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THE 2125<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
VILLAGE OF ELMWOOD PARK

The 2125<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees was called to order by Village President Peter Silvestri on Monday, February 4, 2013 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.

Also a moment of silence was taken in remembrance of Rose Del Boccio, long time Elmwood Park resident, mother of Township Clerk Donna Geneva Roehri and a wonderful woman who was involved in many organizations in our community. May she rest in peace.

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

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

A motion was made by Mr. Kaminski and seconded by Mr. Sargent to approve the Minutes of the President and Board of Trustees Meeting and Finance Committee Meeting held on Monday, January 7, 2013. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Stranges and seconded by Mr. Fang to Receive and file Minutes of the Traffic and Safety Commission Meeting held on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 and Minutes of the Plan, Zoning and Development Commission Meeting held on Monday, January 14, 2013. Motion carried.

APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL

The Clerk presented the following applications for business Licenses:

<b>License for:</b>	<b>Location:</b>	<b>Applicant:</b>
Tree Removal	P. O. Box 1092 Northbrook, IL.	Aquilar Tree Service
Carpentry	4216 W. Division Chicago, IL.	Construction Association
Carpentry	642 Washington Elmhurst, IL.	Dangan Constr.
HVAC	1028 Longaker Rd. Northbrook, IL.	Indoor Luxury Inc.
Electrical	6359 W. Huntington Chicago, IL.	Lillymac Elec.
Carpentry	361 N. York St. Elmhurst, IL.	MJD Remodel- ing Plus
HVAC	6631 Stanley Ave. Berwyn, IL.	Martin-Aire Heating & Cooling
Electrical	5450 N. LaCrosse Chicago, IL.	Nicolas Mociran Elec.
HVAC	1318 Iroquois Ln. Darien, IL.	Piotr Wolyniec
Carpentry	290 Willard Ave. Elgin, IL.	Pulido's Construction
HVAC	517 Rambler Ln. Streamwood, IL.	Service Tech
Sign Permit	25 W. Conti Pkwy. Elmwood Park, IL.	Chiropractic Family Health

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

BILLS AND VOUCHERS

President Silvestri summarized the following Bills and Vouchers for the period ending January, 2013. Summary of Expenditures Approved:

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:**

General Fund	\$	294,561.87
Water Fund	\$	369,196.21
Emergency Telephone System Fund	\$	61,387.31
Parks and Recreation Fund	\$	16,807.96
TIF Fund	\$	89,336.60
Garbage Fund	\$	144,358.00
Motor Fuel Tax Fund	\$	6,262.50
Special Events/Fest Fund	\$	3,250.00
Special Deposit Fund	\$	5,375.00
New Capital Projects Fund	\$	<u>117,602.38</u>
<b>TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,102,752.82</b>

**PAYROLL:**

General Fund		
Administration	\$	62,652.05
Code Administration	\$	30,487.62
Police Department	\$	241,064.08
Police Additional Pay	\$	57,886.26
Public Works	\$	84,601.52
Fire Department	\$	183,495.62
Fire Additional Pay	\$	<u>5,197.66</u>
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>665,384.81</b>
Water Fund	\$	28,830.52
Playground & Recreation Fund	\$	<u>25,647.43</u>
<b>Total Gross Payroll</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>719,862.43</b>
IMRF & FICA Village Portion	\$	<u>54,243.67</u>

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR BOARD APPROVAL REPORT**

**\$ 1,876,859.25**

A motion was made by Mr. Kaminski and seconded by Mr. Sargent to approve the bills and vouchers for the month of January, 2013, 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": Angela Stranges, Carmen Forte. Jeff Sargent, Alan Kaminski, Al Fang and President Peter Silvestri. "Nays": None. Absent: Sam LaBarbera. Motion carried.

#### Announcement of Holiday Decorating Contest.

Southside Residential Winners: Lisa Joyce  
Ciccio Residence

Northside Residential Winners: T. Reymond  
E. Kerner

Southside Block Winners: 1800 block of 72<sup>nd</sup> Court  
Northside Block Winners: 2800 block of 76<sup>th</sup> Court

Each winner was presented with a gift card to a restaurant.

