



**MINUTES  
REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 9, 2021**

**1. CALL TO ORDER – 7:08 PM**

PRESENT: Mayor Craig B. Johnson, Trustees Nancy J. Czarnik, Patton L. Feichter, Jeffrey C. Franke, Sam L. Lissner, Christine K. Prochno and Stephen F. Schmidt

ABSENT: None

A Quorum was present.

Also Present: Village Manager Raymond R. Rummel, Village Attorney George B. Knickerbocker, and Village Clerk Loretta M. Murphy

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / INVOCATION** – Pastor Stefan Potuznik, Christus Victor Lutheran Church

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 23, 2021** – Motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting held on February 23, 2021 as submitted and dispense with the reading.

Moved by Trustee Czarnik

Seconded by Trustee Lissner

VOICE VOTE

**MOTION CARRIED**

**4. MAYOR & BOARD OF REPORT**

Mayor Johnson – The business community is roaring back. The Village has been meeting with several data centers along with some other businesses that are looking at Elk Grove Village. The Midwest has been rated the second largest for data centers in the world with Elk Grove being in the forefront.

On March 4, Mayor Johnson attended the Rotary Club meeting to deliver a State of the Village Address to the Rotarians. In addition, on March 4, Mayor Pruyn of Itasca met with the Village to discuss intersection improvements at Devon & Park near Talbot's Mill. They are planning some nice improvements to the intersection with STP funding that will include improved lighting, handicap accessibility and other modifications. These improvements are no cost to Elk Grove and we appreciate Itasca for taking the time to improve the appearance of the area.

Love's Fueling Station will have a Groundbreaking Ceremony on Friday, March 19. Love's was the business that Chad Bruner discovered Elk Grove Village while watching the Bahama's Bowl. They plan to be operational before the end of the year generating approximately \$800,000 to \$1,000,000 a year in tax revenue for Elk Grove Village.

COVID Update – Elk Grove Village was picked to host a vaccination clinic. Osco Drug is working with the Village to provide a COVID vaccine clinic on Tuesday, March 16, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The vaccine will be the Pfizer 2-shot series and anyone that gets a shot on Tuesday, will receive a timeslot for the 2<sup>nd</sup> shot that day. At 9:00 a.m., notifications went out by robocall, Facebook, text and email messages. The call center opened up at 9:30 a.m. with 1,550 appointments available. This first round is for seniors 65 and over that are Elk Grove residents. As of 7:15 p.m. tonight, there were still 550 shots available. The call center will be open all night long. Unfortunately, immediately after the robocall, there was an influx of calls that delayed our phone system but the problem has been fixed. If you schedule an appointment, there is no need to come early. Every name on the list will have a shot waiting for them so do not worry if you are a little late. Osco will give out 60 shots every 15 minutes. Village staff will be assisting residents at the clinic and wheel chairs are available if necessary. We are optimistic that this will not be the only clinic that we will have to offer Elk Grove residents. Mayor thanked Village staff for their efforts to make this clinic happen on such short notice. The call number is 847-357-4275 to schedule an appointment.

Mayor read a letter from a resident thanking the Village on the robocalls to provide COVID

vaccine updates. The resident was able to secure an appointment at the Des Plaines location. The CDC announced that if people are vaccinated, and if everyone in the room has been vaccinated, a mask would no longer be needed. The studies have shown that people that have been vaccinated are low risk for being carriers. President Biden is hoping to have everyone vaccinated by the end of May. We are excited and are preparing to open up with Memorial Day at the Pavilion just as we have done in the past. RotaryFest is looking to open up. The concerts will be coming back. We will be firm but flexible making modifications as needed to ensure the safety of the residents. We are looking forward to the Play, Party, Picnic event, Oktoberfest and the Hometown Parade. We are looking forward to getting this Village back to normal. The vaccine is working and doing what it is supposed to and we are excited about moving forward. We will stay on top of things and keep you informed. Please leave the green ribbons on the trees until we get through this pandemic. The Village is going to plan a special celebration and the ribbons will be used as a part of the event.

The Village is doing well financially in a pandemic with almost 1.3 million more dollars collected in construction fees than last year. In April, we will have a series of meetings to talk about the long-term plan for keeping the roads updated, strong and safe for years to come. We will discuss flood mitigations for private property, public property, sidewalk issues, etc. The Village has held the line on property taxes for over fourteen years but we will need a source of funding for everything. The Village will be looking at everything in order to think long term for the future.

Swearing Ins – Jacob Glimco was sworn in as a new Commissioner on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Police Chief Walsh joined Mayor Johnson at the podium to swear in the following officers recently promoted in the Police Department: Sergeant Michael McIntyre, Sergeant Dan Doherty, Commander Chris Torres, and Deputy Chief Mike Garrison. Congratulations.

