

Village of Elwood regular meeting minutes, January 11, 2023

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, January 11, 2023. 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 Fong and Townsend; Board Chair Martin and Trustee Kleine 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 and publication in the Valley Voice Newspaper on January 5, 2023. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

There was no oath of office taken as Martin was absent.

A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Townsend, to approve the December 14, 2022 regular meeting minutes. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Fong, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin, Kleine; motion carried 3-0-2.

A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Townsend, to approve and pay the Village and Library claims as presented. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Fong, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin, Kleine; motion carried 3-0-2. Claims are as follows:

Alvarez, Alex	50.00	building permit refund
ATC Communications	14.90	email, website
Aurora Cooperative	1,614.24	fuel, supplies
Bennett, Richie	75.00	UT dep refund
Black Hills Energy	510.32	utilities
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	5,155.01	Jan. emp health ins
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CAMAS Publishing	290.31	publications
Cardmember Service-Sec. Bank	503.74	envelopes, cell phone
Central District Health Dept	60.00	water testing
Community Redevelopment Authority	6,250.00	monthly budget
Corder, Kirk	49.00	cell phone
Dawson Public Power District	4,570.06	utilities
Eakes - Copier	124.65	copier pymt
Eakes Office Plus	18.32	supplies
Elwood Hometown Coop Market	9.08	supplies
Gerken, Lisa	39.02	supplies
Gosper Co. Treasurer (Sheriff Support)	11,715.74	qrtrly support
Great Plains Communications	108.19	phone (3)
Hart, Huyser & Miller	135.00	atty fees
Jones Plumbing & Heating Inc.	1,060.00	water main repair
Juarez, Angelica	13.29	UT dep refund
Lawn in Order	405.00	snow removal
Moonlight Electric	145.67	dump gate
MTL, Inc.	98.00	cleaning
NE Department of Revenue	249.51	sales tax
NE Department of Revenue	1,311.05	withholding

One Call Concepts, Inc.	5.94	811 locate fees
Pinnacle Bank	393.75	HSA
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Plum Creek Promotions	27.00	ATV stickers
Rufino, Elsweet	50.00	building permit refund
Schaben Sanitation - Roll-off	15.00	large dumpster fee
Schaben Sanitation Inc.	6,458.48	trash fees
Schutz, Shane	20.00	cell phone
Starmark	32.70	Feb emp life insurance
Village Uniform	36.70	rugs
Ward Laboratories	192.00	sewer testing
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>47,355.43</b>	
<b>PREAPPROVED/PREPAID CLAIMS:</b>		
EFTPS withholding, SS, MC	2,968.90	federal payroll taxes
Kohl, Patrick & Nicole	58.01	refund for overpayment
Payroll	8,517.82	Dec net payroll
Starmark	32.70	Jan emp life ins
TD Ameritrade	320.04	401K company match
<b>TOTAL PREPAID</b>	<b>11,897.47</b>	
<b>TOTAL CLAIMS</b>	<b>59,252.90</b>	
<b>LIBRARY CLAIMS: (pp=prepaid)</b>		
Black Hills Energy (pp)	461.73	utilities
Dawson Public Power District	125.58	utilities
MTL Inc	196.00	janitor
Village of Elwood	1,789.49	wages/ss/mc, trash, phone
Pinnacle Visa	442.13	books, postage
<b>TOTAL LIBRARY CLAIMS</b>	<b>3,014.93</b>	

After reviewing the Treasurer's report, a motion was made by Fong, seconded by Townsend, to approve said report as presented. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Fong, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin, Kleine; motion carried 3-0-2.

Katy Weissert was present on behalf of the Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA) to report on the Veteran's Memorial. Over \$3,000.00 was received from Elwood's Give Big Fundraiser, and a bid was received from TL Sund for building the Memorial. Two lot applications were denied at Wheatfield.

Sheriff Naputi shared information on speed signs per parameters given from the NE DOT and had some information on safety grant programs for such signs.

UT Supt Corder reported on renting a street sweeper at a cost of \$14,000 per month. The Board opted to repair the one we have. Corder reported water usage for 2022 was over 124 million gallons, compared to other towns slightly larger than Elwood that utilize water meters reporting water usage of 30 to 40 million gallons last year. The fence along the road at the cemetery was briefly discussed. Three water leaks were repaired in December.

The Board discussed putting up signs at the dump.

Changes to water and sewer rates were discussed with a motion by Tilson, seconded by Townsend to have Trustee Fong work with Attorney Huyser on modifying a letter to water users.

An email message was reviewed regarding a PFAS water testing cost recovery class action lawsuit. No action was taken.

The IRS standard mileage rate for 2023 was reviewed with a motion by Fong, seconded by Tilson to change the Village's reimbursement mileage rate to match the 2023 IRS rate of 65.5 cents per mile. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Tilson, Fong; nays: none; absent: Martin, Kleine; motion carried 3-0-2.

Summer recreation activities were discussed. It was decided to go ahead and advertise for pool employees and revisit the summer ball program at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Townsend, to approve the Clerk/Treasurer to go to Clerk's school in March. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Fong, Townsend, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin, Kleine; motion carried 3-0-2.

There were no building permits to review.

A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Tilson to move the February meeting from February 8 to the following Wednesday, February 15, 2023 due to scheduling conflicts. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Fong, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin, Kleine; motion carried 3-0-2.

Vice-Chair Tilson adjourned the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

Laurie Jauken, Clerk/Treasurer