

**ELMWOOD PARK VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**  
**3131 TAYLOR AVENUE – VILLAGE HALL – BLDG. 3**  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2013 – 6:30 PM**  
Meeting Minutes

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**I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Mills.**

PRESENT: Trustees D. Voss, E. Steiner, C. Towery, B. Jaeck, P. Clouthier, N. Haas,  
President T. Mills, Clerk/Treasurer B. McNulty, Guest, Ray Anderson, Assessor

**II. PUBLIC INPUT AND COMMENT – No public comment.**

**III. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Minutes of February 14, 2013 Village Board Minutes Motion to accept Trustee P. Clouthier, 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee B. Jaeck
2. Accounts Payable – Feb. 14, 2013 thru Mar. 13, 2013 – Motion to accept Trustee B. Clouthier, 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee B. Jaeck

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. REPORTS**

**A. Racine County Sheriffs Monthly Report**

-2 speeding tickets issued, 1 operating after suspension, 1 non-registration, 1 no insurance and 2 parking citations.

-to address the villages concern about speeding, an extra attention was started and deputies did an additional 6 hrs. of patrol time in the village that the village was not charged for.

**B. Ray Anderson – Assessor's Office**

-Open Book – 04/22/2013 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

-Board of Review – 05/16/2013 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

-Property values have declined however, mill rate generally goes up to compensate for the lost revenues.

**C. Clerk/Treasurer – No Report**

**D. Trustees Report**

Trustee Dave Voss – plugged drains at Maryland & North Elmwood snow was piled up – problem has been taken care of.

Trustee Ellis Steiner – no report.

Trustee Cindy Towery – no report.

Trustee Brad Jaeck – no report.

Trustee Pete Clothier – is looking in to getting grants for recycling. Is reviewing bills from Waste Management.

**2. CONTRACTS**

- A. Electrical - -2 meters per building C Evans Lighting Design and Wellcraft Electrical. Both bids were within \$192.00 of each other. President Mills made a motion to accept one of the bids. Trustee Steiner asked for more information from village resident John Wilda, who then explained how it may be possible to save some money by adding a watt meter to main electrical panel that would keep track of the usage of electric by each tenant. We would then need to bill the tenant ourselves for their portion of the electric. President Mills expressed that the recommendation he was following was made by WE Energies, and by three other electrical contractors. Discussion whether work needs to be done all at once or could we do them in sections? For salability issues it is recommended we do it all now. WI Energies has committed to do the work from the poles to the buildings at no cost to the village – if work is done a different times we will need to pay WE Energies to remove the 2<sup>nd</sup> pole and the work that needs to be done.
  - B. Brick Work – Tabled at this moment.
  - C. Roof Concern – Tabled at this moment.
3. Adopt guidelines and application for Planning Commission.
  - Guidelines were adapted from the State of WI handbook.
  - Applicant – Warren Honore – 3523 Maryland Avenue – Planning Commission will review all applicants and make a decision.
4. Bloom Beautification Program coordinator is Leif Peterson
  - Neighborhood gardeners, the village is working on a couple of projects we hope you might be interested in.
    - Perennial garden plant exchange, an annual event
    - Efforts to change and improve the plantings on village property

Anyone interested should send Leif Peterson of the planning commission an e-mail letting him know you are interested in either or both. He'll contact you with more particulars as the season gets closer. leif.peterson@hotmail.com
5. Rental – Green Space for sports and storage.
  - President Mills asked for suggestions on how much we would charge to rent the green space for soccer and other sports during the summer time. Trustee Voss suggested checking with the insurance company to find out if we are covered if something were to happen.
6. Loan Outcome – Clerk Treasurer
  - Loan from the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands was approved for the refinance of current loan on the Taylor Avenue Complex and cash out for repairs.
  - Loan Amount \$740,000. Pay-off to Johnson Bank which included a 1% pre-payment penalty \$660,326.28. Cost to obtain loan through Ehlers \$4,200.00 netting out to \$75,473.72 for updating of the Taylor Complex. The original budget anticipated \$100,000.00 for the updating.

- Interest rate of loan through Johnson Bank was 5.98%, adjustable vs fixed rate of new loan of 3.75%

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#### 7. Building Elmwood Park's Distinguished Identity – Trustee Haas

- Proposal by Trustee Haas to recommend to planning committee to consider and make recommendation to the board regarding welcome signs and their placement at village entrances. Trustee Voss accepted proposal, President Mills 2nd.

- Proposal by Trustee Haas to establish a name for the Village Park, Trustee Clouthier accepted proposal, Trustee Jaeck 2nd. Trustee Haas to add something to the newsletter proposing residents assist in naming the park.

- Proposal by Trustee Haas to have signs made for the park was withdrawn.

- Proposal by Trustee Haas to United States Post Office recognize Village of Elmwood Park as a mailing address. Racine would be secondary address. Trustee Clouthier accepted proposal, Trustee Voss 2nd. Village clerk to send letter to USPS with request.

Trustee Haas expressed there may be tax advantages to using Elmwood Park.

Trustee Clouthier expressed there may be tax advantages when registering cars.

### V. OLD BUSINESS

#### 1. Building 1 completion work – maintenance concerns

-President Mills stated painting has been done, carpeting put in, and we are now starting to rent out the building. The concerns maintaining it and looking for future occupants, any village resident that would like to see it stop by when you see his car or Trustee Haas' car.

#### 2. Gym Hall Rental update – Open/Close assist. President Mills shared with the village that the gym and the hall rentals have more than doubled in the past few months. He is looking for someone to assist in opening and closing the gym for the renters. Please e-mail him if you are able and willing to help.

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#### 3. Purchase signs for Village – Trustee Clouthier

-Made a motion to purchase signs from BSI for \$237.68, 1<sup>st</sup> Trustee Jaeck, 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee Haas.

### VI. ADJOURNMENT – President Mills – 7:45 p.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Trustee Steiner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee Haas