Trustee Czarnik – Attended the Northwest Suburban Municipal JAWA meeting on February 24, where the budget was approved and Ordinance No. 21-01 was approved appropriating the funds for that Fiscal year ending April 30, 2022. This was the last meeting for the Board Chair, Arlene Juracek, and JAWA thanked her for her leadership and service to the agency.

Applications for the Czarnik/Heffern Memorial Scholarships are available online at czarnikgolf.com, the Village website, and in the school counselor offices at Conant, Elk Grove and St. Viator high schools. There are eight (8) \$1,000 scholarships to be awarded to Elk Grove residents that will be graduating from high school this year. Applications must be received by April 23.

Trustee Lissner – No Report.

Trustee Prochno – The residents and staff did a fabulous job keeping the driveways and sidewalks clear during the snow events. We are looking forward to continuing the Memorial Day Observance and the Farmers Market is set to begin the first weekend in June.

Trustee Feichter – The Community Character Coalition will have a virtual Carnival of Character that is normally held in person at the Pavilion. This year, families can participate in a virtual Carnival on Sunday, March 28, at 3:00 p.m. that will be hosted by a magician. The host will intertwine his magic tricks with the lessons on character. Registration is required in advance to participate and flyers will be distributed at the District 59 schools. Please check the Village website for updates.

The Fallen Soldier Memorial Scholarships will offer four (4) \$2,000 scholarships awards this year. Information will be sent to the schools and placed on the Village website as it becomes available.

The Community Character Coalition is preparing a float this year for the Hometown Parade in September.

Trustee Schmidt – Please remember to move the clocks ahead one hour on Sunday, March 14.

Trustee Franke – We are starting to make plans for Oktoberfest in the Fall.

**5. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT: Motion to authorize payment of invoices as shown on the February 28, 2021 Accounts Payable Warrant in the amount of \$2,394,891.90.**

**Moved by** Trustee Czarnik

**Seconded by** Trustee Lissner

**AYES:** Trustees Feichter, Franke, Lissner, Prochno, Schmidt, Czarnik

**NAYS:** None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to authorize payment of invoices as shown on the March 9, 2021 Accounts Payable Warrant in the amount of \$570,268.15.**

**Moved by** Trustee Czarnik                      **Seconded by** Trustee Lissner

AYES: Trustees Feichter, Franke, Lissner, Prochno, Schmidt, Czarnik

NAYS: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Authorization to make payment to Progressive Rail, Inc. in the amount of \$25,655.82 for the Village's share of this rail crossing improvement from the Business Leader Forum Fund.
- b. Authorization to award a services contract to Core & Main of Carol Stream, IL for the annual Sensus Regional Network Interface & Analytics and antenna maintenance agreement at a cost not to exceed \$41,131 from the Water & Sewer Fund.
- c. Authorization to award a purchase contract to the most responsive and responsible bidder MNJ Technologies of Buffalo Grove, IL for the purchase of a 40 TB Exagrid backup appliance with accessories and a 3-year support agreement in an amount not to exceed \$43,570.
- d. Authorization to adopt Ordinance No. 3694 entitled "AN ORDINANCE TERMINATING THE TIF REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF ELK GROVE VILLAGE, SHAPRA II, LLC AND EQUITY ROOTS, INC."
- e. Authorization to adopt Resolution No.18-21 entitled, "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLAT OF SUBDIVISION IDENTIFIED AS CHOWDHURY SUBDIVISION (BAYMONT INN & SUITES, 2300 E. HIGGINS ROAD)."

Mayor asked if there were any questions on the Consent Agenda items.

**Motion to approve Consent Agenda item a. through e.**

**Moved by** Trustee Feichter                      **Second by** Trustee Lissner

VOICE VOTE

**MOTION CARRIED**

**7. REGULAR AGENDA** – No Report.

**8. PLAN COMMISSION** – Village Manager Rummel – No Report.

**9. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS** – Village Manager Rummel – No Report.

**10. YOUTH COMMITTEE** – Trustee Franke – There will be seven (7) \$1,000 scholarship awards available this year with five (5) awarded by the Village and two (2) awarded by the Elk Grove Parks Foundation to high school seniors. The application deadline is Friday, May 7 and applications are available on the Village website, Parks Foundation website and in the school counselor offices.

**11. BUSINESS LEADERS FORUM** – Trustee Lissner – The Makers Wanted workshops continue to meet on Thursday mornings via Zoom from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. and in person on the second Thursday of the month. John Dallas has put together another Masterclass to be held on Wednesday, March 17, from 6:00 p.m. until 7:15 p.m. via Zoom. The class features Geni Cutler, Executive Director, of Suburban Access Incorporated and the presentation is entitled "Rethinking Win-Win Reasons and Ways to Employ and Support Capable Workers with Disabilities." Anyone interested in attending can contact Josh Grodzin to register at 847-357-4005 or [jgrodzin@elkgrove.org](mailto:jgrodzin@elkgrove.org).

