

**THE 2115th REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTES
VILLAGE OF ELMWOOD PARK**

The 2115th regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees was called to order by Village President Peter Silvestri on Monday, July 16, 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.

A moment of silence was also taken in remembrance of Robert Sassetti a member of the Board of Education who passed way.

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.

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

At this time, with the leave of the Board, President Silvestri took the agenda out of order to recognize the following individuals:

The Elmwood Park Lady Tigers 18 Under Softball Team for Winning the USSSA State Tournament. Certificates of Merit were presented to Coach Phil Sassone, Jamie Mueller, Bob Maize and Jim Kelly. The girls team were also presented with Certificates of Merit: Abby Bitterman, Catherine Conte, Nicole DiGiovanni, Kayla Garcia, Becky Gruber, Shannon Hodges, Katelyn Jakobsen, Morgan Maize, Dana Sullivan, Ariana Kelly, Michelle Sansone, Angela Scalzitti, Gabby Uvelli and Michelle Williams.

Congratulations were extended to the coaches, team players and parents for their great efforts in becoming the State Champions.

The next presentation was to an individual who has served our community well, for thirty-one years. Richard Mazzulla served on the school board, Plan Zoning and Development Commission and active in Veterans Affairs.

On behalf of the people of Elmwood Park and the Board of Trustees the President thanked him for all his services and was presented with plaque. Congratulations were extended to Mr. Mazzulla.

A motion was made by Mr. Bennett and seconded by Mr. Forte to approve the Minutes of the President and Board of Trustees Meeting and Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Monday, July 2, 2012. Motion carried.

APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL

The Clerk presented the following applications for business Licenses:

License for:	Location	Applicant
Electrical	129 N. Channel Dr. Round Lake Beach, IL.	B & E Electric
Roofer	926 Forest River Forest, IL.	Bald Eagle Construction
Roofer	702 Western Ave. Lombard, IL.	Complete Bldg. Maint. Co.
Concrete	525 N. Central Addison, IL.	Envision Bldg. Group, LLC
Asphalt	2818 Pearl Melrose Park, IL.	Fahey & Son Paving
Window & Doors	6742 W. Archer Chicago, IL.	Horan Glass Block, Inc.
Carpentry	1740 Potter Rd. Park Ridge, IL.	J. M . Construction

Carpentry	2542 N. Mason Chicago, IL.	Manny's Handyman Service
Carpentry	7033 W. Higgins Chicago, IL.	Miro Bldrs.Inc.
Brick Paving	31600 Fisher Road Volo, IL.	Perricone Bros. Landscaping
Electrical	1164 Sherwood Rd. Highland Park, IL.	Phitz Electric
HVAC	8038 Central Park Skokie, IL.	Precision Heating Air Cond.
Fencing	1433 East Ave. Berwyn, IL.	Valencia's Fencing Co.
Scavenger	4869 W. Concord Pl. Chicago, IL.	Jun King
Home Occupation	7438 W. Fullerton Ave. Elmwood Park, IL.	Certified VIP Landscaping LLC
Business	7334 W. Diversey Elmwood Park, IL. .	Myrna Hair Design
Business	7500 W. Grand Ave. Elmwood Park, IL.	Vesta Security Services, Inc.
Sign Permit (Bldg.- Flat)	2834 N. Harlem Elmwood Park, IL.	Title Max
Sign Permit (Flat - Pole)	2834 N. Harlem Elmwood Park, IL.	Title Max

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

BILLS AND VOUCHERS

None at this meeting.

Public comments accepted at 7:15 p.m.

Scott Manno
1829 Thatcher
Elmwood Park, IL.

Was concerned about Veterans of Wars flags being sold at garage sales. Would like to see an ordinance adopted to ban fireworks as well as an ordinance on the flag issue.

Joe Ponzio
1645 76th Ct.
Elmwood Park, IL.

Commented on water rate petitions.

Kathy Foley
7784 Elmgrove
Elmwood Park, IL.

Commented on number of vacated homes, raccoons and garbage.

Diane Marchetti
2322 73rd Ct.
Elmwood Park, IL.

