

**VILLAGE OF ELM GROVE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
July 27, 2020**

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OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES*

Present: President Palmer and Trustees Haas. Present via Zoom Trustees Irwin, Domaszek, Cornell, Kressin, and Michalski.  
Also Present: Village Manager David De Angelis, Zoning Administrator Thomas Harrigan, EMS Director Dr. John Robinson and Village Attorney Hector de la mora.

President Palmer brought the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.  
Thomas Harrigan took the roll.  
President Palmer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. No Public Hearing

2. Public Comment

Matthew Donahue, Elm Grove Firefighter, was present before the Board. Mr. Donahue opined that resolution 072720B should be tabled for consideration until after a third party investigation relating to the actions of the former Fire Chief and Village Manager is completed.

A. Update on Oktoberfest by the Elm Grove Foundation.

Mr. De Angelis indicated the update will be presented at a future meeting.

3. Agenda

Trustee Haas motioned and Michalski seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

4. Minutes

Trustees Cornell and Michalski moved and seconded to approve the June 22, 2020 minutes. Motion carried.  
Trustees Michalski and Domaszek moved and seconded to approve the July 16, 2020 minutes. Motion carried.

5. No Report of the Village President

A. Resolution 072720A for Recognition of Village Clerk, Mary Stredni.

President Palmer recited the resolution before the Board.

President Palmer motioned and Trustee Haas seconded to approve the resolution. Motion carried 7-0.

B. Resolution 072720B for Appreciation of Fire Chief William Selzer.

President Palmer recited the resolution before the Board.

President Palmer motioned and Trustee Michalski seconded to approve the resolution. Motion carried 7-0.

C. Discussion and possible action on COVID-19 precautions.

1. Are protections for employees adequate?

Dr. Robinson, Director of the EMS Department, was present before the Board. Dr. Robinson stated that the protocols appear to be working. There are new Plexiglas shields at the General Government front counter, hand sanitizer and masks are available for those who choose to use them.

Mr. De Angelis stated that after having several conversations with staff members, the general consensus is that employees are comfortable. The pool staff has been wearing masks and the Village Hall is cleaned with disinfectant on a regular basis.

President Palmer asked what the trend is for positive COVID cases in Waukesha County.

Dr. Robinson confirmed the number of positive cases is rising.

2. Should face masks be required for members of the public entering Village Hall?

Trustee Haas motioned to require people coming into Village Hall to wear a face mask. Trustee Kressin seconded.

Trustee Irwin stated that she agrees with Trustee Haas.

Trustee Haas clarified, that the motion would only apply to the general public, the Police, Fire and EMS Chiefs would be able to make their own determination regarding face coverings for their employees.

Trustee Cornell asked what the current sentiment of the employees is.

Mr. De Angelis stated the employees are generally comfortable as 80-85% of the public coming into Village Hall are already wearing face coverings.

President Palmer commented it appears the staff is reasonable comfortable and most people coming into Village Hall are wearing face coverings.

Trustee Domaszek opined he is not in favor of the motion.

President Palmer asked how Municipal Court will be managed.

Mr. De Angelis stated Municipal Court is already providing masks and hand sanitizer.

Trustee Irwin stated that the Village needs to lead by example.

Mr. De Angelis noted that the motion would apply to the upcoming election as well.

President Palmer called the question.

Eye: Trustee Haas, Irwin, Palmer, Kressin.

Nay: Trustee Cornell, Domaszek, Michalski.

Motion carried 4-3.

3. Should Village Staff wear face masks during all public contact?

Trustee Domaszek opined that the Board needs to establish clear guidelines, because the Trustees should not be exempted.

Trustee Haas stated that if the Board would like to require everyone entering Village Hall to wear a face mask, he would be OK with that. This includes Staff, Board members and Committee members.

Trustee Cornell asked if this includes employees.

President Palmer stated the previous motion would need to be amended.

Trustee Irwin commented that members of the Board and Committee members are members of the Public, therefore the previous motion applies to those individuals as well.

Trustee Irwin Motioned and Domaszek seconded to require any person, including Staff, Board or Committee members entering Village Hall to wear a face mask.

Eye: Trustee Irwin, Domaszek.

Nay: President Palmer, Trustees Kressin, Haas, Michalski, Cornell.

4. Should the Board request Waukesha County to impose a public mask requirement?

Trustee Irwin stated that if masks are mandated for a short period of time, the "curve" of positive COVID cases could be flattened.

Dr. Robinson stated he is not certain there is any way to practically enforce the mandate.

President Palmer commented the reality is there would be no expectation for enforcement. Perhaps the Board should advocate for more of an advertisement campaign.

Trustee Domaszek stated that he spoke with Elmbrook school District regarding if the District has the right to require masks in schools even if the County does not mandate it. Trustee Domaszek stated he is in favor to advocate to the County that mask should be required in schools.

President Palmer stated he would be willing draft a letter for the County Executive and have the Board of Trustees review it prior to sending.

Attorney de la Mora cautioned the Board not to create a walking quorum if the letter is circulated via email.

6. Fire Department – monthly report in binder
7. Police Department– monthly report in binder
8. No EMS Department report
9. Report of Interim Village Clerk  
Mr. De Angelis provided a status update on the new Clerk’s state date. He does not anticipate any issues with transition and onboarding.
10. Report of the Village Manager  
De Angelis reported that the Police Department is in the process of finalizing the hire of a new Police Officer. Splash pad update: the State inspection is anticipated to take place next Tuesday.
11. No Report of the Village Attorney
12. Standing Committees
  - A. Plan Commission  
Trustee Michalski reported the Plan Commission reviewed a concept proposal for a possible lot division at 14265 Juneau Blvd. The Commission recommended the applicant move forward with the process by creating a draft Certified Survey Map to be brought back to the Commission for review.
  - B. Library Board  
Trustee Irwin reported that activity in the library has been down, yet improving.
  - C. Public Works/Utilities  
Trustee Kressin presented the Compliance Maintenance Annual Report and motioned for approval, Trustee Haas seconded. Motion carried 7-0.  
Trustee Kressin noted the Committee is continuing to hold discussions regarding the long term paving plan of the Village.
  - D. Public Safety  
Trustee Cornell reported the Committee has created a draft urban chicken ordinance which has been referred to the Plan Commission for review.  
Trustee Cornell also presented the amended Chapter 275 regarding Vehicles and Traffic. Specifically no parking on Legion Drive on the west side of the street from Elmhurst Parkway to Marquette Avenue. President Palmer motioned, Trustee Domaszek seconded. Motion carried 7-0.
  - E. No Legislative Committee
  - F. Park and Recreation Committee

Trustee Irwin reported that the splash pad is anticipated to open in the near future, pending state and county approvals. Also tree damage due to usage of hammock in Village Park is continually being monitored.

G. No Administrative and Personnel

H. Finance and Licensing

1. Review and act on Licenses

Trustees Haas and Cornell moved and seconded to approve new Operator License for:

Chase Dallmann

Sarina Vongsavath

Joshua Kaplan

Kimberly Larkin

Micah Wirsching

Katherine Cottrill

Hannah Prudlow

Noelle Mullen

Gabrielle Sabatinelli

Motion carried.

Trustees Haas moved and Cornell seconded to approve Operator Licenses renewals for:

Edward McMilin

Motion carried.

2. Review and act on vouchers

Trustees Haas and Domaszek moved and seconded to approve the vouchers in the total amount of \$478,148.84. Motion carried.

13. No Other business

14. Adjourn

President Palmer and Trustee Cornell moved and seconded to adjourn at 9:52 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Harrigan  
Zoning and Planning Administrator/  
Assistant to the Village Manager