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## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (COW) MEETING**

Ela Township – Lower Level Board Room  
1155 East Route 22, Lake Zurich  
Wednesday, August 24, 2022, at 8:30 am  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
Approved September 8, 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 8:15a.m. on August 24, 2022.

1. Call to Order: Supervisor Palmblad called the August 24, 2022 Ela Township Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 8:36 a.m.
2. Board Roll Call: Present were Supervisor Palmblad, Clerk Prouty, Trustee Sikes (via zoom), Trustee Ufodike joined at 9:27 a.m., Trustee Wilhoit, Highway Superintendent DePouw, Director Dillon, Director Marx, Highway Foreman Meyer, and Assessor Herr. Trustee Bowman was absent.
3. Pledge of Allegiance: Supervisor Palmblad led the 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, Youth Coordinator Cacciatore  
Staff are in the process of editing the 55+ newsletter for October, November and December. Rooms at the Community Center have been adjusted for Homework Club to separate the older kids from the younger ones.
  - b. Communication Committee – Chair/Supervisor Palmblad Members: Assessor Herr, Director Dillon, Director Marx, Assistant Director Dalbec, and Staff  
A ribbon cutting ceremony is in the planning stages for the new fitness courts in September.
  - c. Health & Wellness – Chair/Trustee Wilhoit Members: Supervisor Palmblad, Trustee Sikes, Director Marx  
Michelle Nowak started today and Betsy Innocenti will start on September 6, 2022. The next committee meeting is scheduled for October 7th at 8:30 a.m.

- d. Parks Committee – Chair/Trustee Bowman Members: Supervisor Palmblad, Trustee Ufodike, Highway Superintendent DePouw, and Highway Foreman Meyer  
Construction on the pickleball courts is scheduled to begin on Monday, August 29, 2022. The fitness court installation was completed.
  - e. Highway Committee – Chair/Trustee Sikes Members: Supervisor Palmblad, Trustee Bowman, Highway Superintendent DePouw, and Highway Foreman Meyer  
New employee Skylar is working out very well. Borrowed a road machine from Cuba Township to work on the roads, which attaches to the bobcat. North Barrington was so impressed with the job on their road that they want to contribute towards a new one.
  - f. Bus Service – Board Liaison – Supervisor Palmblad  
The Township will have to start considering budgeting for a new bus in the near future.
  - g. Assessor Report: Township tax books will finally be published on August 25, 2022
  - h. Historic Society Report: September 4, 2022 is History Day Antique and Artisan Market at the Historic center and Ela Park.
5. Topics for Discussion
- a. Old Business: None
  - b. New Business:
    - 1. Presentation by Diane Elkins with Buy Commercial Energy regarding electrical aggregation. Will attach the options presented to the minutes.
    - 2. Construction engineering services for tennis & pickleball courts at Knox Park were distributed and discussed.
6. Set Date of Next COW Meeting (September 28, 2022@ 8:30 AM)  
The date was accepted.
7. Executive Session: None needed at this time.
8. Adjourn: Adjournment at 9:31 a.m.

  
Respectfully submitted, Clerk Lucy Prouty

Ela Township

August 22, 2022

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Trustee Larry Bowman

Supervisor Gloria M. Palmblad  
Trustee Joel Sikes

Clerk Lucy A. Prouty  
Trustee Tosi Ufodike

Trustee Laurie Wilhoit