**12. CABLE TELEVISION COMMITTEE** – Trustee Lissner – On March 23, FS2 may be offered as part of their sports package to Comcast customers for free.

**13. HEALTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES** – Trustee Czarnik – No Report.

**14. INFORMATION COMMITTEE** – Trustee Lissner - The Information Committee met on February 24 at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the redesign options on the newsletter. Trustee Feichter, Trustee Prochno and Village staff provided excellent comments and suggestions. Staff will work with a designer to create a newsletter to meet the future needs in a couple of months.

Along with changing the clocks, please remember to change the batteries in your smoke detectors and clean any dust from them. The next virtual Neighborhood Watch meeting is scheduled for March 24 at 7:00 p.m.

**15. RECYCLING & WASTE COMMITTEE** – Trustee Feichter – Reminded residents of the importance of recycling items to avoid placing them in the landfill. Plastic containers that end up in the landfill take 50-80 years to disintegrate, aluminum cans take 200-500 years, plastic bottles take 450 years and plastic bags take 200-1,000 years. We can all do our part to clean up the environment and recycle these items.

**16. PARADE COMMITTEE** – Trustee Czarnik – Looking forward to our Hometown Parade on Saturday, September 18, at 2:00 p.m. The Community Character Coalition are the Grand Marshals for the Parade. The next Parade Meeting will be on Monday, April 5, at 5:30 p.m. on the lower level of the Charles J. Zettek Municipal Building in Rooms A,B,C.

**17. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE** – Trustee Franke – No Report.

**18. JUDICIARY, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE** – Trustee Prochno – Airbnb Short Term Rentals - The JPZ Committee met to consider the Airbnb Short Term Rentals to discuss any problems that surrounding communities have had. The committee overwhelmingly recommended not to allow Airbnb Short Term Rentals in the community. Trustee Prochno asked Mayor Johnson if we could recommend that the Village Attorney draw up an ordinance and pursue approving that ordinance as a whole board at the next meeting. **Motion to direct the Village Attorney to prepare an Ordinance pertaining to Airbnb Short Term Rentals.**

**Moved by** Trustee Franke                      **Second by** Trustee Czarnik  
VOICE VOTE

**MOTION CARRIED**

Recreational Cannabis Sales - The JPZ Committee met to discuss the possibility of allowing the sale of recreational cannabis in the community. There was a referendum question on the last ballot where 67% of the voters would like to have the sale of recreational cannabis approved in the community. We have no ordinances or rules in place yet. Reports were provided from staff with expert information and after two meetings, the committee voted 2-1 to approve the sale of recreational cannabis. Since there is a split vote, we ask if the Village Board would like to bring this item to a Committee of the Whole meeting on March 23 to hear testimony both in favor and opposed. The Village Board received the minutes and finding of fact from the meeting. That night, there will be a consensus as to whether to have the Village Attorney prepare the necessary ordinance or turn it down. Trustee Prochno stated that if any Board member has concerns or questions to please forward them ahead of the meeting so copies can be made for the board and an answer provided the same evening so a decision can be made. Mayor accepted the recommendation to bring to a Committee of the Whole and stated that a time will be determined at a later date after reviewing the amount of information for consideration.

Trustee Prochno asked for item c. listed as Telecommunication Facilities to be removed from the JPZ Committee on the agenda. Mayor agreed to remove that subcategory from the JPZ.

**19. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE** – Trustee Czarnik – No Report.

**20. AIRPORT UPDATE** – Mayor Johnson – No Report.

**21. MID-SUMMER CLASSICS CONCERT SERIES UPDATE** – Mayor Johnson - The lineup is still planned as follows: July 4 – Daughtry, July 13 – *under negotiations*, July 20 – Loverboy, and July 27 – The Beach Boys.

**22. SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE** – Mayor Johnson – Memorial Day Observation.

**23. LIQUOR COMMISSION** – Mayor Johnson – No Report.

**24. REPORT FROM VILLAGE MANAGER** – No Report.

**25. REPORT FROM VILLAGE CLERK** – Early Voting will begin on March 22 through April 5 for the April 6, 2021 Election. The hours are Monday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**26. UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – No Report.

**27. NEW BUSINESS** – No Report.

**28. PUBLIC COMMENT – 8:18 PM**

**29. ADJOURNMENT - Motion to adjourn the Village Board Meeting at 8:19 p.m.**

**Moved by** Trustee Czarnik                      **Second by** Trustee Franke

AYES: Trustees Franke, Lissner, Prochno, Schmidt, Czarnik, Feichter

NAYS: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Loretta M. Murphy, Village Clerk**

**By: Jennifer S. Mahon, Deputy Village Clerk**

**Mayor Craig B. Johnson**