

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Lynam calls to order the Village of East Dundee Regular Village Board Meeting at 8:15 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Trustees Mahony, Kunze, Brittin, Saviano, Treiber, Sauder, and President Lynam.

Also in attendance are Administrator Erika Storlie, Chief of Police Josh Fourdyce, Finance and Administrative Services Director Brandiss West, Director of Public Works Phil Cotter, Building Inspector Chris Ranieri, Assistant to the Administrator Franco Bottalico, Management Intern Caleb Haydock, Village Engineer Joe Heinz, Attorney Steward Weiss and Clerk Katherine Diehl.

Motion to Allow Trustee Treiber to participate via telephone by Mahony/Brittin.

Roll: Ayes – 6 – Mahony, Kunze, Brittin, Saviano, Sauder and President Lynam. Nays – 0. Absent – 0.  
Motion carries.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recited**

**PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- a. For a Request for a Variance from Section 156.04(C)(1)(b) Regarding the Maximum Square Feet Allowed for a Business Establishment Identification Wall Sign for the Property Located at 535 Dundee Ave., East Dundee IL, 60118, Portion of PIN 03-26-227-007, in the B-3 Business District**

*President Lynam opened the public hearing.*

Karen Dodge, representative for the sign company, was present to answer any questions. In response to Trustee Sauder’s question asking why the mall owner does not wish to change the name of “Elgin Mall” to avoid confusion of its new East Dundee location, Administrator Storlie advised that she had a discussion with the owner previously and the applicant is of the strong belief that the Elgin Mall name is vitally important to their customer base and did not wish to change it. She added that a business may choose any name so long as it is not profane or obscene. Several Board members stated that they do not have issue with the size or scale of the proposed sign, however, they said that they would like to see “East Dundee” added to the sign.

There were no other comments or questions from the public.

Motion to close the public hearing by Mahony/Brittin.

Roll: Ayes – 7 – Mahony, Kunze, Brittin, Saviano, Treiber Sauder and President Lynam. Nays – 0. Absent – 0. Motion carries.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a. Motion to Approve the Regular Village Board Meeting Minutes Dated February 19, 2024**
- b. Motion to Accept the Warrants Lists in the Amount of \$ 207,915.33**
- c. Motion to Approve a Special Ordinance Authorizing the Ceding of Private Activity Bonding Authority**

- d. **Motion to Approve a Resolution Awarding a Bid to Schroeder Asphalt Services, Inc. in the Amount of \$549,216.44 for the 2024 Street Improvement Project and Authorize a Total Expenditure of up to the Budgeted Amount of \$585,000**
- e. **Motion to Approve an Ordinance Amending Village Code Chapters 70 and 71, Traffic Code General Provisions and Traffic Schedules**
- f. **Motion to Approve a Resolution Amending Resolution 31-23 with Regard to Start Time of the Planning, Zoning and Historic Commission Meetings**
- g. **Motion to Approve the Findings of Fact Regarding a Variation from Section 156.04(C)(1)(b) Regarding the Maximum Square Feet Allowed for a Business Establishment Identification Wall Sign Located at 535 Dundee Avenue in the B-3 General Service Business District**
- h. **Motion to Approve an Ordinance Granting a Variation from Section 156.04(C)(1)(b) Regarding the Maximum Square Feet Allowed for a Business Establishment Identification Wall Sign Located at 535 Dundee Avenue in the B-3 General Service Business District**

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda **Items A, B, C, D, E and F** by Kunze/Mahony.

Roll: Ayes – 6 – Mahony, Kunze, Brittin, Saviano, Treiber and Sauder. Nays – 0. Absent – 0.

Motion carries.

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda **Items G and H** by Mahony/Brittin.