Commented on raccoons and vacant homes.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND TRUSTEES

Village Clerk Sutter reported that on June 16, 2012 the Village of Elmwood Park participated in an auction held at Triton College in conjunction with the West Central Municipal Conference. There were nine items, police cars, dump trucks, a Mulch Master, etc. The amount collected was \$20,300.00 less a ten per cent commission of \$2,030.00 leaving the balance of \$18,270.00 which was paid to the Village of Elmwood Park.

Mrs. Stranges reported that the Arts and Special Events Commission will hold a Children's Day at the Farmer's Market on Sunday, July 21, 2012, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. The October Farmer's Market has been changed to October 14th and October 28th.

Mr. Sargent reported that the last bike ride was successful and there will be two more bike rides scheduled.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Volpe reported that he was notified by Leyden Township that Clark would be spraying for mosquitoes sometime this evening.

A reminder that a public meeting will be held at the Parks and Rec Center on Thursday, July 19th at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the proposed Flood Mitigation Plan.

Mr. Volpe also discussed the Blackboard Connect System. There were many contacts made to residents and the system seems to be successful.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Silvestri thanked the Board members, State Representative Saviano, Senator Don Harmon, Principal and staff of St. Pat's High School, Village employees, and members of the public that were present at the corner of 74th Court and Fullerton where the 2300 block honorary sign was dedicated to Lance Corp. Nickolas Daniel Way. It was very well attended, a very moving experience and the family were very thankful.

The Belmont Streetscape project is completed and the grand opening was held at 5:00 p.m. All the business owners came out and participated in the ceremony.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter from Orion Galey, Construction Engineer of Christopher B. Burke Engineering regarding a recommendation to award the Green Alleys project to the lowest bidder, Schroeder & Schroeder, Inc. in the amount of \$391,667.80.

A motion was made by Mr. Sargent and seconded by Mr. Bennett to concur with the recommendation of Christopher B. Burke Engineering and award the bid to the lowest qualified bidder, Schroeder & Schroeder, Inc. for the Green Alleys project in the amount of \$391,667.80. A total of six bids were submitted.

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

A letter from Gina Pesko, Secretary of the Arts and Special Events Commission requesting permission to plan a "Kids Day at the Market" on July 22nd to coincide with the Farmers Market, and also to request permission to have two more community bike rides on Sunday, August 26, 2012 and Thursday, September 13, 2012.

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

The President asked the advice and consent of the Board on the appointment of Carmen Forte Jr. to the Plan, Zoning and Development Commission with a term to expire on April 30, 2013.

A motion was made by Mrs. Stranges and seconded by Mr. Bennett to allow Trustee Forte to abstain from voting on the above appointment. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Bennett and seconded by Mrs. Stranges to concur with the advice and consent of the President on the appointment of Carmen Forte, Jr. to the Plan, Zoning and Development Commission. "Ayes": 6, "Nays": None. Abstain: 1 (Mr. Forte). Motion carried.

This next letter was received after the agenda was printed. This is informational to the Board and will be ratified for action at the next meeting.

The members of the Elmwood Park Fire Department are requesting permission to collect funds for the Muscular Dystrophy Association on July 20, July 27, and "August 3, 2012.

Mr. Bennett directed the Village Manager to issue a memo to all acting participants stating that if an item is to be brought before the Board, that information must be submitted before the agenda is printed. No item will be accepted for action once the agenda is printed.

RESOLUTIONS

A Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of an Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development Grant Program Project Agreement in the Amount of \$163,100.00. The development grant will be used for the proposed park at 76th and Armitage Avenues.

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 Being the Annual Appropriation Ordinance Making the Appropriation for Corporate Purposes of the Village of Elmwood Park, Cook County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Commencing May 1, 2012 and Ending April 30, 2013. The tax levy will decrease by 5.3%.

A motion was made by Mr. Bennett and seconded by Mr. Forte 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

A Revised Administration Policy Installation of Honorary Street Name Signs.

A motion was made by Mrs. Stranges and seconded by Mr. LaBarbera to accept the revised Administration Policy Installation of Honorary Street Name Signs. Motion carried.

The President announced that there is one error, item six should have been removed from the policy.

A motion was made by Mr. Sargent and seconded by Mr. Forte to amend the policy by deleting item six. Motion carried.

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.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

The next meeting of the President and Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, August 6, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsie Sutter
Village Clerk

