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BOARD MEETING

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

MEETING MINUTES – Approved February 8, 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Board Meeting of the Ela Township Board, Lake County, Illinois will be held on Thursday, January 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 January 11, 2024, Ela Township Board meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
2. Roll Call: Present were Supervisor Palmblad, Clerk Prouty, Township Manager Marciniak, Trustees Bowman, Samz, Ufodike, and Wilhoit, and Community Programs Director Dillon. Assessor Herr, Highway Superintendent DePouw, and Health & Wellness Director Marx were absent.
3. Pledge of Allegiance: Supervisor Palmblad led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Freedom of Information Requests: Will attach the full list to the Minutes.
5. Public Comment: Kelly Ziegler, and Michelle from Forest Lake.
6. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2023: A Motion by Trustee Bowman and seconded by Trustee Wilhoit to approve the December 14, 2023, Board meeting minutes with changes or additions. Motion passed 5 to 0.
7. Committee Meeting Minutes – accept meeting minutes from C-O-W () - Community Center Committee () – Communication Committee () – Health & Wellness Committee () – Highway Committee () – Park Committee () – Cemetery (09/14) - Decennial ():
A motion by Trustee Wilhoit and seconded by Trustee Ufodike to accept the committee meeting minutes of Cemetery 9/14/2023. Motion passed 5 to 0.
8. Approval of Board Audit from 12/12/2023 - 12/31/23:

TOTAL GENERAL TOWN FUND-----	\$ 121,391.61
TOTAL GENERAL ASSISSISTANCE---FUND---	\$ 1,999.53
TOTAL GENERAL ROAD FUND-----	\$ 22,869.90
TOTAL PERM ROAD FUND-----	\$ 48,222.36
TOTAL PARK MAINTENANCE FUND-----	\$ 5,346.08
TOTAL CEMETERY FUND -----	\$ 1,289.79
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS-----	\$ 201,119.27

A motion by Trustee Bowman and seconded by Trustee Samz to authorize the payment of the Board Audit (12/12/23-12/31/2023) of \$201,119.27. Motion passed 5 to 0.
9. Monthly Updates from Elected Officials and Department Heads (Assessor – Bus – Health & Wellness – Highway – Senior – Youth – Township Manager)

Supervisor Report:

In September of 2023, a lawsuit was filed by Mr. Kruckenberg against Ela Township Clerk Prouty. Our court date was scheduled for Thursday January 4th. The case against Clerk Prouty was dismissed based on the merits that indicated the Township followed the law and filled the Assessor position appropriately. For months the Board and I had to listen to insults, name calling, etc., about the

horrible job we're doing and not to mention how much your actions are costing the Township's residents, when in fact-thanks to the ridiculous and frivolous lawsuit, has cost the residents a minimum of \$5600 in legal fees just for November. We have yet to receive the invoice for their recent work in December and January for their attendance in court last week.

Thank you to the Highway Department for the great job they did in keeping the roads clear during the recent snowstorm.

Clerk Report: The March 19, 2024, General Primary election will be held at Town Hall, however there will be no early voting available at Town Hall as it will be at Ela Area Library.

Township Manager: The fine assessed by the IRS for the clerical error in payroll processing has been removed therefore the Township will not have to pay any additional costs. Town hall will be closed tomorrow, January 11th, in expectation of severe weather.

Trustee Bowman: No report.

Trustee Samz: No report.

Trustee Ufodike: No Report.

Trustee Wilhoit: No report.

Senior: Director Dillon said that the younger senior population rates at the Community Center are on the rise, it is nice to see the younger population of seniors enjoying all of the events and travel opportunities offered by the Community Center. Full report will be attached to the minutes.

Youth: Winter break camp has concluded and went very well. Staff are now planning for spring break and summer camps. Full report will be attached to the minutes.

Health and Wellness: Full report will be attached to the minutes.

Assessor: Full report will be attached to the minutes.

Highway: Full report will be attached to the minutes.

Bus: Full report will be attached to the minutes.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

10. Intergovernmental Agreement by and Between Fremont Township Road District, Ela Township Road District and Wauconda Township Road District – consideration and possible action to approve IGA. A Motion by Trustee Bowman and seconded by Trustee Wilhoit to approve IGA between Fremont Township Road District, Ela Township Road District and Wauconda Township Road District, motion passed 5 to 0.
11. 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.
12. Consideration to approve the following Executive Session minutes from September 14th and 20th, October 12th and 25th, and November 9th and 28th, 2023. A motion by Trustee Bowman and seconded by Trustee Samz to approve the Executive Session minutes for content but not public release as amended from September 14th and 20th, October 12th and 25th, and November 9th and 28th, 2023. Motion passed 4 to 0 with corrections by Trustee Wilhoit. Trustee Ufodike abstained.
13. Adjournment
A motion by Trustee Bowman and seconded by Trustee Ufodike to adjourn at 7:23 P.M. Motion passed 5 to 0.

Respectfully submitted: Clerk Lucy Prouty