

Village of Elwood regular meeting minutes, August 10, 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 Wednesday, August 10, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Vice-Chair Tilson who acknowledged the Open Meetings Act posted on the south wall of the meeting room. Present were Trustees Kleine and Fong; Townsend and Martin were absent. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof 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 Fong, seconded by Kleine, to approve the July 13, 2022 regular meeting minutes. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Fong, Kleine, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin, Townsend; 3-0-2.

A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Tilson, to approve and pay the Village and Library claims as presented. The roll call vote was: ayes: Tilson, Kleine, Fong; nays: none; absent: Martin, Townsend; 3-0-2. Claims are as follows:

Aflac	256.40	emp pd ins
ATC Communications	14.90	email/website
Aurora Cooperative	2,380.80	fuel/supplies
Black Hills Energy	227.14	utilities
Cardmember Service-Sec. Bank	275.80	supplies
Community Redevelopment Authority	6,250.00	budget pymt
Corder, Kirk	49.00	cell phone
Dawson Public Power District	6,645.42	utilities
Eakes - Copier	124.65	copier pymt
Eakes Office Plus	73.47	office supplies
Elwood Hometown Coop Market	75.13	supplies
Gerken, Lisa	24.03	office supplies
Great Plains Communications	108.19	phone bill/3
Hart, Huyser & Miller P.C., L.L.O.	1,275.90	atty fees
Heartland Clerk's Association	10.00	dues
Miller & Assoc. Consulting Engineers	700.00	1&6-year plan, other
MTL, Inc.	98.00	cleaning
NE Dept of Revenue	261.63	sales tax
Nebraska Lock & Key Locksmith	8.60	office keys
Nelson, Alexa	50.00	lifeguard & CPR classes
Nutrien Ag Solutions, Inc (CPS)	556.22	herbicide
One Call Concepts, Inc.	6.36	811 locate fees
Pinnacle Bank	393.75	HSA
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Schaben Sanitation - Roll-off	329.30	roll-off at dump
Schaben Sanitation Inc.	6,481.97	trash fees
Schutz, Shane	20.00	cell phone
The Red Barn	426.91	fuel/supplies (3 mos.)
Village of Eustis	125.00	overpymt of coordinator fee
Village Uniform	36.70	rugs
West Central Nebraska Development Dist.	2,418.00	nuisance contract
TOTAL	30,097.02	
PREAPPROVED/PREPAID CLAIMS:		
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	4,609.13	emp health ins
CenturyLink	50.54	pool phone
EFTPS withholding, SS, MC	3,933.38	federal payroll taxes

Lawn in Order	300.00	cemetery trimming
Payroll	13,902.60	July net payroll
Starmark	32.70	emp life ins
TD Ameritrade	307.50	401K company match
TOTAL PREPAID	23,135.85	
TOTAL CLAIMS	53,232.87	
LIBRARY CLAIMS: (pp=prepaid)		
Black Hills Energy (pp)	95.02	utilities
Dawson Public Power District	197.47	utilities
MTL Inc	196.00	janitor
Village of Elwood	2,079.97	wages/ss/mc, trash, phone
Pinnacle Visa	4.58	postage
Walmart (Capital One)	186.25	books
Jane Hilton	98.79	miscellaneous open house
Elwood Hometown Coop Market	11.44	summer reading
Nebraska Library Commission	500.00	Overdrive subscription
Jane Crofton	623.15	summer reading coordinator
with supplies reimbursement		
TOTAL LIBRARY CLAIMS	4,326.02	

A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Tilson to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. The roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, Fong, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin, Townsend; 3-0-2.

Cody Fenwick, Nuisance Officer from West Central Nebraska Development District, joined the meeting by Zoom presenting four Resolutions which will rescind the nuisance declaration on those properties. A motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Tilson to approve Resolutions 2022-013-01, 2022-014-01, 2022-023-01 and 2022-024-01 which will rescind the nuisance declarations on four properties. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, Fong, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin, Townsend; 3-0-2. Fenwick then presented two properties to consider motions to abate. After discussion, no action was taken on 2022-025. A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Tilson, to proceed with abatement on 2022-028. After discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, Fong, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin, Townsend; 3-0-2.

Vice-Chair Tilson opened the One- and Six-Year Street Improvement Hearing at 7:15 p.m. Tyler Hillmer with Miller & Associates Consulting Engineers, PC presented the street plan. A few changes were made after discussing Orange Avenue and West Rush Street. Said hearing was closed at 7:32 p.m. by Vice-Chair Tilson. A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Kleine to approve Resolution 2022-04 with changes including moving Orange Avenue and one block of Rockford Street near Orange Avenue to the One-Year Plan. Roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, Fong, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin, Townsend; 3-0-2. The Board also discussed standing water (after a rain) on South Street asking Hillmer about drainage options. Hillmer will also look at Rush Creek Villa to get an estimate on cost for required driveway/sidewalk updates.

Sheriff Jesse Naputi was present to introduce new Chief Deputy Brian McFarland.

Utility Superintendent Corder reported that a light needs replaced at the ball field. There was an offer to remove the grass clippings from the dump. A trade-in on a mower was discussed as well as future plans for the loader. Changing fees for water purchases at the old well site was discussed and it was noted that a fire hydrant on the southwest side of town is hard to use. Corder is waiting to hear back on repairing the shop roof and noted that new tires will be needed soon on a pick-up.

The Board reviewed minutes from the Elwood Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA).

There is a property on the west side of town that has overgrown weeds as well as a few others in town. The clerk was asked to send out courtesy letters regarding overgrowth of weeds.

The Trustees reviewed the budget worksheets discussing possible projects and expenses for the next fiscal year. The clerk will work on these numbers and send out an update.

There were no building permits recently approved.

The next regular Village Board meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2022 as well as a budget hearing.

Vice-Chair Tilson adjourned the meeting at 9:39 p.m.

Laurie Jauken, Clerk/Treasurer