

**Elgin Area League of Women Voters
Observer Report**

MEETING: Elgin Township

DATE: July 13, 2009

League Member Observing: Ralph Gross

Elected Officials Attending: Johnson, Pelock, Raschenberger, (Trustees) Kojzarek (Clerk), Burnidge (Road Commissioner), Surnicki (Assessor)

Absent: Supervisor Miller, Trustee Hudgens

Was press in attendance? No

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

Bills and funding:

Question why two general assistance funerals? – Explanation - Has happened in past and frequently related to state hospital and/or deceased being indigent.

Question why different provider for life and health insurance? – Explanation - American Charter, new name, same coverage, savings in premium \$40,000.

Website:

Ken Johnson gave a presentation – he has 20 years in software development and database applications, and designed Geneva Township website. A committee was set up to manage the design process – Supervisor Miller, Trustee Rauschenberger and Clerk Kojzarek. - Goal is for a launch date of Dec. 09.

Funding Request:

United Way request of \$1000 for Kane County Guide (social services) motion carried.

MOST CRITICAL ISSUE(S):

Discussion regarding the crisis of funding for social services. Local agencies have been forced to sign contracts with the state that are only for 50% funding. Since Social Services is a primary function of township government, discussion included ways to find new funds, the township \$200,000 rainy day fund, possible loans and the need to prioritize. No action taken.

COMMENTS/NOTES:

Meeting was adjourned due to Pelock needing to leave early suspending quorum.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

None.

NEXT MEETING:

August 10, 2009 6:00 p.m.

Observer: Please fill out and e-mail to Laurel Bault at laurelbault@yahoo.com after each meeting observed.

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