

**THE 2060th SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF
TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ELMWOOD PARK**

The 2060th special meeting of the President and Board Of Trustees was called to order by President Peter N.Silvestri on Monday, September 28, 2009 at 7:30 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 serving our Armed Forces around the world especially in Afghanistan and Iraq, including two young men from our community one in Iraq and one in Afghanistan, and pray for their safe and speedy return home.

A moment of silence was also taken in remembrance of John Repplinger, a lifelong resident of the Village. Mr. Repplinger passed away last week and is survived by Bess Replinger and three daughters and their families, all residents of the Village. Barbara Melnyk, one of his daughters, is Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

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

Also present was Village Manager John J. Dalicandro.

President Silvestri stated that the purpose of this meeting was to review and present the Flood Mitigation Study update as presented by the engineering firm of Christopher B. Burke, Village Engineers.

The format will be that the engineers will be presenting the report which has been available for review at the Public Library as well as online, on www.elmwoodpark.org.

The engineers will make the presentation and then there will be comments and questions from the Village Board and then opened to the members of the audience.

Each member of the audience must state their name and address and a time limitation will be based on the number of people present.

President Silvestri thanked everyone who attended the meeting and who are interested in this very important topic and said that this has been on-going for a long time and now it is time to try and solve the problem.

The President also commented that the engineer will present many different engineering options and recommendations. President Silvestri said that none of these options are perfect and none of these are inexpensive. None of these will totally solve the problem but we can try to make the situation better within budgetary constraints.

President Silvestri then introduced Chris Burke and Don Dressell from the engineering firm of Christopher B. Burke, Ltd. Mr. Burke is a renowned engineer in metropolitan Chicago and statewide, and we appreciate his dedication to this study and to all his work for the Village of Elmwood Park.

Mr. Burke began his presentation. He reviewed a number of issues regarding the flooding, the impact of surrounding areas in the affected areas, the possibility of storing more water in retention areas, and the feasibility of moving the water away quicker. In his study, he proposed underground storage facilities in various locations.

Upon completion of the presentation, President Silvestri thanked Mr. Burke for the very comprehensive flood mitigation report.

At this time, the Board was asked if they had any questions to propose to the engineer. Several members presented their comments and questions.

Comments and questions were then opened to the audience. Many questions were directed to Mr. Burke from residents who were affected by the record rain fall.

The President informed the residents that a copy of the board agendas including flood concerns can be found online (www.elmwoodpark.org) or by telephoning the Clerk's office.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsie Sutter
Village Clerk