

**THE 2114<sup>th</sup> REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTES  
VILLAGE OF ELMWOOD PARK**

The 2114<sup>th</sup> regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees was called to order by Village President Peter Silvestri on Monday, July 2, 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 Mike Durava, a thirty-four year veteran Firefighter who retired in 2007 from the Elmwood Park Fire Department. Mr. Durava suffered a massive heart attack and passed away at the age of 61.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Forte and seconded by Mr. Sargent to excuse Mr. Kaminski from being absent. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Bennett and seconded by Mr. Sargent to approve the Minutes of the President and Board of Trustees Meeting and Minutes of the Public Hearing on the Appropriation Ordinance held on Monday, June 18, 2012. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Stranges and seconded by Mr. Bennett to Receive and File Minutes of the Arts and Special Events Commission Meeting held on Tuesday, June 19, Motion carried.

**APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL**

The Clerk presented the following applications for business Licenses:

<b>License for:</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Applicant</b>
Sign Permit	7334 W. Diversey Elmwood Park, IL.	Myrna Hair Design
Concrete	1538 Brandy Pkway. Streamwood, IL.	DCH Concrete
Electrical	6440 W. Algonquin Chicago, IL.	Edgebrook Elec.
Roofer	1517 Woodland Dr. South Elgin, IL.	First Choice Roofing, Inc.
Masonry	9357 S. Avers Evergreen Park, IL.	Kerry Masonry
HVAC	5239 S. LeClaire Ave, Chicago, IL.	MDB Mechanical
Carpentry	103 Orchard Terrace Lombard, IL.	Modern En- hancements Inc.
Roofer	1251 Bass Wood Schaumburg, IL.	MY Home- restoration
Carpentry	4929 N. Natchez Chicago, IL.	Primus Builders
Roofer	8642 Hotchkiss Dr. Frankfort, IL.	Pro-American Home Improvement
Roofer	1501 W. Fry St. Chicago, IL.	Roof Guard Chicago, LLC.
Brick Paving	1938 N. Kenneth Chicago, IL.	Walter's Land- scaping
Electrical	2221 Noyes St. Evanston, IL.	Wirehaus
Scavenger	2433 N. Rutherford Chicago, IL.	Pedro Jimenez

Home Occupation	1742 N. 73 <sup>rd</sup> Ct. Elmwood Park, IL.	Water & Sewer Construction
Home Occupation	7935 W. Wellington Elmwood Park, IL.	Stellation Group

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

### BILLS AND VOUCHERS

President Silvestri summarized the following Bills and Vouchers for the period ending June 29, 2012. Summary of Expenditures Approved:

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:**

General Fund	\$	400,983.04
Water Fund	\$	204,846.98
Parks and Recreation Fund	\$	69,566.16
TIF Fund	\$	1,155.00
Garbage Fund	\$	138,950.00
Emergency Telephone System Fund	\$	58,627.42
New Capital Projects Fund	\$	8,571.37
Special Events/Fest Fund	\$	<u>8,790.00</u>
<b>TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>891,489.97</b>

**PAYROLL:**

<b>General Fund</b>		
Administration	\$	118,747.11
Code Administration	\$	30,581.38
Police Department	\$	231,341.76
Police Additional Pay	\$	34,453.39
Public Works	\$	88,353.84
Fire Department	\$	171,627.83
Fire Additional Pay	\$	<u>10,164.36</u>
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>685,270.17</b>
Water Fund	\$	28,785.02
Playground & Recreation Fund	\$	<u>61,573.48</u>
<b>Total Gross Payroll</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>775,628.67</b>
IMRF & FICA Village Portion	\$	<u>61,012.87</u>

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR BOARD APPROVAL REPORT**

**\$ 1,728,131.51**

A motion was made by Mr. Bennett and seconded by Mr. Sargent to approve the bills and vouchers for the month of June, 2012, and authorize execution for payment by the President.

Mr. Bennett reported that the Finance Committee met at 6:30 p.m. and 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, Carmen Forte, Jeff Sargent, Alan Bennett and President Peter Silvestri. "Nays": None. Absent: (1) Alan Kaminski. Motion carried.

Public comments accepted at 7:05 p.m.

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

Commented on covered recycling bins and old boilers. Mr. Dino Braglia, Director of Public Works/Water informed Mr. Gorski that the Village does home inspections to make sure that the homes with old boilers comply with the Village Ordinance.

