

Village of Elwood regular meeting minutes, August 11, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Elwood, Nebraska was held at the Elwood Village Office, 304 Calvert Avenue on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 7:00 pm. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Board Chair Martin who acknowledged the Open Meetings Act posted on the south wall of the meeting room. Present were Trustees Kleine, Townsend, Fong and Tilson. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Valley Voice Newspaper on July 29, 2021 and by posted notices at Security First Bank, Pinnacle Bank, Elwood Post Office and the Village Office. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Townsend, to approve the July 14, 2021 regular meeting minutes and the August 4, 2021 special meeting minutes as presented. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: Ayes: Kleine, Townsend, Tilson, Fong, Martin; Nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Kleine, to approve and pay the following Village claims as presented. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: Ayes: Townend, Fong, Kleine, Tilson, Martin; Nays: none; motion carried 5-0. Claims are as follows:

Aflac	256.40	emp paid ins
ATC Communications	19.96	internet
Aurora Cooperative	931.74	supplies
B&B Veterinary Services	42.79	shop supplies
Black Hills Energy	108.54	utilities
CAMAS Publishing	213.21	publishing
Cardmember Service-Sec. Bank	178.43	supplies, postage
Corder, Kirk	49.00	cell phone
Dawson Public Power District	6,055.43	utilities
Eakes - Copier	124.65	copier payment
Elwood Hometown Coop Market	25.28	supplies
Frazho, Lacie	50.00	lifeguard cert
Hart & Huyser, P.C., L.L.O.	712.50	atty fees
Johnny on the Spot	180.00	portable toilets
League of NE Mun - Utilities	469.00	dues
League of Nebraska Municipalities	1,482.00	dues
Lincoln Journal Star-Kearney Hub	77.82	CPA ad
Miller & Assoc. Consulting Engineers	700.00	street plan/reports
* Moonlight Electric, LLC (overpd \$1073.05 in June)	1,024.70	fiber internet to Sr. Center
MTL, Inc.	92.00	cleaning
NE Dept of Revenue	665.30	sales tax
One Call Concepts, Inc.	23.81	locate fees
Pinnacle Bank	393.75	HSA
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Schaben Sanitation-Roll-off	368.11	sanitation
Schaben Sanitation Inc.	5,933.78	sanitation
Schutz, Shane	20.00	cell phone
Security First Insurance	375.50	parade insurance
* Sprinkler's Plus	374.00	digging to install fiber cable
Sunset Spa & Supplies	853.85	pool supplies
The Red Barn	84.84	fuel/supplies
Tri City Trib	40.00	CPA ad
Village Uniform	35.20	rugs

TOTAL 22,355.34

PREAPPROVED/PREPAID CLAIMS:

Blue Cross/Blue Shield	4,155.19	emp health ins
CenturyLink, Inc.	287.65	phone
EFTPS withholding, SS, MC	4,507.18	payroll taxes
Lawn in Order	300.00	cemetery trimming
Payroll	16,892.83	net payroll
Star Marketing & Admin (Trustmark)	28.65	emp life ins
TD Ameritrade	298.81	emp retirement co. match
TOTAL PREPAID	26,470.31	
TOTAL CLAIMS	48,825.65	
*Paid with Sales Tax Fund		
LIBRARY CLAIMS: (pp=prepaid)		
Black Hills Energy (pp)	90.25	utilities
CenturyLink (pp)	128.21	telephone/internet
Dawson Public Power District	161.52	utilities
MTL Inc	184.00	janitor
Village of Elwood	2072.10	wages/ss/mc, trash, mowing
Elwood Hometown Coop Market	43.73	supplies
Pinnacle Bank Credit Card	19.57	book
Nebraska Library Commission	500.00	Overdrive service
Jane Hilton	62.50	prizes for summer reading
Jane Crofton	635.52	summer reading pay, supplies reimbursement
TOTAL LIBRARY CLAIMS	3,897.40	

A motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Fong, to accept and approve the Treasurer's report addressing the three questions on the Budget Profit & Loss, Sales Tax report and Library checking balance. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: Ayes: Kleine, Townsend, Fong, Tilson; Nays: Martin; motion carried 4-1. Additional notes include that residential water will no longer be taxable beginning October 1. Notices will be sent with September 1 invoices.

