

Village of Elwood regular meeting minutes, December 21, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Elwood, Nebraska was held on Tuesday, December 21, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Board Chair Martin who acknowledged the Open Meetings Act posted on the south wall of the meeting room. Present were Trustees Townsend, Kleine and Fong. Trustee Tilson was absent. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Valley Voice newspaper on December 9, 2021 and by notices posted at Security First Bank, Pinnacle Bank, Village Office and the Elwood Post Office. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

A motion was made by Townsend, seconded by Fong, to approve the November 16, 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented. Roll call vote was: ayes: Fong, Kleine, Townsend, Martin; nays: none; absent: Tilson; motion carried 4-0-1.

A motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Fong, to approve and pay the following Village and Library claims as presented:

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| ATC Communications | 4.95 | internet email |
| Bacon, Vinton & Venteicher | 100.00 | atty fees |
| Beck, David | 60.00 | UT deposit refund |
| Beck, David | 447.81 | overpayment |
| CAMAS Publishing | 495.28 | publications |
| Card Services-VISA-Orscheln | 45.96 | supplies |
| Cardmember Service-Sec. Bank | 1,420.00 | supplies |
| CenturyLink, Inc. (Office Acct.) | 113.14 | phone |
| Corder, Kirk | 49.00 | cell phone |
| Dawson Public Power District | 3,935.39 | utilities |
| Eakes | 124.65 | copier payment |
| Eakes Office Plus | 239.34 | service agreement |
| Elwood Library | 2,539.50 | correcting Oct qrtly pymt |
| Gosper Co. Rural Fire District | 200.00 | annual utility pymt |
| Gosper County Sheriff's Dept | 10.00 | ATV fee |
| Hart & Huyser, P.C., L.L.O. | 400.85 | atty fees |
| Lauby, Justin | 40.33 | overpayment (sold house) |
| Lofquist Welding Inc | 82.50 | winterize sprinklers |
| Matousek, Lanae-FB | 60.00 | UT deposit refund |
| Mead Lumber | 9.49 | supplies |
| MTL, Inc. | 98.00 | cleaning |
| One Call Concepts, Inc. | 5.00 | 811 fees |
| Pinnacle Bank | 393.75 | HSA |
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| Plum Creek Promotions | 18.00 | ATV license stickers |
| Schaben Sanitation | 287.61 | roll-off dumpster |
| Schaben Sanitation Inc. | 5,957.47 | solid waste |
| Schutz, Shane | 20.00 | cell phone |
| Security First Insurance | 63.75 | ins premium - added equip |
| South Loop Lawn Care | 1,561.60 | Sept ballfield |
| Tiede, Blake | 65.00 | UT deposit refund |
| Trustmark | 32.70 | life ins due Jan 1 |
| Valley Voice | 36.00 | subscription |
| Village Uniform | 35.20 | rug cleaning |
| Ward Laboratories, Inc. | 164.00 | sewer test |
| TOTAL | 19,510.02 | |

PREAPPROVED/PREPAID CLAIMS:

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| Aflac | 256.40 | emp paid ins |
| Black Hills Energy | 139.84 | utilities |
| Blue Cross/Blue Shield | 4,155.19 | emp health ins |
| EFTPS withholding, SS, MC | 2,964.48 | payroll taxes |
| NE Department of Revenue | 250.36 | sales tax |
| Payroll | 8,101.59 | net payroll |
| Star Marketing & Admin (Trustmark) | 32.70 | emp life ins Dec 1 |
| TD Ameritrade | 307.69 | 401K company match |
| TOTAL PREPAID | 16,208.25 | |
| TOTAL CLAIMS | 35,718.27 | |
| LIBRARY CLAIMS: (pp=prepaid) | | |
| Black Hills Energy (pp) | 175.67 | utilities |
| CenturyLink | 159.68 | telephone/internet |
| Dawson Public Power District | 116.46 | utilities |
| MTL Inc | 245.00 | janitor |
| Village of Elwood | 2029.08 | wages/ss/mc, trash, mowing |
| Valley Voice | 36.00 | 1-year subscription |
| Elwood Hometown Coop Market | 6.53 | supplies |
| Pinnacle Bank Visa | 54.61 | books |
| TOTAL LIBRARY CLAIMS | 2647.36 | |

After discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Fong, Kleine, Martin; nays: none; absent: Tilson; motion carried 4-0-1.