Elvis Hernandez  
2146 N. 73<sup>rd</sup> Ct.  
Elmwood Park, IL.

Commented on recent voter fraud issue. President Silvestri informed Mr. Hernandez that the County Clerk administers voter registrations in our county by state law, and that no further action has been taken.

Elaine Lim  
2643 N, 78<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Elmwood Park, IL.

Commented on freight trains and orange circles that were painted in the alley behind her garage and in the alley on 77<sup>th</sup> Court.

Pat Stranski  
1845 N. 74<sup>th</sup> Court  
Elmwood Park, IL.

Thanked the staff at the Parks and Recreation Center for taking care of the baseball Pool Party during the storm. They handled everything and worked very hard to remove debris so that they were able to swim after the storm.

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

Mrs. Stranges reported on the community bike ride that is scheduled at Central Park on July 12, 2011.

Mr. Sargent expressed his thanks and appreciation to the Elmwood Park Police Department, Fire Department, and Public Works for removing fallen branches off the street and assisting people however they could during the storm. The Village of Elmwood Park is fortunate to have these departments.

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

Mr. Durkin reported on the two Resolutions Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreements, one with the Police Union and one with the Firefighters Association. Mr. Durkin received a telephone call from the FOP (Fraternal Order of Police) representative asking that the Village delay voting on the contract because of an internal issue. Because of a retroactive payment, Mr. Durkin recommends that the Board ratify both the Fire and Police contracts, but that the President and Clerk not sign that contract until the FOP issue is addressed. This will not impact the Village in any negative way.

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

Mr. Volpe reported that starting tonight residents are able to watch meetings of the Village Board live and on-demand from a portal on the Elmwood Park website. The Village has partnered with Granicus, a leader in government transparency and citizen collaboration solutions. This system will provide another convenient alternative for the public to stay involved in and informed about Elmwood Park government.

The Village is moving forward with the implementation of Blackboard Connect, a mass notification platform that will enhance communication and emergency preparedness. There is a link on the Village web-site where residents can manage their individual accounts. As part of that, participants can choose

which messages they want to receive and how they want to receive them.

Mr. Volpe also reported that the Village is moving forward with a program to allow residents to pay water bills on-line. Residents will also be able to receive their water bills electronically if they choose. Payments can be made by credit card or by debiting a checking account. We anticipate that these enhancements will be available by the fourth quarter 2012.

Lastly, Mr. Volpe acknowledged the effective response from a variety of Village personnel following yesterday's storm. Under the leadership of Police Chief Frank Fagiano, Fire Chief Michael Marino and Public Works Director Dino Braglia crews were sent out and cleared the streets rapidly. We thank them for their hard work and also to the residents for their patience and assistance throughout this event.

Mr. Volpe reported that initial efforts are being taken to enhance the Skate Park on Fullerton. Mr. Volpe has been working with Recreation Director Al Schmidt who have been developing plans to install an in-line Skate Hockey Rink on the North-end of the Skate Park where the basketball rims are. There are no specific plans to share at this time.

#### **PRESIDENT' S REPORT**

President Silvestri also commended the Police, Fire and Public Works Departments for their quick response to the storm that occurred yesterday.

The President also announced that the State has granted the Village an additional park grant for the development of the park at Armitage and 76<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The Village will receive \$162,100.00 to develop the Park. This program helped to develop Central Park, Torpe Park, Mills Park and now the new park.

President Silvestri reported that he and Chief Marino were present for Liberty Sunday Program at the New Horizon Temple. It was a very patriotic and spiritual, and thanked Pastor Sagil for having both the President and Chief Marino on the program. School Board member Al Fang was also present.

Congratulations were extended to the Elmwood Park Softball and Baseball children who concluded their season. The President gave out trophies and awards at the Pinto Division.

## COMMUNICATIONS

A letter from Barbara Pisciotto of the Elmwood Park Bible Church requesting permission to host an Open House on Saturday, August 4, 2012 from 12:00 p.m to 4:00 p.m. and to block the east end of the alley at 75<sup>th</sup> Avenue for the duration of the event.

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

A letter from John Ponce de Leon of the St. Rocco di Potenza Society requesting permission to enter Elmwood Park on Sunday, August 19, 2012 at 1:30 p.m.

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

A letter from Michael Monczynski requesting permission to have a Car show on the Sears Auto Center parking lot on August 5, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

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

A letter of resignation from Richard Mazzulla of the Plan, Zoning and Development Commission. Mr. Mazzulla has decided to retire from service on the PZD. He has done a commendable and admirable job on that Commission and prior to that he was on the Board of Education.

