

Regular Meeting of the Elk Grove Township Board of Trustees
Elk Grove Township Hall
600 Landmeier Road. Elk Grove Village, IL 60007
March 22, 2021

Minutes

- I. Call to Order. Supervisor Sweeney call the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Roll Call. Present: Trustees Ingraffia and Keenley (via Zoom), Niewiardowski and Supervisor Sweeney. In attendance: Deputy Clerk/ Administrator Pioch and Highway Commissioner Niewiardowski.
- II. Public Comment. NONE
- IV. Consent Agenda. Supervisor Sweeney asked if there were any questions on the Consent Agenda or if there was any item that a Board Member would like removed from said Agenda. There were no requests to change or to remove any items. A motion to approve the Consent Agenda that included the authorization of payroll and bills and to approve the Supervisor's report consisting of information from Social Services, Employment Support, Food Pantry, Transportation Services and Financials was made by Trustee Niewiardowski and seconded by Trustee Ingraffia. *The motion passed on a 4-0 roll call vote.*
- V. Discussion and Approval of Minutes. Supervisor Sweeney advised the Board that the Deputy Clerk had found that the February 22, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes failed to list the Motion that was made to approve the stated Minutes. With that change Supervisor Sweeney asked for a motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 22, 2021, as revised, along with the February 22, 2021 Public Hearing for the 2021-2022 Tentative Budgets. A motion to approve both sets of Minutes was made by Trustee Niewiardowski and seconded by Trustee Keenley. The motion passed on a voice vote.
- VI. Presentations. NONE
- VII. Elected Officials Reports.
 - A. Assessor. Supervisor Sweeney advised that Assessor Carosielli was in Bloomington this week for training and that she had submitted a written report. He suggested Board Members reach out to the Assessor with any questions they have about the report.

B. Clerk. Supervisor Sweeney advised that Clerk Busse was not able to attend the Meeting but submitted a written report listing FOIA requests, as well as Filings and Other Items that had been completed since last month's report. Supervisor Sweeney encouraged the Board to contact Clerk Busse if they had any questions about his report.

C. Highway Commissioner. Highway Commissioner Niewiardowski submitted a written report and advised that he felt snow season was probably over after the last storm we received and the changeover of equipment to the Spring/Summer has begun but is not yet completed.

D. Supervisor. Supervisor Sweeney advised for his report he was going to respond to some criticisms that a candidate running for a Township office made related to the Township Food Pantry. He stated he sent a Letter to the Editor (Journal & Topics) refuting the false claims made. He felt it was important for residents to know what the food pantry does and the work they do. He also stated he had received a question (not a FOIA request) from Ms. Mortensen asking why he does not wear a mask at Board Meetings. Supervisor Sweeney addressed the question by stating that he wanted Township residents to know that the Township does everything possible to keep the building safe for staff, elected officials as well as visitors and follows all COVID protocols and CDC guidelines. He further stated regarding Board Meetings that during COVID the Township Board has utilized technology to record Board Meetings that are then posted on YouTube for later viewing and that individuals can participate remotely if they desire, which Ms. Mortensen has done in the past. He noted that anyone that wants to participate in Township government can do so in a safe manner. Board Members that do attend meetings in person know the Supervisor does not wear a mask because he does most of the talking as the Chairman/Supervisor which causes a mask to move and he doesn't want to touch his face because the public has been advised by experts not to touch their face. It is up to the individual elected officials if they would like to attend in person or remotely. As adults that is their decision to make for themselves.

A motion to approve the reports was made by Trustee Niewiardowski and seconded by Trustee Keenley. *The motion passed on a 4-0 roll call vote.*

VIII. Correspondence. NONE

IX. Old Business. NONE

X. New Business.

A. Employee Compensation. Supervisor Sweeney reviewed the process that the Board has used the last several years whereby all employees would receive a base increase of 2% and could receive a merit increase up to another 3% (for a total of 5%). Any total increase over 5% would require the Board's approval. He and Administrator Pioch would review the employees within the Supervisor's purview (Administration, Adult &

Family Counseling, Youth Services, Transportation and Food Pantry) and annual reviews would be provided to the applicable employees. The Assessor's office employees' increases would be administered by the Assessor and the Supervisor would administer the increases to the Social Services department. A motion was made by Trustee Ingrassia and seconded by Trustee Niewiardowski. *Motion passed 4-0 on a roll call vote.*

XI. Executive Session. NONE

XII. Adjournment. There being no further business, Supervisor Sweeney asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Trustee Niewiardowski and seconded by Trustee Ingrassia. *The motion passed on a voice vote.* The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'George Busse', written over a faint, illegible printed name.

George Busse
Elk Grove Township Clerk