

Village of Elwood regular meeting minutes, September 13, 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, September 13, 2023 immediately following the Special Meeting held at 7:00 p.m. Said meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Vice-Chair Tilson who acknowledged the Open Meetings Act posted on the south wall of the meeting room. Present were Trustees Kleine, Townsend and Fong. Board Chair Martin was absent. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Valley Voice Newspaper on September 7, 2023 and by posted notices at Security First Bank, Pinnacle Bank, Elwood Post Office and the Village Office. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

A motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Townsend, to approve the August 9, 2023 regular meeting minutes. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Fong, Townsend, Kleine, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1.

After reviewing and discussing the claims, 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.
ATC Communications	14.90	email, website
Aurora Cooperative	1,359.05	fuel, supplies
Black Hills Energy	455.46	utilities
Blue Cross Blue Shield of NE	5,155.01	health insurance
Burns, Michael/Staci	90.00	UT deposit refund
CAMAS Publishing	268.65	publications
Community Redevelopment Authority	6,250.00	budget
Corder, Kirk	49.00	cell phone
Dawson Public Power District	5,899.76	utilities
Eakes - Copier	124.65	copier pymt
Eakes Office Plus	193.88	service, supplies
Elan Financial Services - credit card	72.90	supplies
Gosper Co. Treasurer	3,274.50	1/2 cost speed signs
Great Plains Communications	173.71	phones, dump internet
Hart, Huyser & Miller P.C., L.L.O.	1,090.00	attorney fees
John Deere Financial	22.76	supplies
Juarez, Angelica	69.54	UT deposit less ut balance
Lawn In Order - Shaune LaPrade	420.00	cemetery, mowing
Lofquist Welding Inc	12.00	supplies
MTL, Inc.	98.00	cleaning
Municipal Supply, Inc. of Nebraska	47.73	water parts
NE Dept. of Revenue	344.44	sales tax
NE Dept. of Revenue (annual)	25.00	waste reduction &
recycling fee		
NE Public Health Env. Lab	482.00	water testing
Nutrien Ag Solutions	107.15	herbicide
One Call Concepts, Inc.	2.40	811 locate fees

Pinnacle Bank	393.75	HSA
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Plum Creek Promotions	200.00	recycling labels
Schaben Sanitation - Roll-off	1,011.39	large dumpster at dump
Schaben Sanitation Inc.	6,686.74	trash fees
Schutz, Shane	20.00	cell phone
Starmark	39.60	life ins.
Walls, Allie	15.91	UT deposit less ut balance
Weismann, Dan	60.00	UT deposit refund
West Central Neb. Dev. Dist.	6,408.00	annual dues,1st,2nd
nuisance		
TOTAL	41,588.03	
PREAPPROVED/PREPAID CLAIMS:		
EFTPS	3,786.82	Aug federal payroll taxes
Payroll	13,024.90	Aug net payroll
Schwab	325.27	Aug 401K company match
TOTAL PREPAID	17,136.99	
TOTAL CLAIMS	58,725.02	
LIBRARY CLAIMS:		
Black Hills Energy	102.10	utilities
Dawson Public Power District	181.62	utilities
MTL Inc	196.00	janitor
Village of Elwood	2,212.34	wages, ss/mc, trash,
dump, phone		
Elwood Hometown Coop Market	9.00	supplies
Pinnacle Bank CC	410.05	books, postage
TOTAL LIBRARY CLAIMS	3,111.11	

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

Gordon and Donna Hanson were present to discuss plans to move their house.

Minutes from the Community Redevelopment Authority meeting were reviewed.

There was no Sheriff's report.

There was no report from Schaben.

Amber Kuskie, with West Central Nebraska Development District (WCNDD), joined the meeting by Zoom to present findings from the last nuisance property review. There were three properties that still have issues to resolve. A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Kleine, to abate three properties numbered 2023-002, 2023-030 and 2023-039. There being no further 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 2 Resolutions numbered 2023-015-01 and 2023-019-01 rescinding their respective nuisance declarations. There being no further 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 table Resolution 2023-006-01. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, Townsend, Fong, Tilson; nays: none; motion carried 4-0-1.

The Board considered working with Monte at Midwest Assistance Program (MAP) for assistance with the Lead Service Line Inventory Project. Vice-Chair Tilson reported that the pole-testing at the ball fields should be completed by the next meeting. The Board discussed removal of the sand volleyball courts and putting in grass as Tilson's research reported no interest in use of the courts.

The Board discussed properties with an overgrowth of grass and/or weeds. A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Kleine, to pass Resolution 2023-09-01 rescinding the previous nuisance declaration. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Kleine, Fong, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1.

Ed Houlden with Security First Insurance presented the Summary of Coverage for 2023-2024 fiscal year. There were no comments or actions taken on this non-agenda item.

The Trustees discussed imposing an occupation tax on mechanical amusements (gaming) devices. This discussion is tabled for now.

The contract and resolution from Lexington Area Solid Waste Agency (LASWA) was reviewed. No action was taken pending further research of the documents.

A motion was made by Townsend, seconded by Fong to approve a Special Liquor License request for an event to be held at the Civic Center on October 21, 2023.

There were no building/fence permits review.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Vice-Chair Tilson adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Laurie Jauken, Clerk/Treasurer