

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF ELBURN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (COW)
JUNE 19, 2023
AT ELBURN VILLAGE HALL

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

Board Members Absent: Luis Santoyo, Patricia Schuberg

Staff Members Present: Village Administrator John Nevenhoven; Asst Village Admin/HR Chris Ranney; Finance Director Doug Elder, Village Attorney Bill Thomas, Police Chief Nick Sikora; Building Commissioner Tom Brennan; Village Engineer Julie Morrison

Others Present: Resident Charles Munson

1. Call to Order – Mayor Walter called the meeting to order at 7:27 PM.
2. Roll Call – A roll call ensued.
3. Public Comment – None
4. Discussion:
 - a. Wayside Horn Repair Options – The original company, Railroad Controls Limited (RCL), is going out of business and we have had no luck repairing the horns since October 2022. The quote from a new company, Rio Grande Pacific Technology (RIOTECH), in the amount of \$125,905 is not in the budget. Public Works has some spare parts and is going to see if they will work and buy us some time before replacing the horns. Mayor Walter will contact local Senators and Representatives to see if they have any funding available for this. It was also suggested to reach out to the local County Board Member and the UPRR for potential public safety funding. The legislative BBQ will be held on the 22nd and it was suggested that Trustees attend to make contacts with local reps. There was consensus from Trustees to move forward. Trustee Anderson would like to look at the financing very carefully and asked that staff figure it out and bring back to the Board for final approval.
 - b. Updates to the Administrative Code – Village Admin Nevenhoven and Asst Village Admin Ranney have reviewed the code. Ranney made corrections previously discussed and asked if there were further revisions or if the Board is ready for final action. Mayor Walter asked if Health Officer duties can be assumed by someone else. Attorney Thomas said under Illinois law, there are more positions by Statute than are filled in most municipalities. By default, some duties are assumed by another position within a municipality. With Elburn being such a small town, Trustee Anderson recommended utilizing the Kane County Health Department as far as health-related inspections. There was agreement to leave Health Officer in the code as a dormant position. There was consensus to place on the next consent agenda for final action by the Board.
5. Other Business – None
6. Adjourn – Trustee Hansen moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Grabarek and passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Diane McQuilkin
Village Clerk