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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
CITY OF ELWOOD, MADISON COUNTY, INDIANA
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
APRIL 15, 2015 2:00PM**

Meeting called to order by Mayor Tucker. Members present: Kenton Badger and Roger Towner. City attorney, Jim Wilson, was present for the meeting.

Minutes from the March 18, 2015 and April 1, 2015 regular meetings were presented to the board for approval. Badger made a motion to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Towner. All in favor.

Mark Gillam, representing the fire department union, presented the board with a contract extension for a period of one year. This extension has no change from the current contract. Towner questioned the surcharge if not a union member. Gillam stated at this time it is not an issue as all firemen are union members. Towner made a motion to accept the contract extension for one year; seconded by Badger. All in favor.

A contract between Dixon Engineering and the Elwood Utilities in the amount of \$3,000.00 was presented to the board for approval. This contract allows Dixon to begin the bid process for repairs needed on the water tower. Towner made a motion to accept the contract; seconded by Badger. All in favor.

A claim for His Place Productions in the amount of \$600.00 for software maintenance at the wastewater plant was presented to the board for approval. Badger made a motion to approve the claim; seconded by Towner. All in favor.

A claim for Elwood Postmaster in the amount of \$670.00 for postage in the building commissioner's office was presented to the board for approval. Towner made a motion to approve the claim; seconded by Badger. All in favor.

Claims for Building Crafts, Barnes & Thornburg and Vectren were presented to the board for SRF disbursement approval. Clerk-Treasurer, Allison Atwood requested the board approve this claim to be paid with SRF monies. Towner made a motion to approve claims for SRF disbursement; seconded by Badger. All in favor.

Claims for the city and utilities were presented to the board for approval. The March end of month claims totaled \$309,659.40. Towner made a motion to approve the claims; seconded by Badger. All in favor.

April claims totaled \$698,984.18. Badger made a motion to accept the claims for payment; seconded by Towner. All in favor.

Claims for the ERC totaling \$19,265.40 were presented to the board for payment. Badger made a motion to pay the claims contingent on ERC approval; seconded by Tucker. All in favor.

Badger made a motion to allow the mayor to be the Authorized Signatory Representative for the SRF project; seconded by Towner. All in favor.

A new officer agreement between Chris Lovell and the Elwood Police Department was presented to the board for approval. This agreement requires the officer to be employed with the city for a period of three years or pay back the cost of training. Towner made a motion to accept the agreement; seconded by Badger. All in favor.

Tucker read a statement regarding the relationship between the FOP and the mayor. Tucker is recommending the board approve contracting with Michael Crooke to serve as a mediator to better their working relationship in the amount of \$500.00. Badger made a motion to approve the mediator; seconded by Towner. All in favor.

A Memorandum of Understanding for the radio system upgrade that was tabled at last meeting was brought before the board. Badger expressed some concerns he still had. Wilson recommended taking a recess and calling those involved to clear up any questions. Badger made a motion to recess for half an hour; seconded by Towner. All in favor.

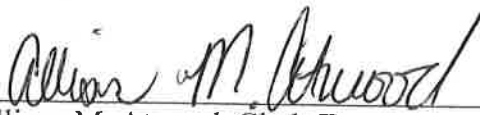
Tucker reconvened the meeting.

Badger stated he felt that all of his concern had been addressed. Wilson recommended the memorandum of understanding be approved with the written amendments. Badger made a motion to approve the memorandum of understanding subject to the minor modification as suggested; seconded by Towner. All in favor.

Badger made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Towner. All in favor; meeting adjourned.



Don Tucker, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Allison M. Atwood, Clerk-Treasurer