

**Elmwood Park Village Special Board Meeting Minutes**  
**3131 Taylor Avenue – Village Hall Building 3**  
**January 27, 2015 – 6:00 P.M.**

*All agenda items shall follow protocol including staff overview, Board discussion, questions by public, Board disposition of item. The public must be recognized by the President.*

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** Meeting called to order by President Steiner at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Trustees Clouthier, Jaeck, Towery, Haas, Klimek, President Steiner, and Clerk Treasurer Ruggaber.

**Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance**

**PUBLIC COMMENT AND INPUT**

*Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.84(2) "the public notice of a meeting of the governmental body may provide for a period of public comment, during which the body may receive information from members of the public." Correspondence shall be read into record at this time.*

There is discussion as to whether public comment should be allowed as it is not on the agenda. President Steiner wishes to allow public comment. Trustee Clouthier announces that if public comment is going to be added, then he would like to also speak about the audit which is also not on the agenda.

Janet Hoff from WRJN objects and states that doing such would be violation of open meetings law although it would be unlikely that the District Attorney would not file charges for allowing public comment.

President Steiner states public comment will be allowed but Trustee Clouthier's issue will not be addressed at this meeting.

Laura Rude speaks and wants to know why we need to have another audit when we already had one.

Sheree Klabo speaks and wants to know why we are going into closed session again.

Tom Mills states he wishes to speak throughout the meeting and President Steiner states public comment will only be allowed at this time. Tom Mills wants to know who will be doing the appraisals and what credentials do they have.. As far as the detachment/attachment issue, has there been a park plan drawn and if so is it available for the public to view. He feels this is something that should be voted on. He speaks about the survey and it should not be a cost to the resident. When you sell something, the purchaser pays for it. Marketing is something that you need a licensed realtor to take care of. As far as Dr. Jones Emergency Evacuation request, again Mr. Mills brings up insurance issues, possible displacement of tenants, and perhaps the Village should be compensated for Dr. Jones using the gym during an emergency.

Marcia Russell also questions the closed session meeting.

Wendy Spencer speaks about rentals. This summer she has another job and will need someone to open and close for hall rentals.

Carol Hanson gives her opinion about the Dr. Jones kids using the gym. She also asks for people to bring food or chip in money for her to get snacks for the meetings.

Laura Rude speaks and wants to know how the Dr. Jones issue came about.

President Steiner wishes to nominate Alan Bagg to fill the position of interim Trustee until the April election. Trustee Haas seconds the motion. There is no discussion and the motion passes unanimously. Trustee Bagg is sworn in by Clerk-Treasurer Ruggaber.

President Steiner states there is a proposed offer from Evergreen Academy to purchase Beebe School. The board needs to decide to sell or not sell. The park conversion needs to be considered. The appraisals have already been done. But much work needs to be done preparing a plan for the DNR. The detachment and attachment involves making a monetary offer to the City for them to agree to the detachment. Evergreen Academy is also interested in portions of 3131 Taylor. Evergreen wants their new facility ready for the 2016 school year. Another realtor came in and is very interested in the 3131 Taylor property as well. President Steiner moves that we table this issue until the February 12<sup>th</sup> regular board meeting. Trustee Haas seconds the motion, and it passes unanimously.

Trustee Haas speaks about Dr. Jones Elementary. He answers Laura Rude's question by explaining the Principal of Jones Elementary sent an email request to the former clerk asking to use the facility in case of a crisis. Trustee Haas states that he researched all the issues that were brought up at the prior meeting. As far as insurance, we are covered. He also had a Lieutenant from the Fire Department review the space and the Lt stated that the space was more than adequate. Trustee

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Haas checked with officials at Evergreen and Renaissance and they stated that they would be willing to relocate if Dr. Jones needed to use the gym during an emergency which coincided with the time they were using the gym. Trustee Haas welcomes anyone to make a motion to allow Dr. Jones to use the space. No one made a motion so the issue is dead.

President Steiner moves to adjourn to closed session to discuss financial matters pursuant to WI State Statute 19.85(f) Trustee Towery seconds the motion and it passes unanimously.

The Board reconvenes after closed session. Trustee Haas moves that the Village Board spends up to \$230 to put locks on the two doors in Village Hall (office) and a new lock in the storage room in building 1. The Clerk-Treasurer and the President will have keys to the village office. The Clerk and the village attorney will have a key to the storage area. This policy will continue indefinitely. Trustee Klimek seconds the motion. It passes unanimously.

Trustee Towery states that it has been determined in closed session to look into financial issues, including unapproved expenditures, contract, and bidding issues. I move the Village Board determine to contract with Kessler International to conduct an investigative audit, phase one, in the amount of \$5,000, the scope to be determined by Kessler International. Trustee Klimek seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Clouthier (nay) Jaeck (nay) Tower (aye) Steiner (aye) Haas (aye) Bagg (aye) Klimek (aye)

The motion is approved.

Trustee Haas moves to adjourn. Trustee Bagg seconds the motion. All in favor, motion approved, meeting adjourned.