

Village of Elwood regular meeting minutes, September 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, September 14, 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, Fong and Tilson; Trustee Townsend 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 September 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 Tilson, seconded by Fong, to approve the August 10, 2022 regular meeting minutes and the August 3, 2022 special meeting minutes. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, Fong, Tilson, Martin; nays: none; absent: Townsend; 4-0-1.

A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Tilson, to approve and pay the Village and Library claims as presented using sales tax funds to assist with the batting cage expenses on the Cardmember Services claim. The roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, Tilson, Fong, Martin; nays: none; absent: Townsend; 4-0-1. Claims are as follows:

Aflac	256.40	emp. pd ins.
ATC Communications	14.90	email, website
Aurora Cooperative	68.40	fuel
Black Hills Energy	169.92	utilities
CAMAS Publishing	447.53	publications (Aug&Sept)
*Cardmember Service-Sec. Bank	3,796.90	street & gen supplies, batting cage equip.
Community Redevelopment Authority	6,250.00	budget pymt
Corder, Kirk	49.00	cell phone
Dawson Public Power District	6,278.80	utilities
Diefenbaugh, Kaydee	79.68	lifeguard class/suit
Eakes - Copier	124.65	copier pymt
Eakes Office Plus	355.30	svc agreement, supplies
Elwood Hometown Coop Market	14.70	supplies
Great Plains Communications	108.19	phone bill
Hackbart, Scott	21.45	UT dep refund
Hagan, Raymond (B's Cafe)	195.00	supplies for concession stand
Hart, Huyser & Miller P.C., L.L.O.	1,566.09	atty fees
Johnson Service Company	1,000.00	service sewer lines
League of NE Mun - Utilities	469.00	dues
League of Nebraska Municipalities	1,702.00	dues
MTL, Inc.	106.00	cleaning
Municipal Supply, Inc. of Nebraska	83.13	water supplies
NE Department of Revenue	251.44	sales tax
NE Dept. of Rev.-Waste/Recycling	25.09	annual fee
NE Municipal Clerk's Association	50.00	dues
NE Public Health Environmental Laboratory	380.00	water testing
One Call Concepts, Inc.	13.14	811 locate fees
Pinkins, Davius	81.11	UT dep refund & overpymt
Pinnacle Bank	393.75	HSA
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Schaben Sanitation - Roll-off	373.00	large dumpster fee
Schaben Sanitation Inc.	6,417.34	trash fees
Schutz, Shane	20.00	cell phone
Sprinkler's Plus	150.00	parts
Tilson, Charles. Dpty Zon Admin	25.00	building permit fee
Village Uniform	36.70	rugs
TOTAL	31,510.96	
PREAPPROVED/PREPAID CLAIMS:		
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	4,609.13	emp health ins
CenturyLink	46.76	pool phone
EFTPS withholding, SS, MC	3,481.34	federal payroll taxes
Lawn In Order	300.00	cemetery trimming
Payroll	11,172.96	Aug net payroll
Starmark	32.70	emp life ins
TD Ameritrade	315.48	401K company match
TOTAL PREPAID	19,958.37	
TOTAL CLAIMS	51,469.33	
*part paid with sales tax funds		
LIBRARY CLAIMS: (pp=prepaid)		
Black Hills Energy (pp)	95.02	utilities
Dawson Public Power District	169.40	utilities
MTL Inc	245.00	janitor
Village of Elwood	2,234.90	wages/ss/mc, trash, phone
Pinnacle Visa	63.32	postage, book return
Walmart (Capital One)	185.55	books
Camas Publishing	108.00	advertising
TOTAL LIBRARY CLAIMS	3,036.39	

After reviewing the Treasurer's report, a motion was made by Fong, seconded by Kleine to approve said report as presented. The roll call vote was: ayes: Fong, Kleine, Tilson, Martin; nays: none; absent: Townsend; 4-0-1.

Cody Fenwick, Nuisance Officer from West Central Nebraska Development District, joined the meeting by phone and presented three Resolutions which will rescind the nuisance declaration on those properties. A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Tilson, to approve Resolutions 2022-019-01, 2022-025-01 and 2022-028-01 which will rescind the nuisance declarations on three properties. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, Tilson, Fong, Martin; nays: none; absent: Townsend; 4-0-1. Fenwick went on to say how impressed she was with our community.

