

Second-grade teacher resigns

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Fifteen minutes before the Elgin-New Leipzig School District board of education was scheduled to meet to act on a recommendation to discharge him, second-grade teacher Barry Striegel submitted his resignation to the board.

During a special meeting Oct. 23, the school board unanimously voted to immediately accept

Striegel's resignation.

The meeting was called for 8 a.m. to act on Superintendent Dr. Sherlock Hirning's recommendation to discharge Striegel for cause. Striegel submitted his letter of resignation by email to Hirning at 7:45 a.m., just prior to the special board meeting convening.

Following what Hirning described as concerns with Striegel's conduct

and performance as a classroom teacher, none of which impacted the safety of students, Striegel was placed on paid administrative leave as of the end of day Oct. 2 and has been on paid leave since that day.

Striegel started his position with the district in August as the second-grade teacher.

Elizabeth Hands, a paraeducator with a substitute teaching license and who is

pursuing her teaching degree, has been leading the classroom and will remain as a long-term substitute, mentored by Roxann Tietz.

Hirning advised the board members not to share confidential information.

"Please do not be engaging in any conversations about the situation," he advised the board members.

Elgin City Council Proceedings

Regular Meeting October 3, 2024

Regular City Council Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. October 3, 2024 by Mayor Ronald Bartz.

Pledge was recited.

Public in Attendance: Wayne Iszler, Luann Dart, Tabitha Zimmerman, Marie Klein

In Attendance: Leslie Bartz, Ron Fischer, Kristian Roth, Brian Richardson, Brianna Ricks and Ronald Bartz.

Absent: Robert Mead

Public: None

Maintenance Report: Iszler informed the council of recent projects. Numerous water meters have stopped working and have been replaced. Chad Gappert assisted Iszler with a sewer repair.

Engineers Report: Council reviewed the Engineers Report as presented. Moved by L. Bartz second by Roth to approve and sign the Agreement for the East Side Watermain Project, all present aye motion carried.

Additions to agenda: Discussion was held regarding the rental housing shortage.

A meeting will be held in near future to address the issue and Mayor Bartz and Brianna Ricks will be in attendance on behalf of the City of Elgin.

Moved by Ricks second by Richardson to approve the Regular council minutes dated September 5, 2024, all present aye motion carried.

Moved by L. Bartz and second by Roth to approve the financial statement as presented for September all present aye motion carried.

Moved by Roth second by Richardson to approve the following bills for September and October, US Treasury 1246.86, NDPERS 2062.94, NDPERS Pension 950.37, FIBT 2067.49, City of Elgin 20,000, Elgin Library 30,000, Elgin True Value 158.64, Lince Sanitation 4945.01, MDU 2580.70, Nardini Fire 453.00, ND Dept of Health 183.52, R Family 3.13, SW District Health Unit 25.00, Tools Plus 171.21, WRT 301.79, Eagle Eye Roofing 24,652.25, SW Grain 88.16, Elgin True Value 11.94, Del's Carpentry 176.76, MDU 68.20, WRT 67.65, FIBT 9.68, 314.00, 9.68, Elgin

Park Board 344.55, Elgin True Value 78.43, Ferguson 2746.45, Gas & Gears 276.24, Gr County 5063.00, GS Publishing 524.10, Lince Sanitation 2538.35, One Call 12.00, R Family 28.06, SW Water Authority 7149.08, Team Lab 3032.50 all present aye motion carried; and Employee/Council Wages \$5,563.14.

Past Due water bill as follows: Chris Pearson, Corinna Diehl, Nancy Iszler, Elizabeth Hands, Bobby Walters, Jake Haskett, Leland Adams, Delaus Hadley, Steve Bleick, Trenton Buchholz and Milt's Building.

Old Business:

Moved by Ricks second by Fischer to approve Seib's Sports Bar to use the Empty lot south of the bar during the June 2025 Elgin Days. A tent will be set up to house an outdoor bar and dance. All present aye motion carried.

Moved by L. Bartz second by Roth to approve the Bi-Annual Audit for 2022 & 2023 as presented and submitted by Rath & Mehrer; all present aye motion carried.

