

Village of Elwood regular meeting minutes, April 18, 2022

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 Monday, April 18, 2022. 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 Townsend, Kleine and Tilson. Trustee Fong was absent. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Valley Voice Newspaper on April 7, 2022 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 Tilson, seconded by Kleine, to approve the March 15, 2022 regular meeting minutes. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Kleine, Tilson, Martin; nays: none; absent: Fong; motion carried 4-0-1.

A motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Tilson, to approve and pay the Village and Library claims correcting the claim by Municipal Supply from 225.14 to 112.57. The roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Tilson, Kleine, Martin; nays: none; absent: Fong; motion carried 4-0-1. Claims are as follows:

A&T Repair Inc.	57.50	diagnostics
ATC Communications	14.90	website, email
Aurora Cooperative	214.16	fuel, supplies
Barco Municipal Products Inc	1,011.01	paint
Bellamy, Lloydelle	40.33	overpayment on acct
CAMAS Publishing	98.60	publications
Cardmember Service-Sec. Bank	213.30	supplies, postage
Central District Health Department	57.00	water samples
Community Redev. Authority	6,250.00	monthly budget
Corder, Kirk	49.00	cell phone
Dawson Public Power District	4,244.37	utilities
Eakes - Copier	124.65	copier payment
Elwood Hometown Coop Market	11.59	supplies
Elwood Library	8,625.00	quarterly budget
Gosper Co. Treasurer (Sheriff Support)	11,715.74	quarterly budget
Hart & Huyser, P.C., L.L.O.	375.00	attorney fees
Jordon, Greg & Lisa	60.00	UT dep refund
MTL, Inc.	98.00	cleaning
Municipal Supply, Inc. of Nebraska	225.14 112.57	water supplies
Nationwide	100.00	bond insurance
NE Dept. of Revenue	275.64	sales tax
NE Dept. of Revenue	1,131.44	withholding
NE Public Health Environ. Lab	263.00	water testing
One Call Concepts, Inc.	12.34	811 locate fee
Pinnacle Bank	393.75	HSA
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RJ Meyer & Assoc, CPA	7,300.00	audit fee
Schaben Sanitation - Roll-off	690.55	roll-off dumpster
Schaben Sanitation Inc.	5,944.17	solid waste
Schutz, Shane	20.00	cell phone
South Central NE Softball League	300.00	softball fees (4 teams)
South Loop Lawn Care	3,589.00	ball field grass
Ron Stahla	360.00	UT dep refund
The Red Barn	48.69	fuel, supplies
Tilson, Charles	25.00	bldg permit
Village Uniform	36.70	rugs

Zerr, Paul	65.00	UT dep refund
TOTAL	54,369.32	
PREAPPROVED/PREPAID CLAIMS:		
Aflac	256.40	emp paid ins
Black Hills Energy	243.21	utilities
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	4,609.13	emp health ins
Century Link	123.57	phone
EFTPS withholding, SS, MC	2,961.96	federal payroll taxes
Microsoft	106.49	annual subscription
Payroll	8,125.77	March net payroll
South Central NE Baseball League	400.00	baseball league fees (5 teams)
TD Ameritrade	309.20	401K company match
TOTAL PREPAID	17,135.73	
TOTAL CLAIMS	71,505.05	
LIBRARY CLAIMS: (pp=prepaid)		
Black Hills Energy (pp)	219.94	utilities
Dawson Public Power District	112.31	utilities
MTL Inc	196.00	janitor
Village of Elwood	2107.04	wages/ss/mc, trash
Elwood Hometown Coop Market	11.32	supplies
TOTAL LIBRARY CLAIMS	2,646.61	

A motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Townsend to approve the financial reports. Roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, Townsend, Tilson, Martin; nay: none; absent: Fong; motion carried 4-0-1.

The Trustees reviewed the minutes from the Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA). CRA Board Chair Katy Weissert was present to report that two lots have been approved for the building of houses. There was one business loan request that will not qualify for lot improvement according to the Nebraska Community Development Law.

Nicole Atterberry was present to ask the Board for an adjustment on the number of chickens allowed on a chicken permit. The Trustees will review the ordinance.

Sheriff Ward informed the Trustees that the new contract with the Sheriff's office will be ready soon. There was a brief discussion about vehicle parking and unlicensed vehicles.

Utilities Superintendent Corder reported that lights at the ball fields will be put up soon. The cemetery has been full of corn shucks in areas due to the high winds and they have been cleaning out there. Corder had an estimate on sprinklers (about \$20,000) and surface material for the baseball field and additional surface material on the softball field (about \$9,000) and for treating the grass (in claims, \$3589.00). A motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Townsend to install sprinklers in the baseball field, get the surface material for both fields as needed and do the grass treatments using sales tax funds. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, Townsend, Tilson, Martin; nays: none; absent: Fong; motion carried 4-0-1.

Discussion was held regarding water at the cemetery and possible turning on water before Memorial Day and leaving on for several weeks. Trustee Tilson also discussed the possibility of electronic directory at the cemetery.

Pool applications were reviewed and a motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Kleine to hire Madison Clouse as the pool manager and one additional lifeguard. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Kleine, Tilson, Martin; nays: none; absent: Fong; motion carried 4-0-1.

The Board was informed that the Village of Eustis agreed to pay for half of the ball league fees for the teams and also pay for the coaches.

Trustee Tilson discussed the village office flooring and lighting with the Board as all is still original paint, flooring and lighting. It was agreed to obtain bids for these items.

A sidewalk improvement program was discussed which would allow the Village to assist residents with improving their sidewalks.

Trustee Tilson discussed getting solar panels and having someone come to discuss with the Board.

The Trustees briefly discussed changing the regular meeting dates. No action taken.

Board Chair Martin adjourned the meeting at 8:51 pm.

Laurie Jauken, Clerk/Treasurer