

**THE 2097<sup>th</sup> REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTES  
VILLAGE OF ELMWOOD PARK**

The 2097<sup>th</sup> regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees was called to order by President Peter Silvestri on Monday August 15, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Chambers.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

A moment of silence was taken in remembrance of the men and women who are serving our Armed Forces, especially those in Iraq and Afghanistan and pray for their speedy return home.

Also, a moment of silence was taken in remembrance of Roger Grivetti, a long time Elmwood Park resident who was very involved in our community. May he rest in peace.

On roll call the following trustees were present: Sam LaBarbera, Angela Stranges, Carmen Forte, Jeff Sargent, Alan Bennett and President Peter Silvestri.

A motion was made by Mr. Bennett and seconded by Mr. Sargent to excuse Mr. Kaminski from the meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Bennett and seconded by Mrs. Stranges to approve the Minutes of the President and Board of Trustees Meeting and Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Monday, August 1, 2011. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. LaBarbera and seconded by Mr. Sargent to receive and file Minutes of the Elmwood Park Traffic and Safety Commission held on July 12, 2011, Minutes of the Plan, Zoning and Development Commission Meeting held on August 8, 2011, and Minutes of the Arts and Special Events Commission Meeting held on August 9, 2011. Motion carried.

**APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL**

The Clerk presented the following applications for business licenses:

<b>License for:</b>	<b>Location:</b>	<b>Applicant:</b>
HVAC Inc.	1289 Rand Road  Des Plaines, IL.	Action Air,
Electrical	8106 W. Belmont Chicago, IL.	A.V. Electric
Brick Pavers	8550 W. Grand River Grove, IL.	John Furgala Landscape
Cement Contractor	7153 W. Seward Niles, IL.	Mike Nitti Cement
Carpentry	4957 N. Kilbourn Chicago, IL.	On Remodeling
Carpentry Exterior	5343 N. Mulligan Chicago, IL.	Premier Home Improvement
Carpentry	2455 Forest View Ave. River Grove, IL.	Ranlin Elec. Service
HVAC	426 Cottage Row Sycamore, IL.	Ron's Heating/AC
Masonry	3534 N. Hermitage Chicago, IL.	Sustainable Masonry
Carpentry	6931 N. Olcott Chicago, IL.	Wilco, Inc.
Business	2632 Harlem Ave. Elmwood Park, IL.	Kids Bedroom
Business	7428 W. North Ave. Elmwood Park, IL.	Inari Sushi Restaurant
Solicitor	7740 W. Sunset Dr. Elmwood Park, IL.	Adam Coleman

A motion was made by Mr. LaBarbera and seconded by Mr. Forte to approve the above application as listed. Motion carried.

## BILLS AND VOUCHERS

None at this meeting.

At this time the President was pleased to recognize and officially appoint Acting Police Chief Frank Fagiano to the rank of Police Chief. He was given the oath by President Silvestri. Congratulations were extended to Police Chief Fagiano.

The President said that Frank Fagiano is a product of the Village of Elmwood Park, community of Elmwood Park and the Elmwood Park Police Department starting as an Auxiliary Policeman and moving up to officer, sergeant and ultimately commander and deputy chief and now police chief.

Next, five officers who were instrumental in the apprehension of a convicted sex offender on an attempted abduction of a twelve year old boy were recognized: Chief Frank Fagiano, Sergeant Michael Kmiecik, Detective Mark Astrella, Officer John Phillips and Officer Marine Chaurize.

On behalf of the people of Elmwood Park, President Silvestri thanked them for their aggressiveness in arresting this individual. These individuals are some of the "best of the best" and we are thankful that Elmwood Park is a safer place because of their efforts and hard work.

The father of the child who was abducted was in the audience and asked to come forward. Mr. Joe Bosco, who is an Attorney, said that he was extremely happy to share the appreciation of the officers. They did some very hard police work and he expressed his thanks on behalf of his son for all they did.

Lastly, recognition of Lt. Kevin Flaherty who was promoted to Captain of the Elmwood Park Fire Department and Firefighter Frank Kucera who was promoted to Lieutenant. Both were sworn in to their new role, and received their badges. Congratulations were extended to these two individuals.

President Silvestri reported that on the Food Network, Jeff Mauro, 32, of Elmwood Park won the competition for the "Food Network Star" beating 14 competitors all bidding for the chance to have their own show on the channel. Mr. Mauro walked into the competition with the idea for a show dedicated to sandwiches, and it carried him to the finish line. Congratulations were extended to Jeff on bringing more fame to

Elmwood Park. He will be recognized at a future meeting upon his return.

Sue Smith, Director of Special Projects was present to do a presentation on our new membership in the "Keep America Beautiful" in Elmwood Park. The "Keep America Beautiful" campaign is designed to instruct and encourage individuals to not litter and keep their community clean and beautiful. We are joining this effort so that we can utilize their talents and expertise with the school district, with the community in keeping Elmwood Park beautiful.

The President announced that in speaking with Sue Smith and with the Chicago Botanical Gardens for County Farm Bureau, we will be initiating a community garden on Diversey Avenue. The owner of the property at 75<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Diversey has volunteered this property to be a community garden. The President thanked the Galewood Corporation for allowing us to do that. He also thanked Ms. Smith for the fine presentation.

President Silvestri declared a recess for public comments at 7:35 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 7:44 p.m.

#### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND TRUSTEES**

Mr. Forte reported on the initial start of the "Trustee in the Hall" program. He spoke with several residents and discussed many of their concerns.

