

Village of Elwood special meeting minutes, August 3, 2022

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Elwood, Nebraska was held at the Village Office at 304 Calvert Avenue on August 3, 2022 at 6:00 pm. The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by Vice-Chair Tilson who acknowledged the Open Meetings Act posted on the south wall of the meeting room. Present were Trustees Townsend, Kleine and Fong. Board Chair Martin was absent. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posted notices at Security First Bank, Pinnacle Bank, Elwood Post Office, the Village Office and by publication in the Valley Voice Newspaper on July 28, 2022. 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 Kleine to go into closed session at 7:04 p.m. for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual to discuss employee job evaluations. The roll call vote was: ayes: Fong, Townsend, Kleine, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1. Vice-Chair Tilson stated the motion is carried and the closed session is to only discuss employee job evaluations/performance. Board Chair Martin arrived at 6:07 p.m. Closed session concluded at 6:34 p.m. Board Chair Martin stated that the only items discussed were employee job evaluations.

A motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Fong to increase wages of full and part-time employees by 3.5%. Roll call vote was: ayes: Tilson, Fong, Kleine, Townsend, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

A few of the Library Board Members were available to present a budget request from the Village. Account balances, library attendance and programs were discussed. Library Board Chair Schmeackle requested that a Village Board member be present at some of the Library meetings as a liaison between the Village and the Library.

Katy Weissert, Board Chair of the Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA), was present with a budget request of \$75,000.00 for potential upcoming projects and the Veteran's Memorial.

There was no request from the Elwood Care Center and Assisted Living.

Bob Meyer from RJ Meyer & Associates, LLC was present to review the 2020-2021 audit report and the upcoming year's budget with the Trustees.

A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Tilson to approve the 2020-2021 audit report from RJ Meyer & Associates, LLC. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Tilson, Fong, Townsend, Kleine, Martin; nays: none; motion carried: 5-0.

A motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Kleine to approve \$34,500.00 for the Library's budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Fong, Townsend, Kleine, Tilson, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Kleine, to approve \$75,000.00 to the Elwood CRA for the next fiscal year's budget. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Fong, Kleine, Tilson, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

Board Chair Martin adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Laurie Jauken, Village Clerk/Treasurer

