

Village of Elwood regular meeting minutes, October 12, 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, October 12, 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 Kleine, Townsend and Tilson; Trustee Fong 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 October 6, 2022. 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 Townsend, to approve the September 14, 2022 regular meeting minutes and the September 26, 2022 meeting minutes for the Budget and Special Property Tax Request Hearings. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, Townsend, Tilson, Martin; nays: none; absent: Fong; 4-0-1.

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

Aflac	256.40	Emp pd ins
ATC Communications	14.90	email, website
Aurora Cooperative	1,534.62	fuel, supplies
Black Hills Energy	116.97	utilities
CAMAS Publishing	348.33	publications
Cardmember Service-Sec. Bank	193.11	supplies
Community Redevelopment Authority	6,250.00	budget pymt
*Complete Roofing & Remodeling	17,701.00	repair shop roof, pay upon
completion		
Corder, Kirk	74.00	cell phone, bldg permit fee
Dawson Public Power District	5,660.21	utilities
Eakes - Copier	124.65	copier lease payment
*Elwood Care Center	12,500.00	budget pymt
Elwood Library	8,625.00	budget pymt
Gosper Co. Treasurer (Sheriff Support)	11,715.74	budget pymt
Great Plains Communications	108.19	phone bills (3)
Hart, Huyser & Miller P.C., L.L.O.	1,327.50	attorney fees
Heartland Security	5,908.00	equipment for gate at dump
Intuit	1,740.00	QuickBooks annual subs.
John Deere Financial	386.89	parts, labor
MTL, Inc.	98.00	cleaning
NE Department of Revenue	247.26	sales tax
NE Department of Revenue	1,291.38	withholding
NE Public Health Environmental Lab.	312.00	water testing
NE State Treasurer	92.72	dog tag fee
One Call Concepts, Inc.	16.38	811 locate fees
Pinnacle Bank	393.75	HSA
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RJ Meyer & Assoc, CPA	2,500.00	budget fee
Schaben Sanitation - Roll-off	672.91	roll-off dumpster at dump
Schaben Sanitation Inc.	6,472.83	trash fees
Schutz, Shane	20.00	cell phone
The Red Barn	164.36	fuel (Jul, Aug)
Village Uniform	36.70	rugs
West Central Nebraska Development Dist.	2,422.00	3rd nuisance pymt
TOTAL	89,719.55	

PREAPPROVED/PREPAID CLAIMS:

Blue Cross/Blue Shield	4,609.13	emp health ins
EFTPS withholding, SS, MC	2,946.94	federal payroll taxes
Payroll	8,151.29	Sept net payroll
Starmark	32.70	emp life ins
TD Ameritrade	310.36	401K company match
TOTAL PREPAID	16,050.42	
TOTAL CLAIMS	105,769.97	

*paid with sales tax funds

LIBRARY CLAIMS: (pp=prepaid)

Black Hills Energy (pp)	95.02	utilities
Dawson Public Power District	166.57	utilities
MTL Inc	196.00	janitor
Village of Elwood	2,017.88	wages/ss/mc, trash, phone
Moonlight Electric	60.00	labor
Jane Hilton	40.00	décor/pumpkins
Elwood Hometown Coop Market	9.42	supplies
TOTAL LIBRARY CLAIMS	2,584.89	

Sheriff Naputi was present to report that a problem dog has been removed from the Village and the tent issue has been resolved.

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

Utility Superintendent Corder reported the water leak was repaired on Monday; lights on the baseball field need repaired; poles for the batting cage were dropped off and a drainage issue north of the school was discussed with Miller & Associates. Additional storm drainage issues were discussed including behind the Fire Hall; Corder was asked to get estimates on paving said ditch. Corder also reported the repairs on the sweeper could be up to \$21,000 in a worst case scenario.

Mowing and snow removal for the Library and Office were discussed. A motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Townsend, to obtain bids for one entity/person to take care of both the mowing and snow removal. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Tilson, Kleine, Martin; nays: none; absent: Fong; 4-0-1.

Corder reported that the shop roof has been scheduled for repair within the next few days and permission was obtained by the school to relocate the recycling bin next to the bus barn. Installation of a gate at the dump has begun and the Dodge pick-up is being repaired.

Ed Houlden with Security First Insurance presented the 2022-2023 insurance summary. The Board inquired about insurance coverage for renting equipment. A motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Kleine, to accept the proposal from Security First Insurance. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Kleine, Tilson, Martin; nays: none; absent: Fong; 4-0-1.

The Sons of the American Legion reported to the Clerk that there will be an event at the Elwood Civic Center on November 19th in which they would need a Special Designated Liquor License. There was no form turned in; therefore, no action was taken.

The Trustees briefly discussed the franchise agreement with Applied Communications and the recent changes with their cable television services.

Trustee Tilson reported he has been in touch with the Chamber and they are working on a solution to repair the electronic sign.

One approved building permit was reviewed.

The next regular Village Board meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2022.

Board Chair Martin adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

Laurie Jauken, Clerk/Treasurer