**Discussion:**

Trustee Brittin stated that she would like for the “Elgin” wording on the sign to be smaller in size and for “Mall” to be larger or to have “East Dundee” added to the sign. Being the gateway to the Village, some Board members voiced concern for confusion of the location having a different town name on the sign. Trustee Saviano commented that “Elgin Mall” is their branding and this is a smart business decision for them since this is how they are known to their following. Trustee Sauder stated that given that the mall is located at the gateway to the village, he would like to open a dialogue with the applicant to see if they are open to modifying the name or would consider other design elements to make it more clear to mall visitors that they are no longer in Elgin. Trustee Mahony stated that the Elgin Mall has been in business in Elgin for over 22 years and they have a large, regional following. She advised that both the business owner and property owner have put significant money into this project. She said they have a brand equity where all of their business vendors licenses are attached to the Elgin Mall, and she is not in favor of changing their name. All agreed that they do not have issue with the size or scale of the sign, however, some would like to see “East Dundee” incorporated into the proposed sign in some way.

Motion to Postpone Consent Agenda Items G and H to the Regular Village Board Meeting on April 15, 2024, by Brittin/Mahony.

Roll: Ayes – 6 – Mahony, Kunze, Brittin, Saviano, Treiber and Sauder. Nays – 0. Absent – 0.

Motion carries.

**OTHER AGENDA ITEMS:**

**a. Spongy Moth Program Discussion**

Public Works Director Cotter stated that according to the Department of Agriculture, the Village is in a good place due to treatment and does not believe treatment will be necessary for 10 or more years. He advised that the village would continue to trap and evaluate traps on a yearly basis.

**b. Motion to Advise and Consent to the Appointment of Jordan Johnson to the Arts Council for a 3-year term Concluding in the year 2027**

President Lynam advised that this item is being pulled from the agenda.

**REPORTS: VILLAGE PRESIDENT and BOARD**

**Lynam:** Thanked staff for their efforts with the St. Patrick's Day Parade preparations.

**Brittin: None**

**Kunze:** Reported that he walked in the St. Patrick's Day Parade and thanked staff for their efforts with preparations.

**Mahony:** Reported that it was a great St. Patrick's Day Parade. She also advised that May 11 is opening day for the Saturday Depot Market. She asked Chief Fourdyce if the number of police-related incidents on March 9 (St. Pat's Day festivities) was higher than usual. Fourdyce replied that there was a higher number than usual of incidents. He added that the department was well staffed with 7 officers in preparation.

**Sauder:** Thanked Public Works for their help with flood mitigation at 1<sup>st</sup> and Michigan Streets. He advised that they found a plug in one of the inlets and cleared it out.

**Saviano:** Thanked staff for their efforts with the St. Patrick's Day Parade. She announced that the Arts Council voted on the most creative shamrock display, which was awarded to River Lee's.

**Treiber: None**

**REPORTS: STAFF**

**Village Administrator: None**

**Village Attorney:** Stewart Weiss recognized Kelsea Nolot of Elrod Friedman Law Firm in the audience.

**Police Chief:** Fourdyce reported that the St. Patrick's Day Parade went well and there were no real issues involving the police department. He thanked Village Management Intern Caleb Haydock for his work in making the animal control ordinance video.

**Public Works Director:** Reported that the picnic tables have been removed from the Depot grounds in making room for the new tables. He advised that two concrete pads have been installed for ADA compliant tables to be stationed at.

**Building Inspector: None**

**Finance Director: None**

**Village Engineer: None**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: None**

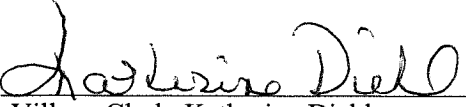
Motion to adjourn the Regular Village Board meeting at 9:00 p.m. by Mahony/Brittin.

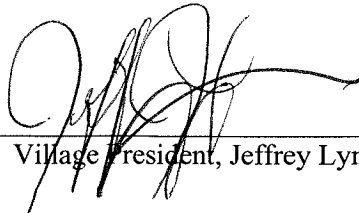
Roll: Ayes – 7 – Mahony, Kunze, Brittin, Saviano, Treiber, Sauder and President Lynam. Nays – 0. Absent – 0.

Motion carries. Meeting Adjourns

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Diehl

Attest:   
Village Clerk, Katherine Diehl

By:   
Village President, Jeffrey Lynam