Donors: Café Nucci, 5100 River Road, Schiller Park, IL., Maria's Mexican Restaurant, 1905 N. Harlem Ave., Chicago, IL., Senor Jefe, 7446 North Avenue, Elmwood Park, IL. and New Star Restaurant, 7444 W. North Avenue, Elmwood Park, IL. The President expressed his thanks and appreciation to all the donors and participants in this holiday contest.

Public Comments accepted 7:10 p.m.

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

Wanted an update on the water flow issue. Mr. Volpe informed him that a meeting on a proposal is set for Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>.

Alexander DeMeter  
1314 N. Broadway  
Melrose Park, IL.

Commented on a police issue. The President informed him that this police matter should not be discussed at a public Board Meeting and that the Village Manager would contact him as the next level supervisor.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND TRUSTEES

### ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Durkin reported on the resolution which indicates that we are rescinding the prior award on the two contracts that were awarded regarding the grant from the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus. Mr. Durkin wanted to advise the Board that rather than rescinding the entire resolution we only rescinded the award of those contracts. That resolution also ratifies the acceptance of the grant. Mr. Volpe will address this issue in his report.

### MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Volpe reported on the Lighting Retrofit Grant. He said that last month he reported that the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, the Energy 360 Group conducted a bid for the materials and labor for multiple communities receiving grant funds to upgrade the energy efficiency of their indoor lighting, including Elmwood Park. At that time, it appeared that the low responsible bidder for materials was Helsel Jepperson at \$34,382,88 and the low responsible bidder for labor was All Tech Energy at \$36,215. The Board voted to award to these low bidders.

Since then, Energy 360 discovered that it had made a serious error in the specifications and quantities associated with the work in Elmwood Park. On January 24<sup>th</sup> they advised all responsive bidders that these errors had been made and requested that each submit revised bids. The revised bids were received by Energy 360 on January 28<sup>th</sup>. The low bidder for material was Steiner Electric at \$57,061.02 and for labor was Waldron Electric at \$38,357.90. The resolution will ask the Board to award to the low bidders as indicated. With the updated figures, the grants that the Village will receive will pay for all but \$16,568.92. Total cost of project \$95,418.92.

Mr. Volpe reported on the Village Dial-a-Ride service, the new Village Web Site, the new Comprehensive Plan and CMAP (Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, and the update on the Opt-in Electricity Aggregation Program. Mr. Volpe will provide the Board with a draft copy on the Plan of Operation and Governance for review and also a draft will be on the Village web-site so residents can review it and provide feedback.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Silvestri informed the Board that in his role as a CMAP member, the CMAP staff are very complimentary of our Village employees, staff and the general public for our involvement in the process that we are proceeding.

## COMMUNICATIONS

A letter from James Maurer, AT&T U-verse informing the Village of their new contract agreements. Informational. No Board action required.

A letter from Bill Howard, Cub Scout Master Pack 687 requesting permission to hold a raffle on February 23, 2013.

A motion was made by Mr. Kaminski and seconded by Mr. Sargent granting permission to hold a raffle on February 23, 2013. Motion carried.

A letter from John D. Spina, Co-Chairman of St. Vincent Ferrer Parish requesting permission to hold a raffle on February 2, 2013.

A motion was made by Mr. Kaminski and seconded by Mr. Fang to ratify and approve the raffle previously approved which was held on February 2, 2013. Motion carried.

A letter from Joseph Corna of the Lions Club requesting permission to conduct a raffle on January 21, 2013.

A motion was made by Mr. Kaminski and seconded by Mr. Fang to ratify and approve the raffle previously approved which was held on January 21, 2013. Motion carried.

A letter from Bruce J, Campbell of the Illinois Convenience & Safety Corporation regarding the 2012 shelter revenue share. A check in the amount of \$3,685,53 (10% revenue share) was presented to the Village. Informational. No Board action required.

A letter from Village Clerk Elsie Sutter recommending approval of 2013 Garage Sale dates.

The dates are as follows:

June 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup>  
July 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup>  
August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup>  
September 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>

A motion was made by Mrs. Stranges and seconded by Mr. Kaminski to approve the above 2013 Garage Sale dates as proposed by the Village Clerk. Motion carried.