A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Kleine to approve the treasurer's report. Discussion included letting the COD maturing on January 10 roll over to another 3 month term. Roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Kleine, Fong, Martin; nays: none; absent: Tilson; motion carried 4-0-1.

A motion was made by Martin, seconded by Fong to pay the care center's budget payments quarterly and the Community Redevelopment Authority's budget payments monthly. Roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, Townsend, Fong, Martin; nays: none; absent: Tilson; motion carried 4-0-1.

Rick Gennrich and Randy Helms, of the Gosper County Fair Board, were present to discuss options for putting in camper hook-ups at the fairgrounds.

The reorganizational meeting began at 7:18 pm with a motion by Kleine, seconded by Fong to appoint Tom Martin as Board Chair and Chuck Tilson as Vice-Chair. The roll call vote was: ayes: Fong, Townsend, Kleine; nays: none; absent: Tilson; abstain: Martin; motion carried 3-0-1-1.

Board Chair Martin made a motion to retain the trustees in the same committees as previously served: Martin, Community Redevelopment Authority; Tilson, Community Improvement (Parks/Rec); Fong, Water/Sewer, Kleine, Elwood Care Center and Assisted Living; Townsend, Street & Solid Waste. Said motion was seconded by Townsend followed by the roll call vote: ayes: Kleine, Fong, Townsend, Martin; nays: none; absent: Tilson; motion carried 4-0-1.

A motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Fong to retain the following appointments: Kirk Corder as Utility Superintendent, Laurie Jauken as Clerk/Treasurer, Hart & Huyser as legal counsel and to table the appointments to the Board of Health until January. Roll call vote was: Ayes: Townsend, Kleine, Fong, Martin; Nays: none; absent: Tilson; motion carried 4-0-1.

A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Martin to reappoint the following for the Village: Valley Voice as legal newspaper and Pinnacle Bank and Security First Bank as depositories. The roll call was: ayes: Kleine, Townsend, Fong, Martin; nays: none; absent: Tilson; motion carried 4-0-1.

A motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Townsend, to appoint Miller & Associates Consulting Engineers P.C. as the engineering company, and Christopher Miller of Miller & Associates as the Street Superintendent/Engineer. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Fong, Townsend, Kleine, Martin; nays: none; absent: Tilson; motion carried 4-0-1.

A motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Townsend, to appoint James Weismann to the Elwood Housing Authority for a 5-year term, Ed Houlden to the Elwood Community Redevelopment Authority for a 5-year term, Betty Koenig to the Elwood Care Center and Assisted Living Board for a 4-year term and to recommend to the Gosper County Commissioners to appoint the following as Village representatives: Mark Weissert to the Gosper County Board of Adjustments for a 3-year term. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Fong, Townsend, Kleine, Martin; nays: none; absent: Tilson; motion carried 4-0-1.

The Trustees reviewed minutes and an annual report of activity from the Elwood Community Redevelopment Authority.

Chief Deputy Craig Ward said it has been pretty quiet in town.

Board Chair Martin commented for the Utility Superintendent that the snow blade is in and discussed reporting requirements for the sewer pond.

A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Kleine to pass Resolution 2021-10 appointing West Central Nebraska Development District as Nuisance Office for the Village of Elwood. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Kleine, Fong, Martin; nays: none; absent: Tilson; motion carried 4-0-1.

Lisa Schiflet called the Village regarding having a land bank meeting in Elwood. The Trustees discussed attending and hosting the regional meeting at the Senior Center.

There were no building permits to review.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2022.

Board Chair Martin adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Laurie Jauken
Clerk/Treasurer