

Village of Elwood regular meeting minutes, July 9, 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, July 9, 2025. Said meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board Chair Martin, who acknowledged the Open Meetings Act which is posted and available for public inspection on the south wall of the meeting room. Present were Trustees Townsend, Borden and LaPrade. Trustee Kleine 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 July 3, 2025 and by posted notices at Security First Bank, Pinnacle Bank, Elwood Post Office and the Village Office on July 1, 2025. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

A motion was made by Townsend, seconded by Borden, to approve the June 11, 2025 regular meeting minutes as presented correcting the claim paid to Municipal Supply from \$640.37 to \$697.97. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: LaPrade, Borden, Townsend, Martin; nays: none; absent: Kleine; motion carried 4-0-1.

The claims were reviewed with a motion by Townsend, seconded by LaPrade, to approve and pay the Village and Library claims paying California Boiler, Moonlight Electric, and Primary Electric with sales tax funds and three additional claims: \$73.32 to CenturyLink for the pool phone, \$920.00 to Hart, Huyser & Miller P.C., L.L.O for attorney fees, and \$269.04 to Elwood Hometown Cooperative Market for an overpayment on its utility bill. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Borden, LaPrade, Townsend, Martin; nays: none; absent: Kleine; motion carried 4-0-1. Claims are as follows:

Aflac	262.04	emp. pd ins.
ATC Communications	14.90	email, website
Aurora Cooperative	77.33	fuel
Black Hills Energy	856.74	utilities
Blue Cross Blue Shield of NE	3,623.76	health ins.
*California Boiler	2,692.00	pool heater repair
CAMAS Publishing	155.43	publication
Community Redev. Authority	8,333.33	budget
Consolidated Electrical Distr.	601.14	well supplies
Corder, Kirk	64.88	cell phone(49), batteries
Dawson Public Power District	5,641.09	utilities
Elan Financial Services - credit card	676.21	supplies, training lodging
Elwood Care Center	2,325.00	budget
Elwood Library	8,625.00	budget
Gosper Co. Treasurer (Sheriff Support)	11,950.05	Sheriff budget
Great Plains Communications	179.53	dump internet, phones
Guardian Insurance	20.40	emp. ins.
Hart, Huyser & Miller P.C., L.L.O.	520.00	attorney fees
Lawn In Order	420.00	cemetery, office
League of NE Municipalities	36.00	LIGHT membership fees
Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc.	676.88	water supplies

*Moonlight Electric	214.86	ball field
MTL, Inc.	107.00	cleaning
NE Dept. of Revenue	1,544.20	withholding
NE Dept. of Revenue	481.58	sales tax
NE Public Health Env. Lab	721.00	water test
Nutrien Ag Solutions, Inc	123.85	chemicals
One Call Concepts, Inc.	3.67	811 locate fees
Paulsen Inc.	503.39	street supplies
Pinnacle Bank	802.28	HSA
Platte Valley Communications	557.50	siren repair
*Primary Electric	1,994.97	ball field lights
Schaben Sanitation - Roll-off	741.06	large dumpster at dump
Schaben Sanitation Inc.	7,125.84	trash fees
Schutz, Shane	20.00	cell phone
Security First Insurance	6,459.25	quarterly pymt
Sunset Spa & Supplies	3,836.43	pool chemicals
T&T Lawn Care	1,508.20	ball field/office grass
The Red Barn	79.60	fuel (Aug,Oct,Dec,May)
TOTAL	74,576.39	
PREAPPROVED/PREPAID CLAIMS:		
EFTPS	4,550.26	June federal payroll taxes
Payroll	17,741.08	June net pay
Schwab - retirement fund	340.89	June company match
TOTAL PREPAID	22,632.23	
TOTAL CLAIMS	97,208.62	
*paid with sales tax funds		
LIBRARY CLAIMS:		
Black Hills Energy	114.46	utilities
Dawson Public Power District	142.33	utilities
MTL Inc	267.50	janitor
Village of Elwood	2,765.27	wages, ss/mc, utilities
Pinnacle Bank credit card	1,087.39	books, postage
Kara Brockman	783.10	summer reading stipend and
expenses		
Jane Hilton	57.48	mileage
TOTAL LIBRARY CLAIMS	5,217.53	

After reviewing the treasurer's report and discussing five maturing Certificates of Deposit, a motion was made by Townsend, seconded by Borden, to approve said report. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: LaPrade, Borden, Townsend, Martin; nays: none; absent: Kleine; motion carried 4-0-1.

Board Chair Martin opened the public hearing for the One- and Six-Year Street Plan at 7:11 p.m. Tyler Hillmer reviewed current street repair plans with the Trustees. After discussion which included West Rush Street and Orange Avenue, Martin declared the hearing closed at 7:20 p.m. A motion was made by Townsend, seconded by LaPrade, to pass Resolution 2025-06 approving the street plan as presented. There

being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Borden, LaPrade, Townsend, Martin; nays: none; absent: Kleine; motion carried 4-0-1.

Melissa Vinzant was present on behalf of the Elwood Area Foundation to discuss Give Big and the Village's intent on fundraising proceeds. Projects such as pickleball courts and ball field lighting were discussed along with grant options and associated costs of said projects. Hillmer with Miller & Associates and Edward Dunn with West Central Nebraska Development District (WCNDD) contributed to the discussion.

The ongoing project report and grant opportunities were reviewed during the street repair and Give Big discussions. Hillmer discussed locating water valves for the meter project.

The nuisance property reviews were completed by Edward Dunn with WCNDD who was present at the meeting. The Board discussed the properties, reviewed progress, and heard from Laurie Jauken regarding their property. A motion was made by Borden, seconded by Townsend to: grant extensions through August 6, 2025 to properties labeled 004, 005, 009; approve Resolution 2025-008-01 rescinding prior nuisance declaration to the property labeled 008; and abate property with label 001. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: LaPrade, Borden, Townsend, Martin; nays: none; absent: Kleine; motion carried 4-0-1.

Pool manager Makenzie Corder was present reporting on the swimming pool. There were 7 kids for swimming lessons, 14 guests from the Tour de Nebraska visit and 2 patrons on this Monday evening's lap swim. The pool will be closed on July 21st due to manager/staff shortage and will close for the season August 3rd.

There was no report from the Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA). Trustee Townsend asked about Lot 11. The CRA and Attorney Huyser will review the stipulations regarding said lot.

There was no Sheriff's report.

Utility Superintendent Corder discussed the lights at the ball fields with the Trustees and the recent repairs of electrical issues on two poles. Ben Edgecombe was present to discuss getting more field topper in the spring which will use the remainder of the Royals Grant funds. The last home Legion game is July 18th. Corder also reported that the well telemetry systems will be delayed several months. The street repair company has also been delayed due to weather.

HiLine summer ball is complete and the last home Legion game is July 18th. Swim team has 34 swimmers. There are two swim meets left: the qualifying for State meet and the State meet.

The clerical error explained in June for an HSA account has been resolved.

The amount of sales tax funds to use to open a Certificate of Deposit was discussed. A motion was made by Townsend, seconded by LaPrade, to pass Resolution 2025-07 approving the opening of a Certificate of Deposit and to use \$88,000.00 of sales tax funds for the CD. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Borden, LaPrade, Townsend, Martin; nays: none; absent: Kleine; motion carried 4-0-1.

There were no building permits to review.

The budget workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, July 30, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Board Chair Martin adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Laurie Jauken, Clerk/Treasurer