

Village of Elwood special meeting minutes, September 15, 2021

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Elwood, Nebraska was held on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 7:15 pm. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm by Board Chair Martin who acknowledged the Open Meetings Act posted on the south wall of the meeting room. Present were Trustees Tilson, Fong, Townsend and Kleine. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posted notices at Security First Bank, Pinnacle Bank, Elwood Post Office and the Village Office. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Board Chair Martin opened the public hearing at 7:08 pm to consider two separate Community Redevelopment Plans. Paul Zerr from the American Legion and Maria Atterberry with Legion Auxiliary were present to offer assistance with the Veteran's Memorial project. Ed Houlden, who is a member of the Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA), explained the location of the memorial is to be just west of the Marquee and the memorial is still in the planning phase. The location of the memorial must be located in the blighted area for it to be a redevelopment project under the CRA. Zerr mentioned he will look for grant funding to assist with the project.

The redevelopment project for The Red Barn is to upgrade the buildings. Board Chair Martin closed the public hearing at 7:34 pm. Board Chair Martin and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Elwood find that the Red Barn Redevelopment Plan and the Veterans' Memorial Redevelopment Plan are feasible and in conformity with the general plan for the development of the Village of Elwood and are in conformity with the declarations and determinations set forth in the Community Development Law. A motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Fong, to pass and adopt Resolution 2021-13 approving the redevelopment plan for a Veteran's Memorial. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: Ayes: Kleine, Townsend, Fong, Tilson, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0. A motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Townsend to pass and adopt Resolution 2021-12 approving the redevelopment project for the Red Barn. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: Ayes: Tilson, Fong, Townsend, Kleine, Martin; Nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

Board Chair Martin stated that a request was received from the CRA for \$25,000.00 for the finished house on Lot 9 for down-payment assistance. After reviewing the cost summary of construction of Lot 9, a motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Townsend, to grant funds to the CRA for the down-payment assistance program for said lot in the amount of \$25,000.00. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: Ayes: Kleine, Fong, Townsend, Tilson, Martin; Nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

The Trustees reviewed the proposals from the insurance providers from the previous two meetings. A motion was made by Fong to select Security First Insurance for the Village's insurance needs for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: Ayes: Townsend, Tilson, Kleine, Fong, Martin; Nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

Regular Village Board meeting dates were reviewed as there are scheduling conflicts through May of 2022. A motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Kleine to hold the regular monthly board meetings on the third Tuesday of each month effective now through May of 2022. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: Ayes: Townsend, Fong, Kleine, Tilson, Martin; Nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

The Board discussed options for the third free internet service offered from USA Communications. A motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Fong, to choose the Elwood Care Center as the third free internet option. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: Ayes: Kleine, Townsend, Fong, Tilson, Martin; Nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

Board Chair Martin adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Laurie Jauken
Clerk/Treasurer