

Village of Elwood regular meeting minutes, February 10, 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 with the option to join by electronic means on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 7:00 pm. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Board Chair Martin who acknowledged the Open Meetings Act posted on the south wall of the meeting room and the proclamation by Governor Ricketts allowing public meetings to be held by electronic means in order to comply with Directed Health Measures of social distancing. Present via Zoom were Trustees Kleine, Tilson and Fong. Trustee Townsend was present in the meeting room. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Valley Voice Newspaper on February 4, 2021 and by notices posted on February 5, 2021 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 Tilson, to approve the January 13, 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented. Trustee Fong noted that the vote at the end of the claims should be 4-0-1, not 5-0; and date of next meeting at the end of the minutes needs changed from March to February. Motion changed to amend minutes as stated by Fong. The roll call vote was: Ayes: Kleine, Fong, Tilson, Townsend, Martin; Nays: none; motion carried.

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

Aflac	390.18	emp paid ins
ATC Communications	46.57	internet
Aurora Cooperative	989.79	fuel, supplies
Black Hills Energy	310.84	utilities
CAMAS Publishing	213.65	publishing
Cardmember Services - Sec. First	1,293.13	supplies, training
Card Services - Orscheln	171.18	supplies
Corder, Kirk	49.00	cell phone
Dawson Public Power District	3,984.12	utilities
Eakes - Copier	124.65	copier pymt
Elk O Inc.	81.05	snow removal
Elwood Hometown Coop Market	15.96	supplies
Hart & Huyser, P.C., L.L.O.	885.00	legal fees
Int. Institute of Municipal Clerks	175.00	annual membership
John Deere Financial	123.11	supplies
MTL, Inc.	92.00	cleaning
NE Dept of Rev.	646.36	sales tax
One Call Concepts, Inc.	1.15	811 fees
Pinnacle Bank	393.75	HSA
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S & W Auto Parts	6.98	supplies
Schaben Sanitation Inc.	5,845.15	solid waste
Schaben Sanitation - Roll-off	351.30	roll-off dumpster
Schutz, Shane	20.00	cell phone
Tilson, Charles - Dpty Zon Admin	25.00	bldg permit
Village Uniform	34.00	rugs
Wells Fargo Equip. Finance, Inc.	28,759.42	loader annual payment
TOTAL	45,422.09	

PREAPPROVED/PREPAID CLAIMS:

Blue Cross/Blue Shield	4,155.19	Feb emp health ins
CenturyLink, Inc.	125.41	phone

EFTPS withholding, SS, MC	2,775.10	Jan payroll taxes
Payroll	7,526.47	Jan net payroll
Star Marketing & Admin (Trustmark)	26.10	emp life ins
TD Ameritrade	296.23	emp retirement co. match
TOTAL PREPAID	14,904.50	
TOTAL CLAIMS	60,326.59	
LIBRARY CLAIMS: (pp=prepaid)		
Black Hills Energy (pp)	224.65	utilities
CenturyLink (pp)	127.65	telephone/internet
Dawson Public Power District	113.02	utilities
MTL Inc	184.00	janitor
Village of Elwood	1756.37	wages/ss/mc, trash, mowing
Elk-O-Inc	178.46	snow removal
TOTAL LIBRARY CLAIMS	2,584.06	

The Aurora Coop fuel bill was reviewed. The roll call vote was: Ayes: Townsend, Kleine, Tilson, Fong, Martin; Nays: none; motion carried 5-0. Other financial reports were reviewed including sales tax income and the pledged bond reports from the banks. Board Chair Martin informed the Board that Utility Superintendent Corder is cashing in 80 hours of compensation time.

Board Chair Martin presented Utility Superintendent Corder with a certificate from the League of Nebraska Municipalities Utility Section for 10 years of service.

There was no report from the Community Redevelopment Authority.

Chief Deputy Craig Ward was present with the Sheriff's office reporting that a couple of warnings were given for unlicensed vehicles and for the 72-hour parking ordinance. Cory Devine asked about cleaning sidewalks and the parking ordinance.

Utility Superintendent Corder reported they have been clearing snow and Evans Construction assisted with cleanup. Ron Scharf volunteered labor to build the walls inside the concession stand building at the ball fields. A motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Kleine to use steel to finish the interior of the concession stand. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: Ayes: Townsend, Fong, Kleine, Tilson, Martin; Nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

Corder mentioned they are not plowing snow at the cemetery right now unless it is needed. Trustee Tilson is checking on an electronic board for the directory listing. Trustee Townsend reported that the Baseball League had their annual meeting, and he gave them the Elwood baseball committee's contact information. Corder is checking with Bertrand on their new pool boiler as our pool heater quit last year.

Board Chair Martin informed the Board that Dawson Public Power is upgrading the power pole for the fair barn at no charge; therefore, the 4-H Council/Ag Society does not need to meet with the Trustees.

Martin has had no response yet from Dawson Area Development.

The Board reviewed the commercial water rates, discussing making changes to just a few.

The Trustees discussed the lawn care proposal from Graczyk. A motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Townsend to go with the 4-step program for \$268.00 and pay ahead in full. The roll call vote was: Ayes: Kleine, Fong, Townsend, Tilson; Nays: Martin; motion carried 4-1.

Board Chair Martin shared with the Trustees that the Village received an email from Susan Bigg regarding a document related to a business loan from several years ago. After discussion, the Board took no action.

One building permit was reviewed.

Trustee Tilson requested that a discussion be held next month regarding properties and areas that could be considered blighted and used for redevelopment.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2021.

Board Chair Martin adjourned the meeting at 8:22 pm.

Laurie Jauken, Clerk/Treasurer