

**THE 2106th REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTES
VILLAGE OF ELMWOOD PARK**

The 2106th regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees was called to order by Deputy Village President Alan Bennett on Monday, March 5, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Chambers.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

On roll call the following trustees were present: Sam LaBarbera, Angela Stranges, Carmen Forte, Jeff Sargent, Alan Kaminski, and Alan Bennett. Absent: (1) President Peter N. Silvestri.

A motion was made by Mr. Bennett and seconded by Mr. Kaminski to excuse President Peter Silvestri from the meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. LaBarbera 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, February 6, 2012. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Sargent and seconded by Mr. Kaminski to receive and file Minutes of the Plan, Zoning and Development Commission, Public Hearing Minutes held on Monday, February 13, 2012, and revised Minutes of the Arts and Special Events Commission meeting held on February 23, 2012. Motion carried

APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL

The Clerk presented the following applications for business Licenses:

Sign Permit	7442 Grand Ave. Elmwood Park, IL.	J & T. Smokin' Barbeque
Sign Permit	7457 W. Grand Elmwood Park, IL.	Speed's BP
Carpentry	214 Evolution Highwood, IL.	AJR Construction
Concrete	214 Evolution Highwood, IL.	AJR Construction
HVAC	3557 W. Peterson Chicago, IL.	Concord Heating and Cooling
Electrical	5140 W. Montrose Chicago, IL.	Conrad Electrical
Excavation	9355 Bernice Schiller Park, IL.	Elite Sewer & Water
Masonry	2622 N. 74 th Ct. Elmwood Park, IL.	Elmwood Park Mason and Concrete
Electrical	920 Talma Aurora, IL.	Gallop Electric
Insulation	21W180 Hill 2E Glen Ellyn, IL.	GO Foam Inc.
Concrete	3533 Illinois Wilmette, IL.	Guy Stein
Carpentry	226 S. Hoyne St. Chicago, IL.	H & H Estate Inc.
HVAC	2118 S. Plum Grove Rolling Meadows, IL.	Mac Mechanical
Mold Renovation	17W710 Butterfield Oak Brook Terrace, IL.	Mold Removal

Concrete	7421 W. Archer Ave. Summit, IL.	Pro Mc Constr.
Carpentry	3342 W. Diversey Elmwood Park, IL.	S P Remodelers
Electrical	2634 Laurel Wilmette, IL.	Salvivan VA
Roofer	799 Linden Elmhurst, IL.	Spencer Roofs
HVAC	2607 Spruce St. River Grove, IL.	Standy Heating and Cooling Inc.
Electrical	6428 S. Vernon Chicago, IL.	TLT Electrical
Carpentry	3052 W. Cermak Chicago, IL.	WJR Remodeling
Home Occupation	2622 N. 74 th Ct. Elmwood Park, IL.	Elmwood Park Mason Concrete
Scavenger	4355 W. Thomas Chicago, Illinois	Hernandez Metals
Business	7437 W. Diversey Elmwood Park, IL.	G&R Groceries
Scavenger	2600 N, 72 nd Ct. Elmwood Park, IL.	Benitez Junker
Home Occupation	2240 N. 76 th Ave. Elmwood Park, IL.	Varela's Goldzcash Exchange

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

In reviewing the applications, Mr. Kaminski found that S. P. Remodelers applied for a Contractor's License but the address is a residence and therefore the applicant must also apply for a Home Occupation License as well. This will be brought to the attention of the Code Department.

Motion carried.

BILLS AND VOUCHERS

Deputy President Bennett summarized the following Bills and Vouchers for the period ending February 2012. Summary of Expenditures Approved:

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

General Fund	\$ 427,895.13
Water Fund	\$ 218,957.51
Parks and Recreation Fund	\$ 13,271.03
TIF Fund	\$ 32,980.37
Garbage Fund	\$ 141,816.73
New Capital Projects	<u>\$ 4,170.76</u>

TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE **\$ 839,091.53**

PAYROLL:

General Fund

Administration	\$ 58,271.73
Code Administration	\$ 29,597.92
Police Department	\$ 232,784.44
Police Additional Pay	\$ 37,160.13
Public Works	\$ 102,119.84
Fire Department	\$ 154,980.42
Fire Additional Pay	<u>\$ 6,630.56</u>

Total General Fund **\$ 621,545.04**

Water Fund	\$ 25,394.68
Playground & Recreation Fund	<u>\$ 30,024.24</u>

Total Gross Payroll **\$ 676,963.96**

IMRF & FICA Village Portion \$ 51,222.38

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR BOARD APPROVAL REPORT

\$ 1,567,277.87

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

Mr. Kaminski reported that the Finance Committee met at 6:30 p.m. and reviewed the bills and vouchers for February 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 Kaminski, and Alan Bennett. Absent: (1) President Peter Silvestri. "Nays": None. Motion carried.