Also, Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, April 18, 2013 has been designated as Spring Clean Up Week in Elmwood Park. Unlimited garbage will be picked up free of charge on the day of your garbage pick-up day. No stickers will be necessary.

A letter from Christy Bendersky, President of the PATT at Elmwood School requesting permission to conduct a raffle held on January 18, 2013.

A motion was made by Mr. Sargent and seconded by Mr. Kaminski to ratify and approve the above raffle previously approved which was held on January 18, 2013. Motion carried.

A letter from Sister Rosemary Connelly of Misericordia, requesting permission to conduct Jelly/Belly Candy Days on Friday and Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27, 2013.

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

The President announced that the Village provided a raffle prize both to the St. Vincent Ferrer Dinner Dance and Cub Scout Raffle.

A letter from Kim Dunster of the Salvation Army requesting permission to conduct Donut Day on Friday and Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, and Red Kettle Campaign on Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> through December 24, 2013.

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

A recommendation letter from Mike Kersch, Chairman of the Traffic and Safety Commission to install "Resident Parking Only" on the south side of Wellington Avenue from 73<sup>rd</sup> Avenue east to alley.

A motion was made by Mr. Forte and seconded by Mr. Sargent to concur with the recommendation of the Traffic and Safety Commission as amended, to include the area from 73<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, east of 72<sup>nd</sup> Court on Wellington Avenue. Motion carried.

A letter from Gina Pesko, Arts and Special Events Commission informing the Village Board of the resignation of Mrs. Cyndi Ventura from the Commission and recommending the appointment of Mrs. Susie Cowden.

The President asked the advice and consent of the Board on the appointment of Mrs. Susie Cowden to fill the vacancy on the Arts and Special Events Commission.

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

President Silvestri announced that there is an opening on the Board since the retirement of Mr. Alan Bennett as Deputy Village President (who chairs the meeting in the absence of the President).

President Silvestri asked the advice and consent of the Board on the recommendation.

A motion was made by Mr. Forte and seconded by Mr. Sargent to nominate Trustee Alan Kaminski to the role of Deputy President.

Mr. Kaminski asked that he abstain from voting on the above nomination.

A motion was made by Mr. Forte and seconded by Mrs. Stranges to allow Mr. Kaminski to abstain from voting. Motion carried.

A motion was made Mr. Forte and seconded by Mr. Sargent to concur with the President on the recommendation to appoint Alan Kaminski as Deputy Village President, and to serve until the end of this term, May 6, 2013. Motion carried. Alan Kaminski abstained.



RESOLUTIONS

A Resolution Awarding Two Contracts for the Material and Labor Components of the Energy Efficiency Aggregate Grant Project Following Re-bid.

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

ORDINANCES

None at this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

President Silvestri reported on the "Go Greener" in Elmwood Park. Attached is an extensive copy of the Village goals and programs.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Mr. Fang and seconded by Mrs. Stranges. to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

The next meeting of the President and Board of Trustees Will be held on Monday, March 4, 2013. There will be no meeting on February 18, 2013 in observance of President's Day.

Respectfully submitted,



Elsie Sutter  
Village Clerk

## Village of Elmwood Park “Go GREEN(ER) Today!” Initiative

Elmwood Park’s “Go GREEN(ER) Today!” Initiative puts sustainability at the heart of Village goals and embraces a message of “Reduce, Reuse and Recycle”.

Village “green” efforts include:

- promoting the use of electric vehicles (EVs) to **REDUCE** air pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions (including Village sponsorship of EV Charging Stations at public facilities);
- encouraging the use of rain barrels to collect rain water for **REUSE**
- making it easier for residents and visitors to **RECYCLE** by providing solar-powered waste and recycling compacting stations in high-traffic pedestrian areas, as well as providing newer and bigger bins to help increase efforts by individual residents and businesses. A free electronics recycle container is available to residents at the Public Works yard to help residents recycle old electronics.

