language in all Village Ordinances. A compensation and classification study will be completed. While the cost for the compensation study is under Nevenhoven's spending threshold, other companies will be solicited for bids. Façade grants will be increased to \$15K. Trustee Grabarek asked about funding a historical society again. Grabarek was told to come up with a figure and submit it to Nevenhoven to include in the budget.
 - c. FY 2024 Water and Sewer Rates – Public Works Supt. VanBogaert presented. The CPI is 5.5% and is recommended for connection fees. For the operating fund, which has not been increased since 2020, half of the CPI (2.75%) is recommended due to increasing costs. Trustees agreed with the recommendations. This will be on the next consent agenda.
 - d. FY 2024 Capital Improvement Plan – Finance Director Elder asked all department heads to highlight major additions to the CIP. Discussion ensued regarding the Metra fund which is an enterprise fund. The parking lot will eventually need major work but the parking fees collected are not sustainable. At one point, Metra said they would handle capital projects. It was suggested the west portion of the lot remain closed for cost savings. Worst case scenario, at what point do we close the lot and transfer ridership LaFox? Metra expects an increase in ridership this year. Nevenhoven will speak with the Metra rep to let them know the revenue we

are seeing and that it is not sustainable for the ridership we have. Other potential uses of the parking lot which may create revenue were brainstormed (farmers markets, car shows, etc.).

5. Other Business – VanBogaert reported on the E Pierce Street sanitary sewer installation. Feedback was received from other communities with similar situations, but none had financing options for affected residents. EEI will put the sanitary sewer project out to bid. It is the Board’s decision as far as what will be required of the residents (force hookup, etc.). The Kane County Health Department requested a copy of the final print and addresses when the project is complete. Some formal options will be brought back to the Board at their next meeting for consideration.
6. Adjourn – Trustee Mondy moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Grabarek and passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Diane McQuilkin
Village Clerk