A motion was made by Mr. Bennett and seconded by Mr. Forte to accept the letter of resignation with deep regret. Motion carried.

A letter from the Boy Scouts Troop 687, Ray Kalwajtys thanking the Village for the donation to the Boy Scout Troop. No Board action required.

A letter from Donna Bushby requesting to be considered as a member on the Arts and Special Events Commission.

The President asked the advice and consent of the Board on the appointment of Donna Bushby as a member of the Arts and Special Events Commission due to the resignation of Jim Parenti.

A motion was made by Mr. Forte and seconded by Ms. Stranges to concur with the advice and consent of the President on the above appointment. Motion carried.

A letter from John Fortmann, Acting Deputy Executive Director of Highways, Illinois Dept. of Transportation informing the Village that they have been working on the preparation of construction plans for the improvement of Illinois Route 64 (North Avenue) over Des Plaines River in Cook County. This project is currently included in the Department's FY 2013-2018.

A letter from Alexander D. Clifford, Executive Director/CEO of Metra informing the Village of a new strategic plan and open house meetings. Informational. No Board action required.

A copy of a Proposed Resolution from the Cook County Board to create an advisory board whose purpose is to consider various land banking models for the County. Land Banking is a tool that has been used by more than 80 local governments in 23 states to get vacant properties back into a productive use. Informational. No Board action required.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

A Resolution Approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Village of Elmwood Park and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council, FOP Lodge #48.

A motion was made by Mr. Bennett and seconded by Mr. Sargent to approve the above Resolution subject to execution by the President and Village Clerk.

On roll call the following voted "Aye": Sam LaBarbera, Angela Stranges, Carmen Forte, Jeff Sargent, Alan Bennett and President Peter Silvestri. "Nays": None. Absent: (1) Alan Kaminski, Motion carried.

A Resolution Approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Village of Elmwood Park and the Elmwood Park Firefighters Association.

A motion was made by Mr. Bennett 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 Bennett and President Peter Silvestri. "Nays": None. Absent: (1) Alan Kaminski, Motion carried.

President Silvestri expressed his thanks and congratulated Mr. Durkin and the team negotiators from all three Unions who worked hard on these agreements. He also thanked former Village Manager Dalicandro for his hard work. The President also thanked Mr. Don Kmiecik and Mr. Dalicandro who went to Springfield several times to testify at the Department of Natural Resources on the park grant.

### ORDINANCES

An Ordinance Providing for the Submission to the Electors of the Village of Elmwood Park, Cook County, the Question Whether the Village Should Have the Authority Pursuant to the Illinois Power Agency Act to Arrange for the Supply of Electricity for its Residential and Small Commercial Retail Customers Who Have Not Opted Out of Such Programs.

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 Bennett and President Peter Silvestri. "Nays": None. Absent: (1) Alan Kaminski, Motion carried.

An Ordinance Providing for the Submission to the Electors of the Village of Elmwood Park, Cook County, the Advisory Question Whether the Village Should Have the Authority to Arrange for the Supply of Natural Gas for its Residential and Small Commercial Retail Customers Who Have Not Opted Out of Such Program.

A motion was made by Mr. Forte and seconded by Ms. Stranges to approve the above Ordinance.

On roll call the following voted "Aye": Sam LaBarbera, Angela Stranges, Carmen Forte, Jeff Sargent, Alan Bennett and President Peter Silvestri. "Nays": None. Absent: (1) Alan Kaminski, Motion carried.

An Ordinance Providing for the Submission to the Electors of the Village of Elmwood Park, Cook County, the Advisory Question Whether the Village Should Support Legislation Authorizing the Use of Speed Cameras in School Zones in the Village of Elmwood Park.

A motion was made by Mr. Forte and seconded by Ms. Stranges to approve the above Ordinance.

On roll call the following voted "Aye": Sam LaBarbera, Angela Stranges, Carmen Forte, Jeff Sargent, Alan Bennett and President Peter Silvestri. "Nays": None. Absent: (1) Alan Kaminski, Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

The President announced that the Village has ordered the Honorary Street Signs for seven different blocks that will be honoring people who have contributed to the quality of life in Elmwood Park and beyond.

President Silvestri wished everyone a Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July and reminded them of the parade and festivities.

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 7:45p.m.

The next meeting of the President and Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, July 16, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsie Sutter  
Village Clerk



