

Village of Elwood regular meeting minutes, March 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, March 10, 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 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 Martin and Kleine. Trustees Townsend, Fong and Tilson were present in the meeting room. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Valley Voice Newspaper on March 4, 2021 and by notices posted on March 4, 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 Fong, seconded by Townsend, to approve the February 10, 2021 regular meeting minutes amending the last line to show next meeting date to be March 10, 2021. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: Ayes: Kleine, Tilson, Townsend, Fong, Martin; Nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

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

Aflac	390.18	emp pd ins
ATC Communications	49.90	internet
Aurora Cooperative	302.68	bleacher tires
Black Hills Energy	373.63	utilities
CAMAS Publishing	132.86	publications
Cardmember Service-Sec. Bank	90.93	supplies
Corder, Kirk	49.00	phone
Dawson Public Power District	4,352.78	utilities
Eakes - Copier	124.65	lease pymt
Eakes Office Plus	174.38	service agreement
Elk-O-Inc.	118.75	snow removal
Elwood Hometown Coop Market	39.46	supplies
Elwood Public School	200.00	liquor license fee income
Hart & Huyser, P.C., L.L.O.	555.00	atty fees
Hi-Line Paint & Body	125.00	parts
John Deere Financial	173.83	battery
*Mead Lumber	584.15	concession
MTL, Inc.	92.00	cleaning
Municipal Supply Inc.	104.72	curb box
NDHHS - pool change equip	101.75	chlorinator app/permit
NE DHHS - Pool Permit	40.00	pool permit
NE Dept of Rev	660.30	sales tax
One Call Concepts, Inc.	1.15	811 locate fees
Pinnacle Bank	393.75	HSA
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Schaben Sanitation - Roll-off	15.00	dumpster fee
Schaben Sanitation Inc.	5,858.29	solid waste fees
Schutz, Shane	20.00	phone
Titan Machinery	927.21	red tractor repair
Village Uniform	99.68	rugs/paper towels
TOTAL	16,544.78	
PREAPPROVED/PREPAID CLAIMS:		
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	4,155.19	March emp health ins

CenturyLink, Inc.	124.42	phone
EFTPS withholding, SS, MC	3,212.66	Feb payroll taxes
Payroll	8,945.93	Feb net payroll
Star Marketing & Admin (Trustmark)	26.10	emp life ins
TD Ameritrade	347.06	emp retirement co. match
TOTAL PREPAID	16,811.36	
TOTAL CLAIMS	33,356.14	

*Pay from Sales Tax Fund

LIBRARY CLAIMS: (pp=prepaid)

Black Hills Energy (pp)	231.84	utilities
CenturyLink (pp)	128.05	telephone/internet
Dawson Public Power District	118.00	utilities
MTL Inc	138.00	janitor
Village of Elwood	1687.25	wages/ss/mc, trash, mowing
Elk-O-Inc	318.20	snow removal
Elwood Hometown Coop Market	50.91	supplies
D & R Computing	77.99	computer repair
TOTAL LIBRARY CLAIMS	2,750.24	

There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: Ayes: Fong, Townend, Kleine, Tilson, Martin; Nays: none; motion carried 5-0. Other financial reports were reviewed with a motion by Tilson, seconded by Townsend to approve said reports as presented. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: Ayes: Kleine, Fong, Townsend, Tilson, Martin; Nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

Katy Weissert, Board Chair of the Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA) informed the Trustees that the CRA approved a new house to be built on Lot 13 at Wheatfield. Discussion was held regarding blighted areas and a possible location for a Veteran's Memorial.

Deputy Naputi was present with nothing new to report from the Sheriff's office.

Board Chair Martin reported on behalf of Utility Superintendent Corder that the ground has been leveled out by the bleachers at the ball fields. Corder is looking into new material for the south ball field and the concessions building interior is progressing. Martin noted that part of the concrete drainage ditch had to be torn up on a resident's property and there was a question raised as to who would replace the concrete. The Board discussed that property owners would be responsible for repairs on their properties.

The Trustees reviewed and discussed adjustments to water, sewer and trash rates to a few business properties that were not in line with the schedule of charges for utility service fees. A motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Fong to approve adjustments as presented. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: Ayes: Kleine, Townsend, Fong, Tilson, Martin; Nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

Board Chair Martin reported that the Ag Society asked about the Village's plans for the sprinkler system which is housed in the Ag building. The Board concurred that the cost to move the pump and plumbing out of the building for said system would not be cost effective.

The Village was asked by a local out of town business about using the roll-off dumpster at the dump. After discussion, a motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Fong to allow individuals who do not live in the Village of Elwood but are Gosper County residents to use the large roll-off dumpster at the dump for a fee of \$10 per pick-up size load. The roll call vote was: Ayes: Fong, Kleine, Martin; Nays: Tilson, Townsend; motion carried 3-2.

Kevin Reiners was present, representing the Summer Ball Committee, to discuss baseball and softball sign-ups and deadlines.

The IRS standard mileage rate changed for 2021 to .56 cents per mile. A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Tilson to change the Village mileage rate to match the IRS posted rate at .56 cents per mile. After discussion, the roll call vote was: Ayes: Kleine, Townsend, Tilson, Fong; Nays: Martin; motion carried 4-1.

The Village received a CPI rate increase notice from Schaben Sanitation. The Trustees questioned a few things regarding monthly invoicing/payments with Schaben and date of increase. After discussion, a motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Tilson to table any action until the next meeting. Roll call vote was: Ayes: Tilson, Kleine, Fong, Townsend, Martin; Nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

The lease agreement with the school for the swimming pool was discussed. A motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Fong to ask Attorney Huyser to send a letter to the school regarding extending/renewing the lease. Roll call vote was: Ayes: Kleine, Townsend, Fong, Tilson, Martin; Nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

Applications were reviewed for pool employees for this summer. A motion was made by Townsend, seconded by Tilson to hire all applicants as presented with Jodi Lerdall as Manager, Makenzie Clouse as Assistant Manager along with nine lifeguards. After discussion, the roll call vote was: Ayes: Kleine, Fong, Tilson, Townsend, Martin; Nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

Clerk Jauken requested that Office Assistant Gerken have online banking access. A motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Fong to allow Gerken online account access. After discussion, the roll call vote was: Ayes: Kleine, Townsend, Fong, Tilson, Martin; Nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

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

Board Chair Martin adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm.

Laurie Jauken, Clerk/Treasurer