Board Chair Martin opened the One and Six-Year Street Plan at 7:19 pm. Tyler Hillmer with Miller & Associates Consulting Engineers, P.C. reviewed the proposed plan with the Trustees. The plan was updated to include repairs to Rochelle Street, paving of West Rush Street and working on upgrading Orange Avenue. Martin closed the Street Plan Hearing at 7:30 pm. A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Tilson to approve Resolution 2021-07 adopting the 2022 One and Six-Year Street Plan with changes as stated. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: Ayes: Kleine, Townsend, Tilson, Fong, Martin; Nays: none; motion carried 5-0. Hillmer mentioned ARPA funding uses and County/Village funding.

Deputy Naputi was present asking if there were any questions or needs from the Village. A few properties were addressed with tall weeds and issues were resolved.

The Board reviewed minutes from the Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA) meeting and Board Chair Martin discussed notes from CRA Chair Weissert regarding redevelopment projects and the down-payment assistance request is not ready for approval. Lot 3 paperwork is being drawn up.

Utilities Superintendent Corder reported that the Gosper County Commissioners agreed to paying \$50,000 to assist with paving West Rush Street; leaving a balance of \$58,750 for the Village. A motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Tilson to approve paving the section of Rochelle Street by the drainage ditch and paving West Rush Street sharing the cost with the County as stated. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: Ayes: Townsend, Fong, Tilson, Kleine, Martin; Nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

Corder reported Elwood using 31 million gallons of water in June and July. The Board discussed ways to reduce water usage and get information to residents. Corder talked to Monte Kerchal, a Technical Assistance Provider with Midwest Assistance Program, regarding getting

water and sewer locations on GIS mapping. There are grants available to do the mapping at little or no cost to the Village. Kerchal is available to attend the next meeting to discuss.

Corder presented a bid for a snow blade for the loader from Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co. for \$21,600.00. A motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Fong to order the blade as quoted from Murphy. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: Ayes: Kleine, Townsend, Fong, Tilson, Martin; Nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

A bid was received from Mike's Sprinkler Service for underground sprinklers and hydroseeding around the concessions building at the ball fields. A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Fong Tilson to go with Mike's Sprinkler Service for sprinklers only, no hydroseeding, around the concessions building not to exceed \$3,500.00. Discussion was also held regarding putting in sidewalks to dugouts and sprinklers on the north field. Roll call vote was: Ayes: Kleine, Townsend, Tilson, Fong, Martin; Nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

The proposed batting cage was discussed and it was noted that no contact was received from Legion team representatives. Corder will contact Mike's Sprinkler Service for a bid on sprinklers in the outfield of the large ball field. Leising and Adams Construction will be contacted for quotes on leveling the big ball field.

Board Chair Martin asked Tina Muir from The Home Agency for her presentation for liability insurance for the Village. Muir reviewed cost and coverage limits noting that crime insurance covers the clerk's bond insurance.

CJ Poltack from West Central Nebraska Development District (WCNDD) met with Board Chair Martin and Trustee Tilson to discuss the nuisance abatement program. A motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Tilson to accept nuisance abatement services from WCNDD establishing four zones on the plat map of the Village of Elwood. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: Ayes: Fong, Townsend, Tilson, Kleine, Martin; Nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

Discussion was held regarding a memorial bench monument and possible relocation to the pollinator garden behind the library. A motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Fong to allow the monument to be placed in the pollinator garden. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: Ayes: Kleine, Townsend, Tilson, Fong, Martin; Nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

The Board discussed a possible site for a sewer dump for RV/campers and water hook-ups at the fairgrounds.

A motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Townsend to allow Fair Avenue and West Rockford Street to be blocked off for the Homecoming Bonfire scheduled for Monday, August 23, 2021. Roll call vote was: Ayes: Fong, Kleine, Townsend, Tilson, Martin; Nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Kleine to appoint Steve Rath to fill a vacancy on the Elwood Care Center Board finishing the term of Lanae Matousek. Roll call vote was: Ayes: Townsend, Tilson, Kleine, Fong, Martin; Nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

The Trustees reviewed the Elwood Give Big Event with no changes to the Village's participation.

The third free internet offered to the Village by USA Communications was discussed as the care center may not be using this service. Trustee Tilson will research other options.

There were no new building permits to review.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2021 and the budget and property tax request hearings are scheduled for September 15, 2021. Both meetings are to begin at 7:00 pm.

Board Chair Martin adjourned the meeting at 9:21 pm.

Laurie Jauken, Clerk/Treasurer