Public comments at 7:15 p.m.

At this time Deputy President Alan Bennett announced that he would provide information regarding the postcard that was sent out by a political party to create concerns regarding the water rate changes in the Village of Elmwood Park. The postcard only told half of the story therefore Mr. Bennett provided everyone present with the other half of the story.

The Village of Elmwood Park was informed by the City of Chicago that there would be a 4-year water increase. Since the Village of Elmwood Park purchases its potable water supply from the City of Chicago, the Village of Elmwood Park had to increase the water and sewer rates in order to compensate for the rate increases being charged to the Village by the City of Chicago.

Mr. Bennett explained in great detail that every dollar that we pay for water goes into an entirely separate Village water fund. This water fund is used to defray expenses associated with the maintenance and improvement of both the Villages water and sewer systems. No property taxes are involved and he explained that only user fees support these two systems. He further went on to explain what functions and programs are used from these user fees and any surplus goes toward infrastructure improvements.

Dean Pritt
2829 N. 75th Court
Elmwood Park, IL.

Commented on the percentage rate on water

Frank Gagliardo
1725 75th Avenue
Elmwood Park, IL.

Commented on flooding and wanted to know if the surplus money is going to be used to alleviate flooding.

Elvis Hernandez
2136 74th Court
Elmwood Park, IL.

Commented on flooding issues and the increases on the water rates.

Mr. Bennett explained that the Village maintains a ratio between the cost that we pay for water and the cost that we charge our residents. As indicated, we pay \$2.51 per thousand gallons of water, we charge residents \$8.51. The difference is the money is a ratio that we will maintain because we have determined historically that we need those dollars to maintain our own system to fund our water department budget.

Paul Marzullo
7944 Fletcher
Elmwood Park, IL.

Commented on water sewers and rates.

Ken Gorski
2018 N. 75th Avenue
Elmwood Park, IL.

Commented on water rates.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND TRUSTEES

Village Clerk Sutter announced that the Village of Elmwood Park was presented with a plaque on February 29th from the American Cancer Society, Relay for Life. This was in recognition of growth in the following areas: Survivor Development Team Development and Fundraising Development.

Mr. Forte reported that on March 1, 2012 he attended the Village of Oak Park's special meeting on flood mitigation. He gave a very comprehensive report on what the Village of Oak Park will be spending to alleviate flood areas. They will be going to be spending money on sewer televising, Elmwood Park does that regularly. Many of the projects that will be undertaken by Oak Park has already been done by Elmwood Park.

Mr. Kaminski reported that he attended the annual meeting of the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission on March 2, 2012. Mr. Kaminski named the new slate of officers.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Durkin reported that there are several resolutions on the agenda. The resolution on the Collective Bargaining with the Teamsters was placed on the agenda last week pending the bargaining units' ratification note which took place today, and was pleased to report that the Union ratified the agreement for a two year term covering the period May 1, 2011 through April 30, 2013.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Dalicandro reported that electronic items can no longer be disposed of in the regular garbage. An E-Waste recycling dumpster has now been placed at the Village Public Works facility at 7330 West Fullerton. Residents can bring their e-waste items and place them inside the dumpster. Seniors can call the Public Works Department if they need a special pick-up.

On the agenda is an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Illinois Office of Comptroller and the Village of Elmwood Park. This will allow the Comptroller's office to provide the Village of Elmwood Park access to the Local Debt Recovery Program for the purpose of collecting both tax and non-tax debts owed to the Village. Specifically in our case, parking tickets, code violations and other debts owed to the Village.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Bennett reported that on March 1, 2012 the CMAP consultants conducted their workshop at the Parks and Rec building. Present was the Village Manager, several trustees, Library Board members and members of the Plan, Zoning and Development Commission. There were approximately fifty (50) residents present to help focus the future of the Village of Elmwood Park. It was a very productive meeting and we are moving forward with the assistance of the CMAP consultants on that project.

