

Village of Elwood regular meeting minutes, February 12, 2025

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, February 12, 2025. Said meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice-Chair Kleine, who acknowledged that the Open Meetings Act is available for public inspection on the south wall of the meeting room. Present were Trustees Townsend, LaPrade and Borden. Board Chair Martin was absent. Clerk Jauken was present to take minutes. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Valley Voice Newspaper on January 30, 2025 and by posted notices at Security First Bank, Pinnacle Bank, Elwood Post Office and the Village Office on February 11, 2025. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

A motion was made by Borden, seconded by LaPrade, to approve the January 8, 2025 regular meeting minutes and January 22, 2025 special meeting minutes as presented. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Borden, LaPrade, Kleine; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1.

After reviewing claims, there was a motion by Townsend, seconded by LaPrade, to approve and pay the Village and Library claims as presented and additional claims from Hart, Huyser & Miller P.C., L.L.O. for \$300.00 and Chuck Tilson, Deputy Zoning Administrator for \$25.00. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Borden, Townsend, LaPrade, Kleine; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1. Claims are as follows:

Aflac	256.40	emp. pd. Ins.	
ATC Communications	14.90	email, website	
Aurora Cooperative	1,276.37	fuel, supplies	
Black Hills Energy	461.59	utilities	
Blue Cross Blue Shield of NE	3,066.06	health ins.	
CAMAS Publishing	202.61	publications, subscription	
Central District Health Department	78.00	water testing	
Community Redev. Authority	8,333.33	budget	
Corder, Kirk	49.00	cell phone	
Dawson Public Power District	4,431.41	utilities	
Eakes - Copier	124.65	copier payment	
Elan Financial Services - credit card	31.65	supplies	
Elwood Care Center	2,325.00	budget	
Gosper County Clerk	111.11	election fees	
Great Plains Communications	185.57	phones,	dump/civic
internet			
Int'l Institute of Municipal Clerks	195.00	dues	
MTL, Inc.	53.50	cleaning	
Mutual of Omaha	21.60	life ins.	
NE Dept. of Revenue	335.68	sales tax	
One Call Concepts, Inc.	1.64	811 locate fees	
Petty Cash	10.00	petty cash	
Pinnacle Bank	756.64	HSA accounts	
RJ Meyer & Assoc, CPA	4,062.50	second half audit fee	

Schaben Sanitation - Roll-off	353.95	large dumpster at dump
Schaben Sanitation Inc.	6,918.11	trash fees
Schutz, Shane	20.00	cell phone
Titan Machinery	190.50	parts
TOTAL	\$33,866.77	
PREAPPROVED/PREPAID CLAIMS:		
EFTPS	3,014.28	Jan. federal payroll taxes
Payroll	9,511.39	Jan. net payroll
Schwab - retirement fund	337.08	Jan. company match
TOTAL PREPAID	\$12,862.75	
TOTAL CLAIMS	\$46,729.52	
LIBRARY CLAIMS:		
Black Hills Energy	334.70	utilities
Dawson Public Power District	117.89	utilities
MTL Inc	107.00	janitor
Village of Elwood	2,149.21	wages, ss/mc, utilities
Pinnacle Bank CC	10.97	postage
Elwood Hometown Coop Market	71.76	supplies
Valley Voice	50.00	subscription
Jane Hilton	125.50	refund on decor
TOTAL LIBRARY CLAIMS	\$2,966.85	

A motion was made by Townsend, seconded by Borden, to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Certificates of Deposit will be renewed at the best rate. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: LaPrade, Borden, Townsend, Kleine; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1.

The Trustees reviewed minutes from the Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA). Attorney Huyser informed the Board that she has been working with the CRA on the redevelopment loan process.

Sheriff Richie updated the Board on the Sheriff's office transitioning to the Nebraska State Patrol citation system and a camera monitoring system for the county that may be available for the Village. The Sheriff also reported on a hazard mitigation plan being created for the Elwood Reservoir which he will share more about at a later date. Dog registrations and after-hours security checks of businesses were also discussed.

Utility Superintendent Corder reported checking on replacing the pressure switches in the wells. His pick-up needs the heat controls checked.

Kate Reiners was present to discuss hiring Elder Dynamics to conduct future planning for the care center. After discussion, the Trustees agreed that this is a warranted service for Elwood.

There was one application for pool manager and one application for lifeguard received thus far. Trustee Townsend reported that the baseball league fees are due April 1st and the summer ball committee will be recruiting kids and coaches to put teams together.

Bob Meyer of RJ Meyer & Associates joined the meeting by phone to review the 2023-2024 audit report. A motion was made by Townsend, seconded by LaPrade, to accept the audit report as presented. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote

was: ayes: Borden, LaPrade, Townsend, Kleine; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1.

A new contract with Schaben Sanitation for trash service was reviewed with a motion by Townsend, seconded by Borden, to approve said contract. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: LaPrade, Borden, Townsend, Kleine; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1.

A motion was made by Borden, seconded by Townsend, to increase customer trash rates by 3% per Schaben rate increase to the Village. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: LaPrade, Townsend, Borden, Kleine; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1.

A motion was made by Townsend, seconded by LaPrade, to approve the Special Designated Liquor License request from the Elwood Area Foundation for an event to be held at the civic center on March 15, 2025. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Borden, LaPrade, Townsend, Kleine; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1.

The Board discussed ways the Village can help with the bike tour which has an overnight stop in Elwood on June 25th. The clerk will check on pricing of dumpsters and port-a-potties.

A new contract with Schaben Sanitation for trash service was reviewed with a motion by Townsend, seconded by LaPrade, to approve the agreement. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Borden, LaPrade, Townsend, Kleine; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1.

There was one building permit to review.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Vice-Chair Kleine adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Laurie Jauken, Clerk/Treasurer