

**Special Board Meeting
Of the Board of Trustees
Elk Grove Township
September 5, 2023**

Minutes

- I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag Supervisor Busse called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- II. Roll Call Present: Supervisor Busse, Trustees Niewiardowski, Keenley, Maye and Perns. Also in attendance: Assessor Carosielli, Administrator Pioch, Attorney Tremblay. Mount Prospect attendees: Michael Cassady – Village Manager, John Dolan – Fire Chief, Lance Malina – Village Attorney, Amit Thakkar – Finance Director.
- III. Public Comment None
- IV. Mount Prospect Rural Fire Protection District Presentation Mount Prospect Village Manager Michael Cassady shared that Mount Prospect has presented many options to the Rural Fire District Board, including shared services with Des Plaines, Elk Grove Village and Mount Prospect which would give good quality coverage at a low cost. The Roppolo subdivision has now been sold and rezoned for a data center. At the last Rural Fire District Board meeting they voted to declare their assets as surplus, so they can be sold any time. These assets include the fire station, trucks including the pumper, and other equipment. They also stated they would no longer negotiate IGAs.

Mount Prospect Village Attorney Lance Malina stated that selling their assets doesn't further their duty to provide services under the Fire Protection District Act. It violates their duty to provide services. Also, the Rural Fire District Board is planning on doing a referendum to dissolve the district. Because publication to sell property has already been made, the Village of Mount Prospect believes it is important to file a preliminary injunction to stop the sale of their assets. The Mount Prospect Board has authorized filing suit and they would like Elk Grove Township to be a joint plaintiff in the suit, as it is the unincorporated residents in the township that are affected by this situation.

The goals of Mount Prospect are to see no liquidation of the Rural Fire District until a plan is in place, to ensure long term use of their assets, to initiate a Rural Fire District levy for funds, and an IGA with Elk Grove Township and Mount Prospect, and a SSA (Special Services Area), with Mount Prospect staffing Station 11.

- V. Discussion/Questions from Elk Grove Township Board of Trustees Discussion ensued regarding SSAs with Elk Grove Village and Mount Prospect, and the fact that there is no hydrant system in the trailer home parks, so a tanker truck is needed for

services. Also discussed was the deterioration of services in the Rural Fire District caused by lower numbers of staffing and noncertified staff, and issues with equipment. Mount Prospect stated that they would draft the preliminary injunction documents and send them to Township Attorney Jason Tremblay for his review and approval if the township votes to become a joint plaintiff in the injunction.

- VI. Executive Session Matters: (5 ILCS 120/2©(11)) – Probable Litigation
A Motion was made by Trustee Maye and seconded by Trustee Niewiardowski to go into Executive Session. ***The Motion passed on a 5-0 roll call vote.***
- VII. Communication of Closed Session Matters and possible actions to be taken Roll call was taken to return to the Special Board Meeting. Supervisor Busse presented a Resolution to join the Village of Mount Prospect in filing a temporary injunction against the Elk Grove Township Rural Fire Department to stop the sale of their assets, subject to our attorney review of the complaint. He read the Resolution to the Board. Trustee Perns made a Motion to approve the Resolution and Trustee Maye seconded the Motion. ***The Motion passed on a 5-0 roll call vote.***
- VIII. Adjourn A Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Niewiardowski and seconded by Trustee Keenley. ***The Motion was approved on a voice vote.*** The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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Ek Grove Township Clerk