Read on for descriptions of just some of the ever growing number of “Green” projects that have become permanent fixtures in your community

### ◆ Residential Recycling – FREE Toters

Recycling reduces the amount of waste sent to landfills; conserves natural resources, prevents pollution, saves energy, reduces greenhouse gas emissions and helps sustain the environment for future generations. The Village encourages residents to join them in the community-wide effort to recycle every chance they get! Call to have a FREE 65-gallon recycling toter delivered to your home today! Residents may still use the traditional, smaller recycling bins available at the Public Works Department at 7330 West Fullerton Avenue.

### ◆ E-Waste Recycling Program

Electronic waste is the fastest growing portion of the country’s solid waste, and the number of laws banning the disposal of electronics is growing in every municipality across the country. Discarding electronic waste with regular waste is banned in Elmwood Park; instead, the Village provides a convenient and free E-Waste Recycle Drop-Off location at the Public Works Building at 7330 W. Fullerton during normal business hours of Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### ◆ Prescription Drug Drop Off Box

The prescription drug drop off box is located in the lobby of the Public Safety building (7420 Fullerton Avenue). This box is available to residents 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Prescription and over the counter drugs can be disposed of, no liquid medications are allowed. The Village then disposes the drugs through the DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency). Do not flush old medications down the toilet. They can kill helpful bacteria in septic systems and pass largely untouched through sewage treatment plans. Unfortunately, they can end up in our streams, rivers and lakes. Furthermore, children and animals can get into drugs discarded in the trash and once in landfills, drugs can trickle into the groundwater.

◆ **Electronic Online Bill Pay**

Residents and business owners are now able to pay water bills via the Internet, and can also renew annual vehicle stickers through the Village's new Online Bill-Pay System. Of course, if preferred, water bill and vehicle renewal payments can still be mailed or dropped-off at Village hall. Not only is on-line bill pay convenient, but it also helps conserve natural resources, saves energy, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and keeps landfill space free for other types of trash that can't be recycled.

◆ **Shredding and Tire Disposal**

The Village holds an event once a year so that residents can drop off documents for destruction and tires that are no longer needed/used. Tires will not be picked up with regular refuse pick up. It is also encouraged that residents shred important documents to prevent identity theft and fraud.

◆ **Spring Clean Up Week**

The Village designates one week annually for unlimited refuse pick up to all residential units in Elmwood Park. Residents do not need to purchase additional refuse stickers for any items/bags that will not fit in their refuse toter. Remember, paint, tires and electronics are not included in this annual unlimited pick up.

◆ **Leaf Program/Yard Waste**

The Village asks residents to rake their leaves into the street gutters on their designated street cleaning day for pick up every Fall. This encourages residents to dispose of leaves properly and at no additional cost to the resident. Residents are also encouraged to place yard waste in the brown paper yard waste bags and Groot, our waste collector, will pick up the brown bags free of charge on the residents designated garbage day.

◆ **Green Alleys in Elmwood Park**

In 2011, the Elmwood Park Green Alley Project was one of only 14 projects in the State to be chosen to receive funding through the Illinois Green Infrastructure Grant (IGIG) Program. Completed in 2012, the project entailed the repaving of three alleys with materials which are both permeable and environmentally friendly. The brick pavers allow for rainwater to soak into the ground, reducing water flow into the sewer system, limiting backyard flooding and reducing the run-off of pollutants associated with rain and snowmelt. With rave reviews from all, the Village is pursuing additional grant opportunities.

◆ **EV (Electric Vehicle) Charging Stations**

Electric vehicles (EVs) are becoming more popular every day and Elmwood Park is doing its part to encourage the move toward electric automobile usage as a way to reduce dependence on dwindling fossil fuels and reduce greenhouse gases. Additionally, the Village has joined communities across the state to help make Illinois "EV Ready" through the installation of public EV Charging Stations. For a list of EV charging stations locations and to learn more about the basics, the benefits, and the buying and operating an electric vehicle, visit the Village website at [www.elmwoodpark.org](http://www.elmwoodpark.org). Additional consumer resources can be found at [www1.eere.energy.gov/cleancities](http://www1.eere.energy.gov/cleancities).