New Business:

Discussion was held regarding the replacement of a side walk on 2nd Ave and West St. Council consensus was that the cost of that project would be the responsibility of the home owner.

Moved by L. Bartz second

by Fischer to approve building permit #846-Brian Richardson and#847-Karen Sartain; all present aye motion carried.

Moved by Ricks second by Richardson to approve the Local Raffle Permit #413 for Cannonball Ducks Unlimited; all present aye motion carried.

Moved by Fischer second by Roth to approve the Special Event Liquor Permit for OPCLL for October 25th and December 20th & 21; all present aye motion carried.

Moved by Roth second by L. Bartz to approve the annual renewal of the Law Enforcement Agreement as presented; all present aye motion carried.

Moved by Richardson second by Fischer to approve and certify the Special Assessment List for mowing and past due water bills as presented; all present aye motion carried.

Moved by Fischer second by Roth to approve the prepay propane contract with SW Grain, all present aye motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53.

/s/Ron Bartz

Ron Bartz, Mayor

/s/Reva Weekes

Reva Weekes, Auditor

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Elgin Betterment hosts Trunk or Treat event



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Coyote School News



Schedule of Events

Sat., Nov. 2: Varsity football playoff game in New Rockford, 1:00 p.m. MT.

Sun., Nov. 3: Open swimming, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.; Adult water aerobics 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.; Daylight Savings Time Ends - turn clocks back one hour.

Mon., Nov. 4: Varsity volleyball vs. Shiloh Christian, 4:00 p.m. Parent and Senior recognition; JH girls' basketball practice begins.

Tues., Nov. 5: Open swimming 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Wed., Nov. 6: Adult water aerobics, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Thurs., Nov. 7: Volleyball play-in regional match, TBA; Veterans Day program, 1:30 p.m.; Parent's Day 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.; No open swimming.

Fri., Nov. 8: Teacher Professional Development, no school.

Breakfast Menu

Fri., Nov. 1: Breakfast bar, juice, fruit, cereal, toast and milk.

Mon., Nov. 4: Scrambled eggs, juice, fruit, cereal, toast, and milk.

Tues., Nov. 5: Poptarts, juice, fruit, ce-

real, toast and milk.

Wed., Nov. 6: Egg omelet, hashbrowns, juice, fruit, cereal, toast and milk.

Thurs., Nov. 7: French toast, ham patty, juice, fruit, cereal, toast and milk.

Fri., Nov. 8: No School - teacher inser-

Lunch Menu

Fri., Nov. 1: Pot stickers, fried rice, whole wheat products, fruit and vegetables, salad bar, soup of the day, milk.

Mon., Nov. 4: Sausage sauerkraut potatoes pork and beans, whole wheat products, fruit and vegetables, salad bar, soup of the day, milk.

Tues., Nov. 5: Chicken nuggets, fries, whole wheat products, fruit and vegetables, salad bar, soup of the day, milk.

Wed., Nov. 6: Beef stew, biscuits, whole wheat products, fruit and vegetables, salad bar, soup of the day, milk.

Thurs., Nov. 7: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, dinner roll, whole wheat products, fruit and vegetables, salad bar, soup of the day, milk.

Fri., Nov. 8: No School - teacher inser-

Elgin and New Leipzig Senior Meals menu

Fri., Nov. 1: Taco salad, garlic toast, fruit cup, banana bar, milk, coffee.

Fri., Nov. 8: Meatball sundae, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas and carrots, lemon fruit salad, milk, coffee.

Mon., Nov. 4: Crispy chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, tomatoes, peaches and berries, milk, coffee.

Tues., Nov. 5: Cabbage roll, baked potato, beets, apple cake, milk, coffee.

Thurs., Nov. 7: Scalloped potatoes with ham, tossed salad, fruit cup, cheesecake with cherries, milk, coffee.

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Fri., Nov. 8: Meatball sundae, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas and carrots, lemon fruit salad, milk, coffee.

For meal reservations in Elgin, please call Our Place Café, 584-3150 by 9:00 p.m. the day prior to the meal.

For meal reservations in New Leipzig, please call Nancy Grade at 584-2351 by 9:00 p.m. the day prior to the meal.

All menus subject to change due to availability of foods.

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