

Village of Elwood Amended Budget Hearing & Special Property Tax Request  
October 18, 2023

The Village of Elwood, Nebraska Amended Budget and Property Tax Request Hearings were held at the Village Office on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order at 7:44 p.m. by Board Chair Martin who acknowledged the Open Meetings Act posted on the south wall of the meeting room. Present were Trustees Tilson, Kleine and Fong. Trustee Townsend was absent. Notice of the Hearings was given in advance by publication in the Valley Voice newspaper on October 12, 2023. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Board Chair Martin opened the hearing to review the amended budget documents at 7:45 p.m. There being no public comment, Martin closed the hearing at 7:46 p.m. and introduced and read Ordinance 2023-03 by title which allows the adoption of the amended 2023-2024 budget statement prepared by RJ Meyer & Associates, L.L.C.

A motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Kleine, to suspend the statutory rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days. Roll call vote: Ayes: Fong, Kleine, Tilson, Martin; Nays: none; Absent: Townsend; motion carried 4-0-1.

A motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Tilson to pass and adopt Ordinance 2023-03 adopting the amended budget for fiscal year 2023-2024. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: Ayes: Fong, Kleine, Tilson, Martin; Nays: none; Absent: Townsend; motion carried 4-0-1. Board Chair Martin declared Ordinance 2023-02 lawfully passed and adopted upon publication as required by law. Clerk Jauken attested its passage and approval by affixing her signature and the seal of the Village thereto. Ordinance 2023-03 reads as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD, NEBRASKA TO AMEND THE BUDGET STATEMENT FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY ADOPTED ON THE 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2023.

THE AMENDED BUDGET SHALL BE TERMED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL; TO APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES; AND TO PROVIDE WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND TAKE EFFECT; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

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

Section 1. That the previously adopted budget used the prior year valuation when calculating the levy, causing the Village to reduce the tax request. The amended budget has used the correct valuation when calculating the levy, allowing the Village to make the proper tax request.

In accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. §18-2806, after complying with all procedures required by law, the amended budget presented and set forth in the budget statement is hereby approved as the Annual Appropriation Bill for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024. All sums of money contained in the amended budget statement are hereby appropriated for the necessary expenses and liabilities of the Village of Elwood. A copy of the amended budget document shall be forwarded as provided by law to the Auditor of Public Accounts, State Capitol, Lincoln, Nebraska, and to the County Clerk of Gosper County, Nebraska, for use by the levying authority.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval, and publication or posting as required by law. All Ordinances and Resolutions, and all parts of Ordinances or Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 18th day of October, 2023.

VILLAGE OF ELWOOD  
GOSPER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

BY:

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Thomas Martin, Board Chair

ATTEST:

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Laurie Jauken, Village Clerk

(SEAL)

Board Chair Martin opened the Property Tax Hearing at 7:47 p.m. The Trustees reviewed the property tax request and there being no public comment, Martin declared the hearing closed at 7:48 p.m. A motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Kleine to pass and adopt Resolution 2023-16 setting the property tax request at \$215,263.79 for fiscal year 2023-2024 and request approval of a 1% increase in total 2023-2024 funds subject to limitation. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: Ayes: Tilson, Fong, Kleine, Martin; Nays: none; Absent: Townsend; motion carried 4-0-1. Board Chair Martin declared said Property Tax Request passed and adopted. Clerk Jauken attested by affixing her signature and the seal of the Village of Elwood. Resolution 2023-16 reads as follows:

RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST  
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-16

A RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST FOR THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD, GOSPER COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1601.02 provides that the property tax required for the prior year shall be the property tax request for the current year for purposes of the levy set by the County Board of Equalization unless the Governing Body of the Village of Elwood passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request at a different amount; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Village of Elwood that the property tax request for the current year be a different amount than the property tax request for the prior year.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of the Village of Elwood, by a majority vote, resolves that:

1. The 2023-2024 property tax request be set at \$215,263.79.
2. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 19, 2023.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2023.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Board Chair of the Board of Trustees

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Village Clerk

Board Chair Martin declared the meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Laurie Jauken  
Village Clerk