Mr. Bennett reported that the Plan, Zoning and Development Commission received a status report from the CMAP staff members who are helping us rewrite our Comprehensive Program. They reported that they are in the process of completing their existing conditions report for the Village. They also indicated that they would be in the process of meeting with the Chamber of Commerce, and others to receive their input on the Comprehensive Planning process. They are scheduling a general public hearing on the new Comprehensive Plan on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. at the Parks and Recreation gymnasium.

#### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Attorney Michael Durkin reported that at the August 1<sup>st</sup> meeting an application for a roofer that did not have a license number was approved contingent upon submission of the necessary state license number. The Village Clerk verified in a memo,

that the Code Department inadvertently omitted the license number. A copy of the application indicating the license number was circulated to the Board, therefore no Board action necessary.

### **MANAGER' S REPORT**

Mr. Dalicandro reported on the Crime Free Housing Information. A special insert will be sent to all Elmwood Park residents with their water bills this month. The landlord guide has now been complete and a draft copy has been sent to the Association for approval. The first seminar will take place in late September or early October.

A Village wide audit of 95-gallon toters was completed by Groot. One hundred eighty-two (182) residents were sent a letter on August 8<sup>th</sup> to either confirm or have removed their 95-gallon toter. No citations were issued.

The public kick-off meeting of the Village of Elmwood Park Comprehensive Plan update is scheduled for Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Parks and Recreation Building.

Mr. Bennett complimented the Village Manager and the staff involved in preparation of that announcement letter that will be going out. It was extremely well organized and well written.

### **PRESIDENT' S REPORT**

President Silvestri advised the Board that he met with CMAP also and hopes everyone will have an opportunity to share their thoughts with the planning process so we can move forward to a new Comprehensive Plan for Elmwood Park.

The President announced that on Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup> a group is coming from Italy - Miss 47 Folklore Music Group will be performing at Central Park at 6:30. They are from the Campagna region.

A concert will be followed at 7:00 by CTA who plays "Chicago" type music. The last summer concert which was rescheduled, will be held on September 1<sup>st</sup> and will feature Denny Diamond.

On September 11<sup>th</sup>, the Elmwood Park Arts and Special Events Committee will hold a 10<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary Community Memorial at Central Park at 6:30 p.m. These patriotic events includes

participation from the Elmwood Park Community Chorus, Elmwood Park High School Band, Boy Scout troops, students from District 401 and St. Celestine School, Elmwood Park Police and Elmwood Park Fire Departments. All residents are invited to attend.

On September 11<sup>th</sup>, prior to the commemorative ceremony, the President said that they are working with the coordinator of the Oak Park Farmer's Market to have a pilot Farmer's Market at Central Park. It will be in the afternoon on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

A letter from Jessica Fredericks of the Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago requesting permission to hold a Fall Cookie Program beginning January 2012 and arrangements and permission for cookie booths to take place between February 2012 and May 2012.

A motion was made by Mr. Bennett and seconded by Mr. LaBarbera to grant permission to the above request. Motion carried.

A letter from John R. Carrozza, Knights of Columbus, requesting permission to hold a fund drive on Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at the locations of North Avenue and Harlem Avenue and at North Avenue and Thatcher Road.

A motion was made by Mr. LaBarbera and seconded by Mr. Sargent to grant permission to the above request. Motion carried.

A letter from James G. Maurer of AT&T U-verse with reference to channel changes. Informational. No Board action required.

A letter from Daniel T. Maloney of Comcast Cable with reference to channel changes. Informational. No Board action required.

President Silvestri asked the advice and consent of the Board on the appointment of Catherin Czoty to the Youth Commission. Ms. Czoty has been a youth commission cheerleading coach and Elmwood Park Elite competition team coach for the past three seasons.

A motion was made by Mr. Sargent and seconded by Mrs. Stranges to concur with the advice and consent of the President on the appointment of Catherin Czoty to the Youth commission. Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a PACE Locally Based Service Program Agreement for the Village of Elmwood Park, Cook County, Illinois.

A motion was made by Mr. Bennett and seconded by Mr. Forte to approve the above Resolution.

On roll call the following voted "Aye": Sam LaBarbera, Angela Stranges, Carmen Forte, Jeff Sargent, Alan Bennett and President Peter Silvestri. "Nays": None. Absent: (1) Alan Kaminski. Motion carried.

#### **ORDINANCES**

An Ordinance Amending Section 4-4.6, Entitled "Restriction on Number of Licenses," of Chapter 4, Entitled "Alcoholic Beverages," of the Code of the Village of Elmwood Park.

A motion was made by Mr. Bennett and seconded by Mr. LaBarbera to approve the above Ordinance.

On roll call the following voted "Aye": Sam LaBarbera, Angela Stranges, Carmen Forte, Jeff Sargent, Alan Bennett and President Peter Silvestri. "Nays": None. Absent: (1) Alan Kaminski. Motion carried.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

There will be no meeting on Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup> due to the Labor Day holiday which then requires the Board to give the Village Manager permission to authorize the payment of bills.

A motion was made by Mr. Bennett and seconded by Mr. Sargent to allow the Village Manager to approve the bills and vouchers for the month of August 2011 with full power to act with final ratification by the Board at the next meeting, September 19<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Mrs. Stranges and seconded by Mr. Sargent to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The next meeting of the President and Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, September 19, 2011. There will be no meeting on September 5<sup>th</sup> due to the Labor Day holiday.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsie Sutter  
Village Clerk

