

**THE 2080<sup>th</sup> REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTES  
VILLAGE OF ELMWOOD PARK**

The 2080<sup>th</sup> regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees was called to order by President Peter N. Silvestri on Monday October 4, 2010 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 serving our Armed Forces around the world especially in Afghanistan and Iraq, and special prayers for those young men and women from our community who are overseas, and we pray for their safe and speedy return home.

President Silvestri announced that two Elmwood Parkers returned home from service last week. U. S. Marines Bill Szepi and Mike Nichols both served in Iraq and Afghanistan and we are happy to see them home. The President, several Trustees, the fire and police departments as well as freedom riders paraded them from Guerin Prep to their homes.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Bennett and seconded by Mr. LaBarbera to approve the Minutes of the 2079<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees and Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Monday, September 20, 2010. Motion carried.

**APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL**

The Clerk presented the following applications for business licenses:

<b>License for:</b>	<b>Location:</b>	<b>Applicant:</b>
Roofer	6912 Main St. #213 Downers Grove, IL.	3 M Exteriors

HVAC	263 e. Wrightwood Glendale Hts., IL.	Any Climate HVAC
Electrical	14019 Tod William Dr. Orland Park, IL.	Baltic Pro Elec.
HVAC	4836 s. Ada Chicago, IL.	Ben's Heating & Air Conditioning
Drain Tile	2109 Jody Ct. Mt. Prospect, IL.	Chicagoland Concrete & Water Proofing
HVAC	333 Linden Ave Bellwood, IL.	Don's Environ- mental Services
Electrical	70 N. Hill Road Addison, IL.	Eddie Electric Company
Cement	6511 W. Pershing Rd. Stickney, IL.	Father & Daughter Remodeling
Electrical	6952 W. Belmont Chicago, IL.	Forecast Construction
Electrical	1424 N. Lund Chicago, IL.	Fuller-Burrell Electric
Electrical	2500 N. Main Rockford, IL.	Garwick Electric
Electrical	15043 Lavergne Oak Forest, IL.	Jet Electric
Concrete	920 County line Rd. Bensenville, IL.	Kings-Point General Cement
Windows	600 N. Industrial Naperville, IL.	Window World of Chicagoland
Pool Table	7232 W. Diversey Elmwood Park, IL.	Hunter's Rest. & Lounge
Dart Machine	7232 W. Diversey Elmwood Park, IL.	Hunter's Rest. & Lounge
Home Occupation	2826 N. 77 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Elmwood Park, IL.	Misery Loves Co.
Landscaper	4501 N. Cumberland Norridge, IL.	Your Landscaping

Landscaper	5056 W. Strong St. Chicago, IL.	Go Green Prof. Landscaping Design & Maintenance
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A motion was made by Mr. Sargent and seconded by Mr. Kaminski to approve the above applications as listed. Motion carried.

**BILLS AND VOUCHERS**

President Silvestri summarized the following Bills and Vouchers for the period ending September 30, 2010. Summary of Expenditures Approved:

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:**

General Fund	\$	347,944.01
Water Fund	\$	207,606.65
Parks and Recreation Fund	\$	51,787.71
TIF Fund	\$	4,499.15
Emergency Telephone System Fund	\$	54,508.00
Garbage Fund	\$	<u>135,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>801,345.52</b>

**PAYROLL:**

**General Fund**

Administration	\$	56,766.52
Code Administration	\$	31,200.21
Police Department	\$	233,163.44
Police Additional Pay	\$	32,414.97
Public Works	\$	116,334.17
Fire Department	\$	231,198.27
Fire Additional Pay	\$	<u>15,871.07</u>

<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>716,948.65</b>
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Water Fund	\$	28,750.10
Playground & Recreation Fund	\$	<u>39,555.00</u>

<b>Total Gross Payroll</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>785,253.75</b>
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IMRF & FICA Village Portion	\$	<u>52,022.65</u>
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**TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR BOARD APPROVAL REPORT**

**\$ 1,638,621.92**

A motion was made by Mr. Kaminski and seconded by Mr. Bennett to approve the bills and vouchers for the month of September 2010, and authorize execution for payment by the President.

Mr. Kaminski reported that the Finance Committee reviewed the bills and vouchers and it was the unanimous recommendation of the Finance Committee that the bills and vouchers be approved for payment.

On roll call the following voted "Aye": Sam LaBarbera, Diane Kmiecik, Carmen Forte, Jeff Sargent, Alan Kaminski, Alan Bennett and President Peter Silvestri. "Nays": None. Motion carried.

At this time President Silvestri recognized Mrs. Sandra Gbur, Executive Director of the West Suburban special Recreation Association who gave a presentation and her annual report. Ms. Gbur has served admirably in that position for many years and we appreciate all her hard work and the group of the Association. We are pleased to be a member of the WSSRA.

Ms. Gbur highlighted some of the programs offered to individuals with disabilities. There were 1,070 individuals who participated in 643 programs/events that are offered. WSSRA serves all ages and the youngest participant in 2009 is 3 years old from the Norridge Park District and the oldest participant in 2009 is 95 years young from the Park District of Franklin Park.

Ms. Gbur reported that \$108,496 was raised in cash, donations, grants, events, etc. and \$24,713 was donated in products or service. There are 68 different individuals with disabilities from the Village of Elmwood Park. There are 9 Park Districts and 2 Villages who support WSSRA.

President Silvestri thanked Ms. Gbur and her staff for all their hard work and dedication.

President Silvestri declared a recess at 7:22 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 7:23 p.m.

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

Clerk Sutter reported that the last day for voter registration is October 5<sup>th</sup>. Early voting will be held on the third floor of Village Hall beginning Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup>.

