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**BOARD MEETING**

Ela Town Hall  
1155 E. Route 22, Lake Zurich, IL  
Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

**MEETING MINUTES – Approved May 9, 2024**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Board Meeting of the Ela Township Board, Lake County, Illinois will be held on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Ela Township offices at 1155 East IL-22, Lake Zurich, IL 60047 in accordance with Section 80-10(b) of the Illinois Township Code, 60 ILCS 1/80-10(b). Said meeting has been called by Township Supervisor Gloria Palmblad. The meeting will be held for purposes of considering the following agenda:

1. Call to Order: Supervisor Palmblad called the April 11, 2024, Ela Township Board meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Present were Supervisor Palmblad, Clerk Prouty, Trustee Bowman, Trustee Samz, Trustee Ufodike, Trustee Wilhoit, Township Manager Marciniak, Community Programs Director Dillon, and Health & Wellness Director Marx. Assessor Herr and Highway Superintendent DePouw were absent.
3. Pledge of Allegiance: Supervisor Palmblad led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Freedom of Information Requests: A full list will be attached to the minutes.
5. Public Comment: Kelly Ziegler of Lake Zurich, Bonnie Barrington of Hawthorn Woods, Rhonda Kruckenberg of Lake Zurich.
6. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2024: A motion by Trustee Bowman and seconded by Trustee Samz to approve the meeting minutes of March 14, 2024, with any correction or additions. Motion passed 5 to 0, with no additions or corrections.
7. Committee Meeting Minutes – accept meeting minutes from C-O-W (3/27) - Community Center Committee (3/20) – Communication Committee (3/26) – Health & Wellness Committee () – Highway Committee (4/3) – Park Committee (4/4) – Cemetery () - Decennial (): A motion by Trustee Bowman and seconded by Trustee Ufodike to accept the Committee meeting minutes of C-O-W (3/27) - Community Center Committee (3/20) – Communication Committee (3/26) — Highway Committee (4/3) – Park Committee (4/4). Motion passed 5 to 0.

8. Approval of Board Audit from 3/1/24-3/29/24:

TOTAL GENERAL TOWN FUND	\$165,360.41
TOTAL GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND	\$2,380.56
TOTAL GENERAL ROAD FUND	\$27,366.06
TOTAL PERMANENT ROAD FUND	\$53,243.45
TOTAL PARK MAINTENANCE FUND	\$65, 824.91
TOTAL CEMETERY MAINTENANCE FUND	\$2,613.31
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	\$316,788.70

A motion by Trustee Wilhoit and seconded by Trustee Samz to authorize the payment of the Board Audit (\$316,788.70) from 3/01/24 to 3/29/24. Motion passed 5 to 0.

9. Monthly Updates from Elected Officials and Department Heads (Assessor – Bus – Health & Wellness – Highway – Community Center – Township Manager)

Supervisor Report: At the monthly LZACC meeting she learned that the Villages of Lake Zurich and Kildeer are considering a referendum to be placed on the November ballot to increase sales tax by a half cent bringing it to 8%. The Village of Lake Zurich will use the extra sales tax to help offset the cost of connecting to Lake Michigan water. The Village of Kildeer will use the extra sales tax to keep up with inflation. The Village of Deer Park recently passed a referendum in March to keep their sales tax at 8% which seems to be the norm around here. Governor Pritzker is considering removing the grocery sales tax which will greatly impact the Villages annual budget.

Clerk Report: My apologies to the Board for missing the last meeting. I would have preferred to be here rather than in a hospital room.

Township Manager: Grant money has been awarded to Ela Township from Congressman Quigley for a generator at the Community Center. Thank you to the Highway Department for their prompt repair of a sewer back up at Town Hall. FY25 Budget have been posted in the paper and in several public locations at Town Hall for viewing. This will be on the May Board meeting agenda for consideration and possible approval. IMRF will be hosting an informational meeting at the Community Center on June 17th at 12 p.m. for all Township staff.

Trustee Bowman: Complimented the Highway Department on their excellent work in the Villages.

Trustee Samz: No report, earlier in the meeting he complimented the Treasurer (Supervisor Palmblad) on her smart investments of Township funds.

Trustee Ufodike: Thank you to Trustee Bowman for starting the Parks meeting. She enjoyed going to the Annual Town meeting and thank you to our resident moderator. The Lake Zurich Chamber is hosting a job fair at the at Lake Zurich High School on Thursday, April 18, 2024, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Trustee Wilhoit: Thank you Supervisor Palmblad for managing Township funds so well, thank you to the department heads for managing funds well and keeping within your budgets while providing great services to Township residents.

Assessor: A full report will be attached to the minutes.

Community Center: A full report will be attached to the minutes. Community Program Director Dillon announced that Assistant Director Dalbec will be presenting his Road to Happiness Class via Zoom at the NCOA (National Council on Aging) to roughly 80 centers across the country. Assistant Director Dalbec won the innovative program award last year at NCOA for this class. The full youth report will be attached to the minutes.

Health and Wellness: Recently the department held a mental health presentation to the command staff at LZFD. It went so well that they were asked to come back and present it to other departments. On May 23<sup>rd</sup> the Health and Wellness Department will be hosting IEP/Education Law training through AITOEY for professionals working with youth.

Highway Department: A full report will be attached to the minutes.

OLD BUSINESS:

10. Approve Ela Township Public Comment Policy: A motion by Trustee Bowman and seconded by Trustee Samz to approve the Public Comment policy. Motion passed 3 to 2. Trustees Ufodike and Wilhoit voted nay.

NEW BUSINESS:

11. 2024 Spring/Summer Newsletter: A motion by Trustee Ufodike and seconded by Trustee Wilhoit to approve the 2024 Spring/Summer Newsletter. Motion passed 5 to 0.
12. 2024 Lake Zurich Flames Field Contract – consideration to approve Lake Zurich Flames agreement for the 2024 season with a yearly maintenance fee of \$2,500: A Motion by Trustee Wilhoit and seconded by Trustee Bowman to approve the Flames field contract with a yearly maintenance fee of \$2500. Motion passed. 5 to 0.
13. Line-Item Transfer – consideration & possible action to approve Line-Item Transfers as presented for close of FY 3/31/24: A motion by Trustee Wilhoit and seconded by Trustee Bowman to approve the line item transfers as presented. Motion passed 5 to 0.
14. Executive Session –for the purpose of discussing Personnel 5 ILCS 120/2(c) 1 or 3, Litigation 5 ILCS 120/2(c) or Review of Executive Session Minutes 5 ILCS 120/2(c)21: None.
15. Adjournment: A motion by Trustee Ufodike and seconded by Trustee Samz to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. Motion passed 5 to 0.

*Respectfully Submitted: Clerk Lucy A. Prouty*