

**THE 2101ST REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTES  
VILLAGE OF ELMWOOD PARK**

The 2101st regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees was called to order by President Peter Silvestri on Monday November 7, 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 a 25 year old Elmwood Park Marine, Nick Daniels. Nick was deployed to Afghanistan a month ago, and was killed while conducting combat operations. The President visited the family and arrangements are pending. We pray for his family and may the Lord bless Nick in his new home in heaven. May he rest in peace.

The Village will be memorializing Nick's memory in some way but we will consult with the family to see what is appropriate.

The President said that he has been in contact with Congressman Quigley's office to share with us, a list of all the other soldiers who may have passed in Elmwood Park since 1914.

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

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

A motion was made by Mr. Kaminski and seconded by Mr. Bennett to excuse Mr. Forte from the meeting. Mr. Forte was absent due to surgery. Motion carried.

Attorney Michael R. Durkin of Storino, Ramello and Durkin was present in the absence of Attorney Michael K. Durkin.

A motion was made by Mr. Bennett and seconded by Mr. Sargent to approve the Minutes of the President and Board of Trustees Meeting held on Monday, October 17, 2011. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Stranges and seconded by Mr. LaBarbera to receive and file Minutes of the Traffic and Safety Commission meeting held on Tuesday, October 18, 2011 and to concur with the recommendation of the Elmwood Park Traffic and Safety Commission to install a "YIELD" sign on Altgeld Street at 74<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Motion carried.

#### **APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL**

The Clerk presented the following applications for business licenses:

Sign Permit	7811 W. Grand Ave. Elmwood Park, IL.	Sudz-Sational Hand Car Wash
Roofer	15038 S. Maple Harvey, IL.	A+ Roofing and Construction
Roofer	3139 Oak Park Berwyn, IL.	All Star Roofing
HVAC	945 Tonne Road Elk Grove Village, IL.	American Comfort
Electrical	8121 S. Constance Chicago, IL.	Bam Elec. Inc.
Carpentry	8904 S. 55 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Oak Lawn, IL.	Build Art Construction

Masonry	2139 W.Touhy Chicago, IL.	Carl T. Olson Son
Carpentry	7450 S. Banks St. Justice, IL.	Cathedral Carpentry
Concrete	1460 Fairlane Dr. Schaumburg, IL.	Compactor, Inc.
Carpentry	6219 Belmont Chicago, IL.	D.J. Evolution
Electrical	5703 N. Ravenswood Chicago, IL.	Demopoulos. Electric
Roofer	151 S. Rohlwing Addison, IL.	Dura-Ply Roofing
Carpentry	5418 W. Dakin St. Chicago, IL.	Ed's Remodeling
Concrete Development	56 N. Victoria Ln.  Streamwood, IL.	Elite  & Construction
Masonry/Stucco	56 N. Victoria Ln. Streamwood, IL.	Elite Development and Constr.
Masonry	10938 W. Barry Melrose Park, IL.	Felician Major Masonry
Carpentry	1022 Gunderson Oak Park, IL.	Grosso
Electrical	1085 Aspen St. Hoffman Estates, IL.	Habitat Construction
Electrical	280 Lincoln St. Hoffman Estates, IL.	Level Electric
Masonry	3521 N, Ozark Chicago, IL.	Luke Masonry

Plumber	2335 W. 113 <sup>th</sup> Pl. Chicago, IL.	M B Z Group
Sewer	5409 S. Mulligan Chicago, IL.	One Way Sewer
HVAC	6232 n. Pulaski Chicago, IL.	Plumb Master Plumb. & Heating
Electrical	7202 Oak Avenue River Forest, IL.	R J B Electric
Roofer	22W410 Ironwood Dr. Glen Ellyn, IL.	Robert S. Homes, Inc.
HVAC	968 Autumn Dr. Antioch, IL	Sandcastle Bldrs.
Asphalt/Sealcoat	1407 Juneway Ter. Round Lake, IL	Smurfs Services
Electrical	8611 W. 75 <sup>th</sup> St. Justice, IL.	Stanley & Sons Construction
HVAC	8611 W. 75 <sup>th</sup> St. Justice, IL.	Stanly & Sons Construction
Carpentry	1507 N. Milwaukee Chicago, IL.	United Remodeling
Home Occupation	2732 N. 76 <sup>th</sup> Ct. Elmwood Park, IL.	Robert's Constr.
Home Occupation	2528 N. Harlem Elmwood park, IL.	Stonefield Investments
Home Occupation	1745 N. 76 <sup>th</sup> Ct. Elmwood Park, IL.	Mazano Maintenance