On behalf of the Board and residents of Elmwood Park, Ms. Kmiecik expressed her gratitude to Joyce Murphy, Kenny Goldstein, and the Elmwood Park Garden Club for the landscaping they did at the Post Office.

Mr. Kaminski requested that the Village Clerk post a meeting notice for the Rules and Ordinance Committee for October 27, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. and the agenda item is discussion of the proposed draft of the revisions to the Crime-Free Ordinance.

Mr. Bennett reported that the Plan, Zoning and Development Commission will be meeting next Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. At this time the Special Use request will be taken off the table and hopefully the PZD will be able to make a formal recommendation to the Board as a result of that meeting.

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

Mr. Durkin reported on the Ordinance that is on the agenda. This ordinance deals with the Arts, Humanities and Special Events Commission. Prior to this meeting, the Ordinance was amended to increase the number of members from five to nine and the Codifier pointed out that there was prior reduction in the number of commission members back in 1996 in which there was a section 5A-5 that no vacancies be filled until that number got down to five. We are deleting that because that is no longer applicable in that more members have to be appointed from five to nine.

#### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Dalicandro reported that a Public Works Committee or committee of the Whole be scheduled to review a proposal received from Groot for an extension to our solid waste contract.

Mr. Dalicandro also reported on foreclosures and vacant properties. Bank-owned properties and vacant properties are being tracked by our Code Department, Water Department and Health Department.

Every month an updated list is produced which is checked by our Code inspectors. In some cases we are cutting the grass and making sure the property is secure. We also will use a board-up service if any windows or doors are damaged. We do our best to make sure the banks are maintaining these properties.

Lastly, Mr. Dalicandro requested that the Village Clerk be given permission to advertise for bids on the demolition of 7221 West Grand Avenue.

President Silvestri said that the bids referred to by Mr. Dalicandro are for Dr. Saletta's medical building that was purchased by the Village as part of the tax Increment financing (TIF) fund in order to tear down that building, and with the empty lot next door that the Village also purchased, pave that for additional parking for the Grand and Harlem area and hopefully alleviate the parking issues that have arisen since the Caputo's store opened.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Silvestri reported that the County Treasurer's office announced that tax bills will not be issued for residential property until after Thanksgiving.

President Silvestri said that he met with Congressman Quigley regarding our flood relief efforts, especially in those targeted areas of the communities that are subject to annual flooding. His office is following up with the Village Manager's office to determine what the status of our grant application is. The administration is also studying other financing options.

President Silvestri reported that the Grand Avenue project is completed and a much better riding experience for all of us.

There was a very successful car show at Central Park this weekend, and the Elmwood Park Tigers won the Homecoming game against Ridgewood High School (23-21).

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

A letter from Patricia Granados, President of Triton College, thanking the Village of Elmwood Park Board of Trustees, employees and students for their attendance, support and participation in celebrating Elmwood Park Village Honor Day at Triton on September 16, 2010. Informational. No Board action required.

President Silvestri asked the advice and consent of the Board on the following appointments to the Arts, Humanities and Special Events Commission for terms ending as indicated:

Laurie Shaw	4/30/11
Patty Stranski	4/30/11
Dominic Clemente	4/30/13
Gina Pesko	4/30/13
Cynthia Stazzone	4/30/12
Marge Weging	4/30/12

A motion was made by Mr. Bennett and seconded by Mr. Kaminski to concur with the advice and consent of the President on the above appointments to the Arts, Humanities and Special Events Commission. Motion carried.

A letter from Lisa Bhatnagar, Pace External Relations, with reference to the August 2010 Pace Ridership Report. Informational. No Board action required.

A letter from Andrew A. Dorr, Assistant Director for Grants Administration, U. S. Department of Justice grant application for the COPS Hiring Program. Due to the high demand and limited funding available, only 379 CHP requests were ultimately funded and our proposal was not among those selected.

We were advised that as of today's date, they do not know what amount of hiring funds will be appropriated to the COPS Office in FY 2011. However, should additional funds be made available, they anticipate offering a new solicitation for funding, and expect to further emphasize community policing as an integral part of COPS Hiring Grant Funding. Informational. No Board action required.

A letter from Gary Hannig, Secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) thanking the President for a recent letter regarding a proposed grade crossing at West Grand Avenue in Elmwood Park. President Silvestri and Trustee Bennett attended a meeting of the West Central Municipal Conference where there were people from the CREATE Program (Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Efficiency Program). They help fund underpasses.

President Silvestri and Trustee Bennett inquired as to the status of the Elmwood Park application and were told that because Elmwood Park is not just a freight crossing, but is also a Metra (passenger) crossing it gets considered separately.

Due to the economic climate and current fiscal constraints, IDOT continues to focus a majority of their limited financial resources on maintaining and rehabilitating existing highway and bridge network. Informational. No Board action required.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

None at this meeting.

**ORDINANCES**

An Ordinance Deleting Section 5A-5, Entitled "Filling of Vacancies," of Chapter 5A, Entitled "Arts, Humanities and Special Events Commission," of the Code of the Village of Elmwood Park

A motion was made by Mr. LaBarbera and seconded by Mrs. Kmiecik to approve the above ordinance.

On roll call the following voted "Aye": Sam LaBarbera, Diane Kmiecik, Carmen Forte, Jeff Sargent, Alan Kaminski, Alan Bennett and President Peter Silvestri. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

President Silvestri announced that on Friday, October 1, 2010, he had the pleasure of meeting Ms. Janet Cobb who will be the new President of Guerin Prep High School.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A motion was made by Mr. Bennett and seconded by Mr. Kaminski to authorize the Village Clerk to advertise for bids on the demolition of property located at 7221 West Grand Avenue, Elmwood Park, IL. Motion carried.

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

The next meeting of the President and Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, October 18, 2010.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsie Sutter,  
Village Clerk