◆ **Solar Powered Waste & Recycling Compacting Stations**

Whether you're at home or on the go, the opportunities to recycle in Elmwood Park are growing! As part of the economic development and beautification efforts throughout the Grand and Harlem corridor,

Elmwood Park's plans for installation of solar-powered waste compactor/recycling stations will introduce and encourage "public space" recycling by pedestrians. One side of each waste station accepts and provides on-site compaction of trash, while the other side is reserved for recycling. Each holds five times the capacity of a traditional waste container and because the garbage is compacted fewer pickups are required, saving time, fuel and money—at the same time, reducing the community's carbon footprint!

◆ **Energy Efficiency in Public Facilities**

The Village was awarded grants totaling \$78,850.00 from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) and the Illinois Clean Energy Foundation to further advance ongoing energy efficiency efforts throughout public-owned facilities. The grants helped finance interior lighting upgrades in all Elmwood Park municipal buildings reducing energy consumption and resulting in immediate cost savings to taxpayers.

◆ **New Open Space – Centennial Park**

Late in 2012, deconstruction and demolition of the old Elmwood Park Presbyterian Church began and it became the future site of Centennial Park at Armitage and 76<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Though, when Centennial Park is finished, reminders of the Church that occupied the site for years will remain. The village re-used some of the building's architectural features such as the church's stone monument and door archway throughout the park facility. The Centennial Park Project is a great example of planning for the future – it's green and sustainable and it incorporates many elements that residents of all ages will enjoy.

◆ **Roll Out the (RAIN) Barrel!**

This campaign to encourage water conservation and reuse kicked-off with the Village partnering with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) in a rain barrel 'giveaway event' at The Taste of Elmwood Park. Rain barrels can be placed under gutter downspouts to collect rain water from the roof then reused in many ways including to wash cars and to water outdoor flowers, shrubs and trees as well as indoor houseplants. Saving water not only helps protect the environment, it saves homeowners money and energy by decreasing the demand for treated tap water. Residents can purchase rain barrels from the MWRD either online at [www.mwrld.org](http://www.mwrld.org), by calling 312-751-6633 or by calling the Village at 708-452-3900.

◆ **Com Ed and Nicor Energy Efficiency Cash-Back Incentive Programs**

When you reduce your energy consumption, you save money on your energy costs and contribute to the quality of life in Elmwood Park, our country, and the world. Smart Ideas® from ComEd can help you do just that. Discover which ideas you can put into action, and begin saving today. For residential customer rebates and incentives, and to learn more about reducing your energy consumption and your energy bills, visit [www.comed.com/home-savings](http://www.comed.com/home-savings) or call 1-888-806-2273.

Cash rebates are available to residential Nicor Gas customers for the purchase and installation of high-efficiency gas furnaces, boilers, water heaters and energy-efficient improvements. The Nicor Gas Home Energy Efficiency Rebate Program offers cash rebates and energy efficiency tools to help Illinois residents in the Nicor Gas territory save energy and money. Efficiency is now more affordable through the help of the Nicor Gas Energy Efficiency Program! For details, visit [www.nicorgasrebates.com](http://www.nicorgasrebates.com) or call 877-886-4239. You may also email questions to [customerservice@nicorgasrebates.com](mailto:customerservice@nicorgasrebates.com)

◆ **Energy Impact Illinois**

Energy Impact Illinois can assist Elmwood Park homeowners increase the comfort of their homes by taking advantage of a \$49.00 whole home energy analysis. For a limited time, homeowners can save 70%, up to \$1,750.00 off the most cost effective and permanent energy efficiency improvements for insulation and air sealing. Residents can contact Matt Elmore at 503-333-5578 for more information.

◆ **Elmwood Park Joins Keep America Beautiful Program**

In tandem with the "Go GREEN(ER) Today!" Initiative, Elmwood Park Village became an affiliate of the Keep America Beautiful (KAB) last August. Keep America Beautiful follows a practical approach that unites citizens, businesses and government to find solutions that advance our core issues of preventing litter, reducing waste, and beautifying communities. Becoming an affiliate of KAB, the Village has created the committee Keep Elmwood Park Beautiful to help schedule events and to help make the community more knowledgeable about recycling and becoming a "go Green(er) Village.

Elmwood Park continues to develop and implement Go Green(er) initiatives and will continue to schedule events to better the community. The Village will continue to engage residents about green initiatives, to further our goals to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.