

Village of Elwood regular meeting minutes, December 14, 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, December 14, 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, Fong, and Townsend; 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 and the Village Office and publication in the Valley Voice Newspaper on December 8, 2022. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

A motion was made by Townsend, seconded by Kleine, to approve the November 9, 2022 regular meeting minutes. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Fong, Kleine, Townsend, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1.

A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Kleine, to approve and pay the Village and Library claims as presented. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Kleine, Fong, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1. Claims are as follows:

Aflac	256.40	emp paid ins
American Legal Publishing	399.00	Model ordinances
ATC Communications	14.90	email, website
Aurora Cooperative	165.96	fuel/supplies
Black Hills Energy	303.81	utilities
CAMAS Publishing	68.22	publications
Cardmember Service-Sec. Bank	232.09	postage/supplies
Community Redevelopment Authority	6,250.00	budget payment
Corder, Kirk	49.00	cell phone
Dawson Public Power District	4,119.71	utilities
Eakes - Copier	124.65	copier payment
Eakes Office Plus	29.38	copies
Elwood Hometown Coop Market	8.84	supplies
Gosper Co. Rural Fire District	200.00	annual utility payment
Gosper County Sheriff's Dept	10.00	ATV license
Great Plains Communications	108.19	phone bill
Hart, Huyser & Miller P.C., L.L.O.	1,437.50	atty fees
John Deere Financial	10.96	supplies
Jones Plumbing & Heating Inc.	400.00	leak repair water main
Lofquist Welding Inc	81.40	dump chain, portable air
Mead Lumber	29.95	shop supplies
Moonlight Electric	5,924.28	dump gate
MTL, Inc.	98.00	cleaning
NE Department of Revenue	250.53	sales tax
One Call Concepts, Inc.	5.18	811 locate fees
Pinnacle Bank	393.75	HSA Account
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S & W Auto Parts - Holdrege	178.59	battery

Schaben Sanitation - Roll-off	705.88	roll-off dumpster
Schaben Sanitation Inc.	6,444.13	trash fees
Schutz, Shane	20.00	cell phone
Snyder, Sharina	19.62	UT dep refund less utilities
Village Uniform	36.70	rug cleaning
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28,513.97</b>	
<b>PREAPPROVED/PREPAID CLAIMS:</b>		
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	4,609.13	emp health ins
EFTPS withholding, SS, MC	3,027.72	federal payroll taxes
Lawn in Order	300.00	cemetery trimming
Payroll	8,591.13	Nov net payroll
Starmark	32.70	emp life ins
TD Ameritrade	320.46	401K company match
<b>TOTAL PREPAID</b>	<b>16,881.14</b>	
<b>TOTAL CLAIMS</b>	<b>45,395.11</b>	
<b>LIBRARY CLAIMS: (pp=prepaid)</b>		
Black Hills Energy (pp)	269.09	utilities
Dawson Public Power District	125.01	utilities
MTL Inc	196.00	janitor
Village of Elwood	2,026.02	wages/ss/mc, trash, phone
Pinnacle Visa	79.23	books, postage
Valley Voice	45.00	newspaper subscription
Walmart (Capital One)	64.56	books
Moonlight Electric	577.80	lights, labor
<b>TOTAL LIBRARY CLAIMS</b>	<b>3,382.71</b>	

After reviewing the Treasurer's report, a motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Townsend, to approve said report as presented. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Fong, Townsend, Kleine, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1.

The Village received a certification of votes from the Gosper County Clerk verifying the election of Tom Martin, Jim Kleine, and Ken Townsend to the Village of Elwood Board of Trustees. The Oath of Office was taken by Kleine and Townsend.

The reorganizational meeting began at 7:06 pm with a motion by Kleine, seconded by Fong, to appoint Tom Martin as Board Chair and Chuck Tilson as Vice-Chair. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Fong, Kleine, nays: none; abstain: Tilson; absent: Martin; motion carried 3-0-1-1.

Trustee Kleine made a motion to retain the trustees in the same committees as previously served: Martin - Community Redevelopment Authority, Tilson - Community Improvement (Parks/Rec); Fong - Water/Sewer and Library Liaison; Kleine - Elwood Care Center and Assisted Living, Townsend - Street & Solid Waste. Said motion was seconded by Townsend followed by the roll call vote: ayes: Fong, Townsend, Kleine, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1.