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 October 31, 2011. Summary of Expenditures Approved:

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:**

General Fund	\$	318,320.43
Water Fund	\$	252,872.48
Parks and Recreation Fund	\$	13,054.87
TIF Fund	\$	37,141.13
Special Events/Fest Fund	\$	1,035.00
Garbage Fund	\$	133,750.00
Motor Fuel Tax Fund	\$	250,794.68
Capital Projects-Bond Fund	\$	307,150.63
Police Asset & Forfeiture Fund	\$	<u>4,835.08</u>
<b>TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,318,954.30</b>

**PAYROLL:**

**General Fund**

Administration	\$	59,441.63
Code Administration	\$	22,238.06
Police Department	\$	216,323.13
Police Additional Pay	\$	27,188.28
Public Works	\$	105,152.48
Fire Department	\$	150,300.45
Fire Additional Pay	\$	<u>12,751.54</u>

**Total General Fund** **\$** **593,395.57**

Water Fund	\$	29,229.61
Playground & Recreation Fund	\$	<u>29,493.99</u>
<b>Total Gross Payroll</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>652,119.17</b>

IMRF & FICA Village Portion **\$** **48,078.56**

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR BOARD APPROVAL REPORT**

**\$ 2,019,152.03**

A motion was made by Mr. Kaminski and seconded by Mr. Bennett to approve the bills and vouchers for the month of October 2011, 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, Angela Stranges, Jeff Sargent, Alan Kaminski, Alan Bennett and President Peter Silvestri. "Nays": None. Absent: (1) Carmen Forte. Motion carried.

The President announced that one of the most important functions of the Village government is Public Safety, and this evening three policemen were promoted to new positions and also the recognition of a new firefighter.

A letter of recommendation from Police Chief Frank Fagiano nominating Commander Andrew Hock to Deputy Chief. He has served admirably in the Elmwood Park Police Department in a variety of roles.

President Silvestri administered the Oath to Deputy Chief Andrew Hock and extended best wishes in his newly appointed role.

The President administered the Oath to both Sergeant Michael Kmiecik who was promoted to Commander, and Police Officer Robert Klisz who was promoted to Sergeant. Best wishes were extended to each of them.

Next, recognition was given to Probationary Firefighter Kevin Will. Kevin just graduated from the Northern Illinois Public Safety Academy September 9<sup>th</sup> and all his test scores were in the upper 90's. We are very proud of Kevin Will. The President administered the Oath and presented him with a firefighter's badge.

On September 22, 2011, Mr. Joe Bertolli resigned from the Elmwood Park Library Board of Trustees. Mr. Jonathan Zivojnovic was appointed by the Library Board to replace Mr. Bertolli and the Library Director, Shawn Strecker asked that President Silvestri swear him into this office.

Mr. Zivojnovic was asked to come forward and President Silvestri administered the Oath. Congratulations were extended to the new Library Trustee.

Public comments at 7:20 p.m.

Scott Manno  
1829 Thatcher  
Elmwood Park, IL.

Mr. Manno asked the Board to lower the flag in honor of the Marine from Elmwood Park who lost his life.

The President said that the law requires the Governor to give permission to do so.

Mr. Manno also said that there were problems in Evans Field and the Cook County Commissioners and the Forest Preserve Police have done an outstanding job in cleaning it up.

Mr. Jeff Shihadeh  
7201 W. Wellington 3-E  
Elmwood Park, IL.

Just moved to Elmwood Park and would like to volunteer his assistance in any way. Also, Mr. Shihadeh wanted to express his thanks and appreciation to Sargent Robert Klisz who was kind enough to assist him and his girlfriend when their car broke down. He pushed the car to a safe location.

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

Mrs. Stranges reported that the Elmwood Park School Board is seeking public comments from the community for their long-range planning. This meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library at the Elmwood Park High School.

Mr. Bennett reminded everyone that Friday is Veteran's Day, and would like everyone to commemorate that day by flying their flags at home.

### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Dalicandro reported that there is a River Forest Intergovernmental Health Service Agreement on the agenda. This agreement allows the Village of Elmwood Park to provide our Health and Human Services Director, Janet Slusarz to the Village of River Forest for in-service food and restaurant inspections. After discussions with the Village of River Forest and Janet Slusarz, it was determined that the Village of Elmwood Park could provide the same food service inspections that we provide to our residents and businesses to the Village of River Forest.

The Village of Elmwood Park will charge the Village of River Forest \$75.00 per each inspection. Approximately 150 inspections will be done per year.

On October 27<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Dalicandro attended a public hearing of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Advisory Board. He was allowed to give a brief presentation before the board on the Armitage and 76<sup>th</sup> Avenue project for development. We hope to hear from them by January 1, 2012.

The Village of Elmwood Park Water Rates will increase in the years 2012-2015 and Mr. Dalicandro circulated and prepared a chart which reflects those rates due to the Chicago water rate increases.

Lastly, the Green Alleys Project Resolution the agenda is a requirement by the State of Illinois Environmental Protection Agency which necessitates that the Village takes responsibility in maintaining the alleys ten (10) years after the completion of the project.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Silvestri explained the water rate increases posed by the City of Chicago. Through the West Central Municipal Conference, he encouraged the Mayors to get together to protest these rate increases.



With the complaints of the electricity distribution, we now have the opportunity to consider having a referendum in March to allow the people to have electrical service from other companies. The state law requires that the people give themselves the option of opting into other electrical services.

The intergovernmental agreement with River Forest is the first of many agreements between Elmwood Park, Oak Park and River Forest to try to share costs and share services, and River Grove hopefully, so that we can all provide the same service to the people of our community at a lower rate.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

A letter from Village Clerk Elsie Sutter with regard to adopting the 2012 Village Board Meeting schedule.

A motion was made by Mr. Bennett and seconded by Mr. LaBarbera to approve the 2012 schedule as presented by the Village Clerk. Motion carried.

A letter from Thomas H. Powers of the Department of Water Management, City of Chicago with reference to the City of Chicago 2012 Budget 4-Year Proposed Rate Increases. Informational. No Board action required.

A letter from Jim Maurer of AT&T U-verse with regard to channel changes and TV service. Informational. No Board action required.

A letter from John Mills School Student Council thanking the Village personnel who attended, for participating in the Red Ribbon Pep Rally. The President also expressed his thanks for a wonderful program that was held by the John Mills School Student Council.

A letter from Antonio Romanucci, President of the Columbus Day Parade Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans thanking the Village for participation in the parade.

A letter from Shawn Strecker, Director of the Elmwood Park Library informing the Board that Joe Bertolli resigned from the Elmwood Park Library Board of Trustees.

The President thanked Mr. Bertolli for his dedicated service to the Library and the community. The appointment of the new trustee was sworn in earlier.

A letter from Karen Ennis, Troop Leader for the Girl Scout Brownie Troop #40207 requesting permission to decorate a tree in Central Park for Christmas.

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

A letter from Annie Camiel, Chairperson of the Elmwood Elementary PATT requesting permission to hold a raffle on January 27, 2012 at 8:20 p.m. at the School gym.

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

A letter from Forest Claypool, President of the Chicago Transit Authority regarding financial challenges. Informational only. No Board action required.

A letter from Nicole Woods, liaison to the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP). To help augment CMAP'S work on the Village's Comprehensive Plan, they have applied on the Village's behalf to receive technical assistance from the U. S. EPA through its Building Blocks or Sustainable Communities program.

A motion was made by Mr. Bennett and seconded by Mr. Sargent to concur with the application for the program in question.

Mr. Bennett said that this program will bring a team of experts to analyze our flooding conditions and streets to come up with recommendations that hopefully we can incorporate into our Comprehensive Plan.

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS**

A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Health Services Agreement with the Village of River Forest.

A motion was made by Mr. Kaminski and seconded by Mr. Sargeant to approve the above Resolution. Motion carried.

A Resolution Authorizing the Village Manager to Execute A Financial Assistance Agreement with the State of Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Bureau of Water for a "Green Alleys Project" in the Village of Elmwood Park and Agreeing to Maintain the Improvements.

A motion was made by Mr. Bennett and seconded by Mrs. Stranges to approve the above Resolution. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCES**

None at this meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

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, November 21, 2011.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsie Sutter  
Village Clerk