In addition, Mr. Bennett reminded everyone that on the March 20th ballot, there is a referendum that authorizes the Village of Elmwood Park to negotiate and go out to bid for electrical rates for the residents of our community. Recent legislation has allowed municipalities to act as agents for its residents, with their permission, to go out and seek lower prices for electricity.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter from Frank Kucera, Elmwood Park Firefighters Pension Board Secretary, requesting reappointment of Carmen Forte to the Fire Pension Board.

Deputy President Bennett asked the advice and consent of the Board on the reappointment of Carmen Forte to the Fire Pension Board for a three-year term to begin April 17, 2012 and expires April 2015.

A motion was made by Mr. Kaminski and seconded by Mrs. Stranges to concur with the advice and consent of the Deputy President on the reappointment of Carmen Forte to the Fire Pension Board for a three year term. Motion carried.

A letter from Richard A. Mazzulla, Secretary of the Plan, Zoning and Development Commission for a special use permit from Zbignew Kopacz on behalf of Advanced Design Systems, Inc, . d/b/a All Lab Tests Fast in order to open a medical testing clinic located at 7520 W. Diversey. The Plan, Zoning and Development Commission recommended that the President and Board of Trustees approve the special use.

A motion was made by Mr. Sargent and seconded by Mr. Forte to concur with the recommendation of the Plan, Zoning and Development Commission and approve the special use for All Lab Tests Fast, and direct the Village Attorney to draft the appropriate ordinance. Motion carried.

A letter from the Elmwood Park High School Athletic Booster Club thanking the Village for the generous donation at the Candle Light Bowl. Informational. No Board action required.

A letter from Village Clerk Sutter requesting approval for the following dates for Garage Sales for the calendar year 2012:

June 8th, 9th and 10th
July 13th, 14th, and 15th
August 3rd, 4th, and 5th
September 7th, 8th, and 9th

Also, Monday, April 16th through Thursday, April 19, 2012 will be designated as Spring Clean Up Week. Unlimited garbage will be picked up free of charge on the day of your garbage pick-up. No stickers will be necessary.

A motion was made by Mr. Sargent, and seconded by Mr. Forte to approve the above dates. Motion carried.

A letter from Toni Preckwinkle, President Cook County Board of Commissioners informing us that Cook County and the State of Illinois will continue to conduct a radon awareness program by distributing radon detector kits. Kits can be ordered for the low cost of \$7.00. Informational. No Board action required.

A letter from Scott E. Johnson, Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshall commending Fire Chief Michael J. Marino and personal gratitude for his support during an underground storage tank leak investigation at 2144 N, Harlem. His support was critical to the safe and successful completion of this operation. Deepest appreciation was extended to Chief Marino and his staff at the Village of Elmwood Park Fire Department.

A letter from President Peter N. Silvestri on the appointment of Bart Smith to the Youth Commission.

Deputy President Bennett asked the advice and consent of the Board on the appointment of Bart Smith to the Youth Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Sargent and seconded by Mrs. Stranges to concur with the advice and consent of the Deputy President on the appointment of Bart Smith to the Youth Commission. Motion carried.

A thank you note read into the record from Lance Corporal Nick Daniels family.

RESOLUTIONS

A Resolution for Street Improvements under the Illinois Highway Code for the following streets:

74th Court from Wellington Avenue to Schubert Ave.
73rd Avenue from Wellington Avenue to Diversey Ave.
73rd Avenue from Diversey Avenue to Wrightwood Ave.
Schubert Avenue from 73rd Ave. to Harlem Ave.
78th Avenue from Wellington Ave. to Sunset Ave.

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

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

A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution Of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Office of the Comptroller Regarding Access to Comptroller's Local Debt Recovery Program.

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

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

A Resolution Approving an Agreement with the Village of River Grove and the Daily Herald Media Group for the Preparation of a Village of Elmwood Park/Village of River Grove Community Map and Special Events Schedule.

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

A Resolution Approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Village of Elmwood Park and Truck Drivers, Oil Drivers, Filling Station and Platform Workers Union, Local No. 705, an Affiliate of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

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

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

The next meeting of the President and Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, March 19, 2012.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsie Sutter
Village Clerk

