

Village of Elwood regular meeting minutes, April 14, 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, April 14, 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 were Trustees Kleine, Townsend, Fong and Tilson. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Valley Voice Newspaper on April 8, 2021 and by notices posted on April 12, 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 Tilson, to approve the March 10, 2021 regular meeting minutes. 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 Fong, seconded by Kleine, to approve and pay the following Village and Library claims as presented paying four claims from the sales tax fund:

Aflac	390.18	emp pd ins
ATC Communications	49.90	internet
Aurora Cooperative	777.41	fuel
Black Hills Energy	158.13	utilities
CAMAS Publishing	134.65 93.71	publications
Cardmember Service-Sec. Bank	1,426.26	supplies
Card Services-VISA-Orscheln	134.90	shop supplies
Central District Health Department	51.00	water testing
Corder, Kirk	49.00	phone
Dahlgren, Tyler & Page	60.00	UT Dep refund
Dawson Public Power District	3,588.11	utilities
Eakes - Copier	124.65	copier lease
Elwood Hometown Coop Market	26.44	supplies
Elwood Library	11,164.50	support
Estate of Janice Schmeeckle	35.00	UT Dep refund
Evans Construction	1,500.00	Feb snow removal
Fireguard Incorp	77.75	fire ext. inspection
Gerken, Lisa	30.60	supplies
Gosper Co. Treas. (sheriff support)	11,486.02	support
Hart & Huyser, P.C., L.L.O.	570.45	atty fees
Johnson Service Company	7,872.90	sewer cleaning
KSO CPAs + Advisors	7,722.00	audit and misc.
Mead Lumber	27.92	concession stand
Menards	1,419.22	concession stand
Moonlight Electric	67.50	concession stand
MTL, Inc.	92.00	cleaning
Nationwide	100.00	clerk surety bond
NE Dep of Rev Income Tax	1,228.43	NE Withholding
NE Dep of Rev sales Tax	694.96	sales tax
NE Public Health Environ. Lab.	462.00	water testing
One Call Concepts, Inc.	11.53	811 fees
Pinnacle Bank-Kirk HSA	393.75	HSA
Pinnacle Bank - Shane HSA	393.75	HSA
Platte Valley Auto Mart, Inc	33.60	parts

S&D Contractors	3,050.00	sidewalk at concession
Schaben Sanitation - Roll-off	602.70	roll off dumpster x2
Schaben Sanitation Inc.	5,858.29	solid waste fees
Schutz, Shane	20.00	phone
South Central NE Baseball League	250.00	3 teams
South Central NE Softball League	300.00	4 teams
The Red Barn	116.57	fuel
Tilson, Charles. Dpty Zon Admin	50.00	bldg permits
Village Uniform	35.20	rugs
TOTAL	62,637.27	
PREAPPROVED/PREPAID CLAIMS:		
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	4,155.19	April emp health ins
CenturyLink, Inc.	124.61	phone
EFTPS withholding, SS, MC	2,927.58	March payroll taxes
Microsoft	106.49	Annual Microsoft 365
Payroll	8,120.47	March net payroll
Star Marketing & Admin (Trustmark)	26.10	emp life ins
TD Ameritrade	302.92	emp retirement co. match
TOTAL PREPAID	15,763.36	
TOTAL CLAIMS	78,400.63	
LIBRARY CLAIMS: (pp=prepaid)		
Black Hills Energy (pp)	172.77	utilities
CenturyLink (pp)	128.05	telephone/internet
Dawson Public Power District	102.26	utilities
MTL Inc	230.00	janitor
Village of Elwood	1951.39	wages/ss/mc, trash, mowing
Cardmember Services	230.43	Amazon books
Jane Hilton	322.85	computer repair
TOTAL LIBRARY CLAIMS	3,137.75	

There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: Ayes: Tilson, Townend, Kleine, Fong; Nays: none; Abstain: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1.

A motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Fong to pay the Elwood Swim Team League Fees when that amount becomes final. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: Ayes: Kleine, Townsend, Fong, Tilson, Martin; Nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

Jessica Dailey with KSO CPA's presented the 2019-2020 audit report. A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Tilson, to approve said audit. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: Ayes: Kleine, Townsend, Tilson, Fong, Martin; Nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

Board Chair Martin opened the public hearing regarding the Third Modification to the Wheatfield Addition Redevelopment Plan at 7:24 pm. After the Board reviewed Resolution 2021-01 and there being no public comment, Martin closed the hearing at 7:26 pm. A motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Kleine to approve Resolution 2021-01 approving the Third Modification to the Wheatfield Redevelopment Plan. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: Ayes: Fong, Townsend, Kleine, Tilson, Martin; Nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

Randy Helms and Mike Dawson were present representing the Gosper County Ag. Society to discuss forming an agreement between the Ag Society and Village regarding the sprinkler system equipment housed in the Ag Building.

Craig Ward reported on behalf of the Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA) that the CRA approved placing a veteran's monument by the marquee and they approved the Third Modification to the Wheatfield Addition Redevelopment Plan.

Representing the Sheriff's office, Ward reported not much going on in town; there are a couple properties that the Board of Health may need to address. Discussion was held regarding the Village or CRA assisting with some repairs/tear-downs.

Utility Superintendent Corder reported that Bertrand will sell their new pool heater to the Village for half price at \$3,400.00. A motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Fong to purchase said boiler/heater and do what is needed to install, including providing a shelter to house it if necessary. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: Ayes: Townsend, Kleine, Fong, Tilson, Martin; Nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

Corder reported there are trees at the cemetery that need trimmed; he will contact LeRoy Clouse to do the work. Corder is investigating having the water tower cleaned by a diver. The concession stand entry, door handles, sidewalks and lights at the ball fields were discussed. The Drainage ditch crossing Rochelle needs to be paved to avoid wash outs and potholes. The Trustees discussed options for excavator equipment. Corder traded in a mower. The Trustees gave permission to order port-a-potties at the ball fields until the concession bathrooms are complete. New surface material is being delivered to the south ball field. Summer ball teams are beginning practice.

There was no further discussion on business utility rates. Resolution 2021-03 was presented to the Board to formalize the rates previously voted on for the roll-off dumpster fees for Village and out of town residents. A motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Kleine to pass said Resolution. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: Ayes: Fong, Kleine, Tilson, Martin; Nays: Townsend; motion carried 4-1.

The discussion tabled from last month regarding the Schaben Sanitation 1.2% CPI rate increase was reviewed. A motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Fong to keep trash rates the same. After discussion of solid waste income and expenses, the roll call vote was: Ayes: Tilson; Nays: Kleine, Townsend, Fong, Martin; motion failed 4-1. A motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Fong to increase trash rates by 1.2%. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: Ayes: Townsend, Fong, Kleine, Martin; Nays: Tilson; motion carried 4-1. The Board discussed service from Schaben and the route of the weekly driver.

A motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Fong to request an increase of credit on the credit card to \$10,000.00. After discussion, the roll call vote was: Ayes: Tilson, Townsend, Fong, Kleine, Martin; Nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

The Board authorized the advertisement for another CPA/firm to assist with budget and audit requirements for the Village.

The Trustees reviewed information regarding a request to put a directional sign in a yard. The request was not approved as zoning and Village ordinances prohibit such a sign.

The Village received an additional lifeguard application. A motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Fong to hire the applicant as an additional lifeguard pending passing the required tests. After discussion, the roll call vote was: Ayes: Kleine, Townsend, Fong, Tilson, Martin; Nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

Resolution 2021-02 was reviewed, which memorialized the Village extending its lease agreement with Elwood Public School for the swimming pool. A motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Fong to approve said resolution. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: Ayes: Townsend, Tilson, Fong, Kleine, Martin; Nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2021.

Board Chair Martin adjourned the meeting at 9:22 pm.

Laurie Jauken, Clerk/Treasurer