

Regular Meeting of the Elk Grove Township Board of Trustees
Elk Grove Township Hall
600 Landmeier Road, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007
August 24, 2020

Minutes

- I. Call to Order. Supervisor Sweeny called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Deputy Clerk Pioch was acting Clerk due to the absence of Clerk Busse.
- II. Roll Call. Trustees Satern (via Zoom), Niewiardowski, Ingraffia (via Zoom), Keenley and Supervisor Sweeney were present. In attendance: Assessor Carosielli and Highway Commissioner Niewiardowski.
- III. Public Comment. None
- IV. Consent Agenda. Supervisor Sweeney asked for a motion to approve the authorization for payroll and bills and to approve the Supervisors report consisting of information regarding Social Services, Employment Support, Food Pantry, Transportation Services and Financials. A motion was made by Trustee Satern and seconded by Trustee Niewiardowski. *The motion passed on a 5-0 roll call vote.*
- V. Discussion and Approval of Minutes. Supervisor Sweeney asked for a motion to approve the Public Hearing Minutes and Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 27, 2020. A motion for approval was made by Trustee Keenley and seconded by Trustee Niewiardowski. *The motion passed on a 5-0 roll call vote.*
- VI. Presentations. Supervisor Sweeney asked the Clinical Director of the Township Adult and Family Counseling Department, Dean Reschke, to come forward. Clinical Director Reschke is retiring after nearly 37 years with the Department. Supervisor Sweeney recounted Clinical Director Reschke's numerous contributions to the department including transitioning the department to an APA type web-based client records system and conducting an analysis of the feasibility of providing teletherapy psychiatric services. Supervisor Sweeney followed by reading Resolution 2020-07 which acknowledged Clinical Director Reschke's many accomplishments and years of service to the Township. Supervisor Sweeney also noted that Clinical Director Reschke will be continue to assist the department serving as part-time counselor. Supervisor Sweeney opened the floor to any comments by the elected officials. Assessor Carosielli and Clerk Busse expressed their appreciation for Clinical Director Reschke's years of valuable service to the Township's residents.

VII. Elected Official Reports.

A. Assessor. Assessor Carosielli submitted a written report. She reported that the new electronic filing system using phone, email and USPS has worked very efficiently. Her department has filed just under 1000 appeals to Cook County Assessor's Department and are planning methodology for the Cook County Board of Review which she believes will open sometime between December and January. She noted that this could be problematic for the second installment tax bills.

B. Clerk. Clerk Busse submitted a written report

C. Highway Commissioner. Highway Commissioner Niewiardowski submitted a written report.

D. Supervisor. Supervisor Sweeney reported that all of the Township facility work approved by the Board over the last several months has been completed.

VII. Old Business.

A. Resolution 2020-06 Township Elected Officials Compensation 2021-2022. At the July 27, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees Resolution 2020-06, which would set the salaries for Township officials elected to serve the next four year term, was considered. State law requires that the salaries for elected Township officials be set at least 180 days prior to an election. The next Township election will be held on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 making the setting of elected officials' salaries necessary. After extended discussion, the Board voted to approve Resolution 2020-06 which set the Supervisor's salary at \$24,000, the Road District Treasurer's (Supervisor) salary at \$1000, the Clerk's salary at \$15,000, the Highway Commissioner's salary at \$15,000 and the Assessor's salary at \$15,000. The Trustees would be paid \$125 per meeting. All of the salaries were unchanged from the current compensation levels except for the Assessor's whose salary was reduced from \$33,747. The motion to approve the resolution passed on a 3-2 roll call vote. Township policy requires four or more affirmative votes for a motion to pass on the initial vote. If there are not four or more affirmative votes a second reading is required. At the second reading a simple majority is needed for the motion to pass. Since, Resolution 2020-06 was passed but did not receive four or more affirmative votes a second reading of the resolution at the August Regular Board Meeting was required. Supervisor Sweeney asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2020-06. Trustee Satern, however, stated that she felt the Assessor's salary cut was too dramatic and made a motion to amend the Resolution. She proposed an amendment that would tier the Assessor's compensation over the four years of the term. The Assessor's salary would be \$28,000 year one of the four year term, \$26,000 year two, \$24,000 year three and \$22,000 year four. Trustees Keenley and Niewiardowski expressed their concurrence with the amendment. Trustee Satern made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-06 as amended. The motion was seconded by Trustee Niewiardowski. The motion passed on a 5-0 roll call vote.

VIII. New Business.

A. Proposed Bid Packet for Bike Safety, Challenge Course and UST Removal Projects.

The consolidation of Township facilities into one location on Landmeier Road in Elk Grove Village resulted in the closure and loss of the Township Bike Safety and Challenges Course. Also, in the back of the facility there are underground fuel tanks and appurtenances that need to be removed for liability reasons. Supervisor Sweeney briefly reviewed a bid package that would provide for the removal of three underground storage tanks and appurtenances, as well as, the construction of bike safety and challenge courses at the Township facility on Landmeier Road, Elk Grove Village. The bids would need to be received by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday September 28, 2020. After discussion a motion was made by Trustee Ingrassia to approve the bid package. The motion was seconded by Trustee Keenley and was *passed on a 5-0 roll call vote.*

B. Proposed Environmental Consulting Contract for UST Removal Project. Supervisor Sweeney explained to the Board why he felt it was valuable for the Township to hire a consultant to advise on the proper removal of the three underground storage tanks and appurtenances. He explained that environmental related projects and their associated potential of contamination carry high risk and need to be completed correctly. He stated that the hiring of a consultant did not require the Township to go through a bidding process. Supervisor Sweeney recommended that the Township hire ATC Environmental which has a good reputation and was recommended by the Township Attorney. A motion was made to approve the hiring of ATC Environmental by Supervisor Sweeney. The motion was seconded by Trustee Satern and it was *passed on a 5-0 roll call vote.*

C. Revision of the Usage of the Township "A Caring Place" Agency Grant. Supervisor Sweeney reported that the Township was contacted by "A Caring Place" regarding a change to their 2020-2021 Township Agency Grant. They asked for permission to change the usage of the grant to a project that had become a higher priority to them than what the original grant was intended to cover. A motion was made by Trustee Keenley to approve the requested change in grant usage. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ingrassia, *The motion passed on a 5-0 roll call vote.*

IX. Adjourn. There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Satern and seconded by Trustee Niewiardowski. The motion passed on a 5-0 voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



George Busse, Township Clerk