A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Kleine to retain the following appointments: Kirk Corder as Utility Superintendent, Laurie Jauken as Clerk/Treasurer, Hart, Huyser & Miller, PC, LLO as legal counsel. Roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Kleine, Fong, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1.

A motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Townsend, to reappoint the following for the Village: Valley Voice as legal newspaper, Pinnacle Bank and Security First Bank as depositories, Miller & Associates Consulting Engineers, P.C. as the engineering company, and Christopher Miller as the Street Superintendent for 2023. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Fong, Townsend, Kleine, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1.

A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Kleine, to appoint Shari Remmenga to the Elwood Housing Authority for a 5-year term, Stacy Schutz to the Elwood Community Redevelopment Authority for a 5-year term, Mary Nelson to the Elwood Care Center and Assisted Living Board for a 4-year term and to recommend to the Gosper County Commissioners to appoint the following as Village representatives: Ed Houlden to the Gosper County Board of Adjustments and Scott Weissert to the Gosper County Joint Planning Commission, both for 3-year terms. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Kleine, Fong, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1.

The reorganizational meeting was closed at 7:10 p.m.

A special designated liquor license request submitted by the American Legion was reviewed for an event to be held at the Elwood Civic Center on January 21, 2023. A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Townsend to approve said permit. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, Townsend, Fong, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1.

The Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA) annual report was reviewed. A motion was made by Kleine to approve the annual report; seconded by Fong. The roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Kleine, Fong, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1. A brief discussion was held regarding the loading and hauling of the extra dirt at Wheatfield.

Sheriff Naputi reported contacting the State Department of Transportation regarding speed signs and is researching grants for said signs. A person was cited for cutting the padlock at the dump after hours.

UT Supt Corder presented an estimate from Paulsen, Inc. for improving storm water drainage behind the fire hall and near the school. After discussion, a motion was made by Fong, seconded by Kleine to hire Paulsen Inc. to build a concrete flume drain behind the fire hall and Remmenga Drilling, and to remove and replace 20' of a street section at the corner of First Avenue and Rush Street to improve drainage. The roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Kleine, Fong, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried: 4-0-1.

Corder also reported the gate at the dump is ready for internet; the street sweeper company called today about repairs on the sweeper. The Board discussed the possibility of leasing a sweeper instead of repairing and owning one.

The nuisance problem on West Rochelle Street has been resolved.

An email was reviewed from Monte Kerchall with the Midwest Assistance Program to assist with changes in water monitoring. The clerk will reach out to get assistance for consideration at next month's meeting.

Ordinance 2022-06 was reviewed by the Board. A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Kleine, to waive the reading of the ordinance on three separate meetings. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Kleine, Fong, Tilson;

nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1. A motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Townsend, to pass and adopt Ordinance 2022-06 regarding splitting a lot in town. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Fong, Townsend, Kleine, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried: 4-0-1. Ordinance 2022-06 reads as follows:

ORDINANCE 2022-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD, GOSPER COUNTY, NEBRASKA APPROVING THE LOT SPLIT OF LOTS Eighteen (18) and Nineteen (19), Block Thirty-Three (33), Original Town of Elwood, Gosper County, Nebraska.

AND TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD, GOSPER COUNTY, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. That the Lot Split of Lots Eighteen (18) and Nineteen (19), Block Thirty-Three (33), Original Town of Elwood, Gosper County, Nebraska, duly made out, acknowledged and certified, is hereby approved, accepted, ratified, and authorized to be filed and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds, Gosper County, Nebraska.

Section 2. That all Ordinances of parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 3. That this Ordinance shall be published and shall be effective from and after its passage, approval and publication or posting as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Elwood, Gosper County, Nebraska, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022.

Charles Tilson, Vice-Chairman, Elwood Village Board of Trustees

STATE OF NEBRASKA, COUNTY OF GOSPER: I, Laurie Jauken, Village Clerk of the Village of Elwood, being duly qualified, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the Ordinance passed by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Elwood, Gosper County, Nebraska on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022. Laurie Jauken, Village Clerk.

There were no building permits to review.

The next regular Village Board meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2023.

Vice-Chair Tilson adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Laurie Jauken, Clerk/Treasurer