

**THE 2117<sup>th</sup> REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTES  
VILLAGE OF ELMWOOD PARK**

The 2117<sup>th</sup> regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees was called to order by Village President Peter Silvestri on Monday, August 20, 2012 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 those in Afghanistan and Iraq and we pray for their speedy return home.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Bennett and seconded by Mr. Kaminski to approve the Minutes of the President and Board Of Trustees Meeting and Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Monday, August 6, 2012. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kaminski and seconded by Mr. LaBarbera to receive and file Minutes of the Keep Elmwood Park Beautiful Commission Meeting held on Tuesday, July 31, 2012. Motion carried.

**APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL**

The Clerk presented the following applications for business Licenses:

<b>License for:</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Applicant</b>
Electrical	1200 N. Milwaukee Glenview, IL.	Abt Electronics
Carpentry	6141 W. Belmont Chicago, IL.	American Home Design, Inc.

Carpentry	5201 S. Nordica Chicago, IL	BMA Remodeling
Electrical	8132 Concord Justice, IL.	Big Star Elec.
HVAC	3419 W. Irving Pk. Chicago, IL.	Comfortable Air Corp.
Landscaping	4607 N. Wolcott Chicago, IL.	Crosstown Tree Service
Irrigation	1712 N. 75 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Elmwood Park, IL.	Elmwood Irrigation Co.
Concrete	1938 Spruce Ave. Des Plaines, IL.	Lopez Concrete
Roofer	219 Fishing Lane Wood Dale, IL.	M & M Constr.
HVAC	123 N. 10 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Melrose Park, IL.	M. Power Emergency Power Systems
Roofer	1252 W. Roscoe St. Chicago, IL.	O & P All Copper Works, Inc
Cement	3619 W. 86 <sup>th</sup> Pl. Chicago, IL.	Pala Home Construction
Tuck pointing	9514 Lawrence Schiller Park, IL	W.L. Masonry Inc.
Home Occupation	1712 N. 75 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Elmwood Park, IL.	Elmwood Irrigation Co.
Home Occupation	2330 N. 75 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Elmwood Park, IL.	L & D Carpet Cleaning
Home Occupation	1630 N, 75 <sup>th</sup> Ct. Elmwood Park, IL.	Radax Construction

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

**BILLS AND VOUCHERS**

None at this meeting.

At this time the members of the Keep Elmwood Park Beautiful Commission members were sworn in by President Silvestri and certified as a Keep America Beautiful affiliate. The following individuals were present: Joyce Charmatz, Founder/President of Keep Chicago/Illinois Beautiful and Karen Rozmos from Keep Oak Park Beautiful.

Sue Smith, the Special Projects Director was not in attendance due to surgery.

Members of the Committee who were sworn in and certified were as follows:

Paula Clare, Chairperson and Team Leader  
Dr. Kevin Anderson, Superintendent of District 401 schools  
Rose Biancalana  
Terry Christenson  
Jean Gonzalez  
Lynn Poepp  
Ken Goldstein  
Tina Gordon  
Jim Guidara  
Lisa Guidara  
Sally Munda  
Gina Pesko  
Laurie Shaw  
Bill Howard was not in attendance.

Public comments accepted at 7:15 p.m.

Sean Thompson  
1739 N. Thatcher Avenue  
Elmwood Park, IL.

Commented on permit parking issues at 75<sup>th</sup> Court.

Anthony DelSanto  
2203 N. 74<sup>th</sup> Court  
Elmwood Park, IL.

Congratulated Trustee Bennett on his retirement and his many years of dedication to the Village of Elmwood Park.

Bernie Center  
2143 73<sup>rd</sup> Ct.  
Elmwood Park, IL.

Expressed his thanks to everyone on the Board for allowing the Elmwood Park Rush Football team to coordinate the Taste of Elmwood Park bingo. He also thanked everyone who worked at the Bingo.

Don Neog  
7925 West Cortland  
Elmwood Park, IL.

Commented on the referendum ordinances passed by the Board for the opt out electric aggregation program.

Ken Gorski  
2018 N. 75<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Elmwood Park, IL.

Commented on the opt out electric aggregation program.

Ron Anderson  
3134 78<sup>th</sup> Court  
Elmwood Park, IL.

Commented on the Flood Mitigation Program.

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

Mrs. Stranges announced that this Sunday, August 26, 2012 there will be a Farmer's Market followed by a bike ride at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to join.

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

None.

### **MANAGER' S REPORT**

Village Manager Volpe reported on the Vacant Building Ordinance that is on this evening's agenda. Mr. Volpe also reported on the in-line Skate Rink, Blackboard Connect Policy, the Red Light Camera at 76<sup>th</sup> at Grand, and on Keeping Elmwood Park Clean, Safe and Beautiful campaign. A COPS meeting will be held on September 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Parks and Recreation Center.

