

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (COW) MEETING

Ela Township – Lower Level Board Room
1155 East Route 22, Lake Zurich
Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at 8:30 am
Approved April 14, 2022

This meeting will be conducted by audio or video conference and may not have a physically present quorum of the Ela Township Board because of a disaster declaration related to COVID-19 public health concerns affecting the Township. Pursuant to Section 7(e)(2) of the Open Meetings Act, the Supervisor has determined that an in-person meeting at the Township building with all participants is not practical or prudent because of the disaster. Township officials, legal counsel, and the Township Manager will not be physically present at the Township Hall, if that is unfeasible due to the disaster. Since physical public attendance at the Township Hall may be limited or not feasible, alternative arrangements for public access to hear the meeting has been made available by contacting the Supervisor's Office at (847) 438-7823 for the Zoom meeting link or the phone number to call into the meeting prior to 8:15 a.m. On March 30, 2022.

1. Call to Order: Supervisor Palmblad called the March 30, 2022 Committee of Whole meeting to order at 8:36 a.m.
2. Board Roll Call: Present were Supervisor Palmblad, Clerk Prouty, Trustees Bowman, Sikes, and Wilhoit, Community Programs Director Dillon, Director Marx, Assistant Director Dalbec, Highway Superintendent DePouw, Assessor Herr, Management Assistant Alex Snyder, and Highway Foreman Meyer. Trustee Ufodike was absent.
3. Pledge of Allegiance: Supervisor Palmblad led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Discussion – Updates by Chair:
 - a. Community Center Committee – Chair/Trustee Ufodike, Members: Supervisor Palmblad, Trustee Wilhoit, Director Dillon, Assistant Director Dalbec, and Youth Coordinator Cacciatore
Director Dillon reported that the April, May, and June newsletter has been mailed to members. Covid booster shots will be given at the Community Center from 9 to 12 on April 15 or 22. T.J. Electric is installing breakers and lights, which will be completed in two weeks. Home Depot is donating the light fixtures and redoing the patio area.
 - b. Communication Committee – Chair/Supervisor Palmblad, Members: Assessor Herr, Director Dillon, Director Marx, Assistant Director Dalbec, and Staff
The John Barrington bench dedication will be on May 20, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. The dedication and ribbon cutting of the new playground at Knox Park will be from 10 to 12 on June 11, 2022. The Spring/Summer 2022 Ela Township newsletter is ready to publish.
 - c. Health & Wellness – Chair/Trustee Wilhoit, Members: Supervisor Palmblad, Trustee Sikes, Director Marx
Director Marx reported that they will not have an intern this year. She handed out a chart of an average day for a Clinician at Ela Township's Health & Wellness Department. Director Marx will be meeting with Charity Knit. The next Health & Wellness meeting will be April 22, 2022.
 - d. Parks & Recreation Committee – Chair/Trustee Bowman, Members: Supervisor Palmblad, Trustee Ufodike, Highway Superintendent DePouw, and Highway Foreman Meyer
Trustee Bowman reported that the unworkable electric poles at Knox Park are scheduled to

be removed by ComEd, and the funds came out of this years budget. Replacement trees are being planted at Ela Township Community Park. Reviewing lighting needs in concession stand bathrooms at Knox Park.

- e. Highway Committee – Chair/Trustee Sikes, Members: Supervisor Palmblad, Trustee Bowman, Highway Superintendent DePouw, and Highway Foreman Meyer

Highway Superintendent DePouw reported that 11 of their 14 trucks are equipped with plows. They are all twenty years old, and we will need to consider replacing them by 2025. He has placed an order for a new truck, and it will take approximately 27 months.

- f. Bus Service – Board Liaison – Supervisor Palmblad

Bus service is running smoothly.

- g. Assessor:

Assessor Herr reported that the field work is caught up and entered. Filing with the county are due by April 28, 2022.

- h. Historic Society:

The Historic Society is planning an open house event sometime over Labor Day. Remodeling of the bathrooms have a \$12,000 budget. This may have to be increased to \$20,000, as two bathrooms will be combined into one, and they have to be handicapped accessible.

5. Topics for Discussion:

- a. Old Business

National Fitness Campaign update, consensus of the board was not to sell sponsorships in the parks.

- b. New Business

Supervisor Palmblad reported that she has contacted Virgilio & Associates Structural Engineer to create an emergency exit on the north side of Town Hall. White Rock Holdings, LLC., cell tower discussion consensus was not to put a cell tower at Ela Township Community Park.

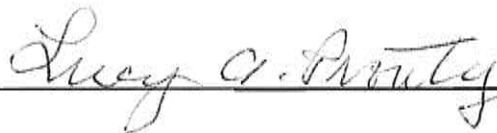
6. Set Date of Next COW Meeting (April 27, 2022@ 8:30 AM)

7. Executive Session: Entered into Executive session at 9:35 a.m. for the purpose of minutes, personnel, pending litigation, or land acquisition.

8. Adjourn: Adjournment at 11:09 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Clerk Lucy Prouty

Ela Township



March 24, 2022