Utility Superintendent Corder presented an updated cost of sprinklers at the baseball ball field. A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Tilson, to hire Mike's Sprinkler Service for sprinklers at the north ball field at a cost not to exceed \$30,000.00. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, Tilson, Fong, Martin; nays: none; absent: Townsend; motion carried 4-0-1.

UT Supt. Corder reviewed roofing options for the shop with the Trustees. A motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Kleine, to accept the bid from Complete Roofing and Remodeling including patching and coating for \$17,701.00 using the sales tax fund to pay for these repairs. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Fong, Kleine, Tilson, Martin; nays: none; absent: Townsend; motion carried 4-0-1.

Corder also reported finding that the fence along the road at the cemetery is parallel to the road and not to the cemetery lots. The company that works on street sweepers, MacQueen, was here to look at the sweeper. The plumber is expected soon to assist with a water leak and the Board briefly discussed lighting at the ball fields.

Jenny Niemeier was present to discuss the funds held by the Village for the Jr/Sr Baseball group. A motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Fong, to give control, with Village Board oversight, of these funds to the Jr/Sr Baseball group as it becomes organized. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Tilson, Fong, Kleine, Martin; nays: none; absent: Townsend; motion carried 4-0-1.

The Board reviewed the special use permit from Little Angels Christian Child Care regarding the day care moving from its present location (401 Oxford Ave) to the parsonage (703 Oakland Ave). Zobeth Potter, representing Little Angels, was available for questions. A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Kleine, to approve the special use permit for Little Angels Christian Child Care. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Fong, Tilson, Kleine, Martin; nays: none; absent: Townsend; motion carried 4-0-1.

The Board reviewed minutes from the Elwood Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA) and considered the request to pay the CRA down payment assistance of \$25,000.00 for the completion of Lot 3. A motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Kleine to pay said request. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Fong, Kleine, Tilson, Martin; nays: none; absent: Townsend; motion carried 4-0-1.

There was no Sheriff's report.

Several properties were noted to have tall weeds and the Clerk was asked to send letters out.

Final estimates of about \$33,000.00 were reviewed regarding the purchase and installation of a gate at the dump allowing 24/7 access. A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Kleine, to approve the purchase of said gate, all related equipment, labor and installation. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Tilson, Kleine, Fong, Martin; nays: none; absent: Townsend; motion carried 4-0-1.

A Special Designated Liquor License (SDL) request was made by the Blue Moose for an event to be held at the Elwood Civic Center on October 22nd. A motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Fong, to approve said SDL. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, Fong, Tilson, Martin; nays: none; absent: Townsend; motion carried 4-0-1.

Board Chair Martin introduced and read by title Ordinance 2022-04 regarding enhancing dog at large penalties. A motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Kleine, to waive the rule regarding the reading of ordinances on three different days. The roll call vote was: ayes: Fong, Kleine, Tilson, Martin; nays: none; absent: Townsend; motion carried 4-0-1. A motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Kleine, to approve and adopt Ordinance 2022-04. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Fong, Kleine, Tilson, Martin; nays: none; absent: Townsend; motion carried 4-0-1. Ordinance 2022-04 was published in its entirety on September 22, 2022.

Resolution 2022-06 authorizing the Board Chairperson to sign the Annual Certification of Program Compliance for Public Roads Classifications and Standards Form was presented to the Trustees. A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Tilson, to pass said Resolution. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, Fong, Tilson, Martin; nays: none; absent: Townsend; motion carried 4-0-1.

The Board discussed the Elwood electronic sign located by the school's bus barn as the software is obsolete. Trustee Tilson is working with the Chamber of Commerce and has been in touch with a company to replace or repair.

The Trustees reviewed and discussed Resolution 2022-05 to set a monthly fee and change the rate for the water fill station on Highway 23. A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Tilson, to approve Resolution 2022-05 setting a monthly user fee of \$5.00 to those who do not reside in the Village of Elwood plus a usage charge of \$2.00 per 1,000 gallons. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, Tilson, Fong; nays: Martin; absent: Townsend; motion carried 3-1-1.

As the Senior Center is planning on paving their parking lot, the Board discussed other possible locations for the recycling dumpster.

Discussion was held regarding the Village not sending monthly paper invoices.
One approved building permit was reviewed.

The Budget and Special Property Tax Request Hearings are set for Monday, September 26, 2022 at 7:15 a.m. The next regular Village Board meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2022.

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

Laurie Jauken, Clerk/Treasurer