

**Regular Board Meeting of the
Elk Grove Township Board of Trustees
Elk Grove Township Hall
600 Landmeier Rd., Elk Grove Village, IL 60007
September 27, 2021
Minutes**

- I. Call to Order Supervisor: Busse called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- II. Roll Call Present: Trustees Niewiardowski, Keenley, Dante and Supervisor Busse. In Attendance: Assessor Connie Carosielli, Administrator Paul Pioch, Finance Director Erika Renz.
- III. Public Comment: None
- IV. Consent Agenda Supervisor: Busse asked for a motion to approve the authorization of payroll and bills and to approve the Supervisor's report consisting of information regarding Social Services, Employment Support, Food Pantry, Youth Services, Adult & Family Counseling, Transportation Services and Financials. A motion to approve was made by Trustee Keenley and seconded by Trustee Dante. *The motion passed on a 4-0 roll call vote.*
- V. Discussion and Potential Action on Approval of Minutes: Supervisor Busse asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2021 Regular Board Meeting. A motion was made by Trustee Keenley and seconded by Trustee Dante. *The motion passed on a 4-0 roll call vote.*
- VI. Presentations
 - A. Adult & Family Counseling Department - Dean Reschke introduced Luanne Pross who will be taking his place when he retires. Luanne is a licensed clinical social worker with many years of counseling and supervisory experience in the Northwest suburbs. He also introduced Robin Wilson, our Marriage and Family Counselor. Dean shared that all staff in the department are trained, credentialed and licensed, and work with referral networks inside and outside the township. They also work with the local school districts, villages and other agencies in the township. The department has provided low cost or free counseling to thousands of township residents, dealing with many different issues, including child misbehavior, ADHD, parenting, and family conflict. A main challenge they face is the delivery gap in psychiatric services for children, sometimes waiting eight months for services. They are working on partnerships to narrow that gap.

B. Mesirow Insurance Services - Michael Bailen - Health Insurance Updates
Michael reviewed 3 Covid-19 updates and then shared the options and costs for our employee healthcare for 2022. The Covid updates include end of cost share waiver for Telehealth, vaccines are still covered, and vaccine mandates for employers with over 100 employees. Our 3 health care options are all Blue Cross Blue Shield: HMO \$0 deductible with 100% coverage, PPO \$4800 deductible 100% coverage, and PPO/Blue Choice. An alternate carrier option would be United Healthcare. The cost of renewing BCBS would be an increase of 6.42%. Delta Dental of IL and VSP Vision rates will stay the same. Michael provided a Medical Financial Analysis handout with all the details of the three plans. The renewal date is December 1, 2021, but final decisions need to be made by November 1, 2021, so the board will need to review this and vote on it at the October board meeting. If Board members have any questions they can contact Erika Renz.

VII. Elected Officials' Monthly Reports

A. Assessor's Report - Assessor Carosielli provided a written report. Her office is hosting an outreach program for our taxpayers here on September 29 at 6:30 pm. Our township has still not received our 2021 assessed values from the county, so our assessor's office has to help taxpayers based on the 2020 values. Also, many exemptions have been wrongly dropped from tax bills and the county has not sent out amended bills, with the due date for tax bills coming soon. The township is dealing with many frustrations with the county that are adversely affecting our taxpayers.

B. Clerk's Report - Clerk Satern provided a written report. She also stated that our participation in the Elk Grove Village parade was well received, and that the Agency Grants Committee will be working with Paul, and will begin evaluating the applications after November 1.

C. Supervisor's Report - Supervisor Busse shared the following updates:

1. Parade: The Supervisor thanked Clerk Satern and the trustees for planning and participating in the EGV and MP parades, which provides good public relations for our services.

2. Palatine Township Meeting: The meeting was to consider outsourcing our Road and Bridge services to Palatine Township. They have the equipment and manpower needed but it would have to be cost effective and quality service. This would include plowing and brush pick-up. They will be sending us a proposal.

3. Remediation: We are waiting for final documents from the IEPA. The previous NFR is okay, and no further remediation is needed, but this will probably delay building the Bike Safety and Challenge Courses until spring.

4. Shredding: Trustee Dante planned this event with the Mount Prospect Lions Club. It will be at the RecPlex on October 16 from 9-12 am. Trustees are needed as volunteers to put the documents into containers for shredding.

5. VSO Office: The Veterans Service Office at the township will open in as a part time office in mid-October. It is a state program that gives advice and guidance regarding veteran benefits, services, and networks with local VFWs.

6. Community Empowerment Fund: The bylaws have been redone and reviewed by our attorney. The donations to this fund are used for projects for our residents to supplement General Assistance and Emergency Assistance.

7. Eastside Fencing - If the Bike Safety project is delayed until spring we may use the funds from this year's budget to replace the fence on the east side of our building that backs up to resident homes.

Supervisor Busse asked for a motion to approve the elected officials' monthly reports. A motion was made by Trustee Niewiardowski and seconded by Trustee Dante. *The motion passed on a voice vote.*

VIII. New Business

A. Resolution #2021-12 Schedule of Regular Board Meetings for 2022 - A motion to approve the resolution was made by Trustee Niewiardowski and seconded by Trustee Keenley. *The motion passed on a 4-0 roll call vote.*

B. Resolution #2021-13 Schedule of Office Closing Dates for 2022 - A motion to approve the resolution was made by Trustee Niewiardowski and seconded by Trustee Keenley. *The motion passed on a 4-0 roll call vote.*

C. Ordinance #2021-03 Town Fund/General Assistance Levy

D. Ordinance #2021-04Rd Road District Levy. Supervisor Busse stated both levies have not increased in 9 years, and we've increased our services during that time. And residents pay less than 1% of their tax bill to the township. A motion to approve both levy ordinances together was made by Trustee Keenley and seconded by Trustee Dante. *The motion was passed on a 4-0 roll call vote.*

E. Fiscal Year-Ending 2021 Audit Report - DRAFT - Our auditors received a 60-day extension. We will have the final audit report at next month's board meeting.

IX. Adjourn: There being no further business, Supervisor Busse asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Trustee Niewiardowski and seconded by Trustee Keenley. *The motion was passed on a voice vote.* The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Suellen Satern
Elk Grove Township Clerk