### **PRESIDENT' S REPORT**

President Silvestri thanked everyone who was involved with the Taste of Elmwood Park. The Bingo was well received, there were 17 food stands from restaurants in Elmwood Park and outside businesses. The entertainment was excellent.

President Silvestri announced that Police Commander Michael Kmiecik will receive an award on Tuesday, August 28, 2012 from the City of Chicago. He will be receiving a joint operations award from the Chicago Police Department for his assistance and effort in making a significant impact on public safety and crime prevention. He will be recognized at our September Board Meeting.

The President welcomed Town Clerk Donna Roehri, former Trustee Diane Kmiecik and former Village Manager Jay Dalicandro who were in the audience.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

A letter of resignation from Trustee Alan Bennett. With Mr. Bennett's approval, the President asked that we announce this letter at the end.

A letter of resignation from Patrick Sullivan of the Plan, Zoning and Development Commission. Effective August 8, 2012.

A motion was made by Mr. Bennett and seconded by Mr. Kaminski to accept, with regrets, Mr. Sullivan's resignation from the Plan, Zoning and Development Commission. Motion carried.

A letter from John R. Carrozza requesting permission to conduct the Knights of Columbus annual Mental Retardation Learning Disabilities Fund Drive on Friday and Saturday, September 21 and 22, 2012.

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

A letter from David L. Ransom, Jr., Owner of D & R Press requesting permission to block Webster Street from north of the alley to Grand Avenue on Thursday, September 13, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m for a 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

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

A letter from Courtney Knox of St. Vincent Ferrer School requesting permission to display banners at Central Park.

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

A letter from Nancy Turry, Manager of Misericordia requesting permission to hold a Candy Days fundraiser on April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

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

A letter from Bernie Center requesting permission to hold a 2012 Elmwood Park Rush Homecoming Parade on Saturday, September 1, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

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

The last communication was a letter from Village Trustee and Deputy Village President Alan Bennett who has requested that the Board accept his resignation. He has been on the Village Board for the past 37 years since 1975. He is the longest elected serving trustee in the Village of Elmwood Park. His letter was read into record.

Each Board member expressed their thanks and appreciation to Mr. Bennett for his devoted service to the Village of Elmwood Park. Congratulations and best wishes were extended on his

retirement.

The President presented Mr. Bennett with a watch and plaque on behalf of the Village Board and the people of Elmwood Park.

A motion was made by Mr. Forte and seconded by Mr. Kaminski to accept, with regrets, Mr. Bennett's letter of resignation effective August 23, 2012. Motion carried.

The President asked that we take a moment of silence in remembrance of Mayor Mueller of Lombard, who passed away from West Nile Virus at the age of 76. Mayor Mueller's wife, Elaine Rogers, grew up in Elmwood Park and they were married at St. Celestine's Church.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Engagement Letter for Bond Counsel Services Between the Law Offices of Ice Miller, LLP and the Village of Elmwood Park.

A motion was made by Mr. Kaminski and seconded by Mr. Sargent to approve the above Resolution.

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

### **ORDINANCES**

An Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code of the Village of Elmwood Park, Cook County, Illinois, by Adding Thereto Chapter 41E, Entitled "Vacant Buildings."

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 Kaminski, Alan Bennett, and President Peter Silvestri. "Nays": None. Motion carried.

## OLD BUSINESS

Tabled: Community Video Tour Agreement - CGI Communications, Inc.

Upon the advice of counsel, the Community Video Tour Agreement - CGI Communications, Inc. will remain on table. No Board action is required.

## NEW BUSINESS

There will be no meeting on Monday, September 3, 2012 due to the Labor Day holiday which requires the Board to give the Village Manager permission to authorize the payment of bills.

A motion was made by Mr. LaBarbera and seconded by Mr. Kaminski to allow the Village Manager to approve the bills and vouchers for the month of August 2012 with full power to act with final ratification by the Board at the next meeting, September 17, 2012.

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

The next item is a communication sent by the President to the Board on August 9, 2012 with reference to the Centennial Celebration of the Village.

On April 8, 2014, the Village of Elmwood Park will celebrate its centennial anniversary of our incorporation. President Silvestri would like to designate the period of January 1, 2013 to July 4, 2014 as centennial celebration. All special events should be dedicated to highlighting our upcoming 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

In addition, the President is recommending naming the new proposed park as "Centennial Park."

A motion was made by Mr. Kaminski and seconded by Mrs. Stranges to designate the period January 1, 2013 to July 4, 2014 as our centennial celebration. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Stranges and seconded by Mr. Sargent to create a centennial committee, comprised of our special events commission, our special events coordinator and



appropriate department directors. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Bennett and seconded by Mr. Sargent to name the proposed park at 76<sup>th</sup> and Armitage as "Centennial Park." 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.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

The next meeting of the President and Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, September 17, 2012. No meeting will be held on Monday, September 3, 2012 in observance of Labor Day.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsie Sutter  
Village Clerk

