

Village of Elwood regular meeting minutes, June 11, 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, June 11, 2025. Said meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice-Chair Kleine, 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 and Laprade. Board Chair Martin and Trustee Borden were 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 May 29, 2025 and by posted notices at Security First Bank, Pinnacle Bank, Elwood Post Office and the Village Office on May 28, 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 LaPrade, to approve the May 14, 2025 regular meeting minutes as presented. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: LaPrade, Townsend, Kleine; nays: none; absent: Martin, Borden; motion carried 3-0-2.

The claims were reviewed with a motion by Townsend, seconded by LaPrade, to approve and pay the Village and Library claims as presented. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, LaPrade, Kleine; nays: none; absent: Martin, Borden; motion carried 3-0-2. Claims are as follows:

Aflac	256.40	emp. pd. insurance
ATC Communications	14.90	email, website
Atwood, Tyson	250.00	summer ball pay
Aurora Cooperative	415.22	fuel, supplies
Black Hills Energy	658.69	utilities
Blue Cross Blue Shield of NE	3,623.76	health insurance
Blue Valley Public Safety, Inc	2,749.20	siren repair
Borden, Shelby	500.00	summer ball pay
Brockman, Kara	200.00	lifeguard class
Camas Publishing	299.95	water report, publications
Central District Health Dept.	52.00	water testing
CenturyLink	95.26	pool phone
Community Redev. Authority	8,333.33	budget pymt
Corder, Kirk	49.00	cell phone
Dawson Public Power District	4,960.04	utilities
EA Engineering, Science & Tech.	2,502.09	grant assistance
Eakes - Copier	124.65	final copier payment
Eakes Office Plus	275.22	copier service contract
Edwards, Jennifer	200.00	lifeguard class
Elan Financial Services - credit card	4,665.83	supplies, dugout(grant),
pool		
Elwood Care Center	2,325.00	budget pymt
Eustis Plumbing & Underground	44.00	pool repair parts
Great Plains Communications	179.57	phones, internet at dump
Guardian	20.40	emp. life ins.

Hueftle, Kevan	250.00	summer ball pay
Johnny on the Spot	70.00	port-a-potty at cemetery
Jones Plumbing & Heating Inc.	18.87	parts
Kubert, Kylee	200.00	lifeguard class
Laier, Cassidy	250.00	summer ball pay
Lawn In Order	720.00	cemetery trimming,
mowing		
Martin, Melissa	250.00	swim team coach pay
Martin, Tom	250.00	swim team coach pay
Michael Todd & Company, Inc	1,098.62	street paint
Miller & Asso. Consulting Engineers	225.00	ARPA reporting fee
MMC Consulting LLC	395.00	clerk reference manual
Moler, Ben	250.00	summer ball pay
Moonlight Electric	820.00	concessions updates
MTL, Inc.	107.00	cleaning
Municipal Supply, Inc. of NE	697.97	640.97 supplies
NE Dept of Revenue	359.26	sales tax payment
Pinnacle Bank	25.00	safe deposit box
Pinnacle Bank	765.64	HSA
Plains Tsunami Swim League	1,176.00	swim team league fees
Potter, Zobeth	200.00	lifeguard class
Puls, Carrie	250.00	summer ball pay
Rademacher, Felicia	40.00	pool operator class
Rand, Noelle	231.30	lifeguard class, suit
Schaben Sanitation - Roll-off	1,093.34	large dumpster fees
Schaben Sanitation Inc.	7,247.96	trash fees
Schneider, Roger/Stacy	70.00	UT deposit refund
Schutz, Shane	20.00	cell phone
Shutts, Lori	290.00	pool operator class, swim
team coach pay		
Shutts, Ryan	250.00	summer ball pay
Tilson, Charles. Dpty Zon Admin	75.00	building permits
Townsend, Ken	500.00	summer ball pay
Weissert, Mark	250.00	summer ball pay
Wolfe, Kyle	65.00	UT deposit refund
TOTAL	\$51,248.47	
PREAPPROVED/PREPAID CLAIMS:		
EFTPS	4,372.08	May federal payroll taxes
Payroll	14,119.00	May net pay
Petty Cash	130.00	pool start-up money
Schwab - retirement fund	506.23	May company match
TOTAL PREPAID	\$19,127.31	
TOTAL CLAIMS	\$70,375.78	
LIBRARY CLAIMS:		
Black Hills Energy	130.60	utilities

Dawson Public Power District	104.20	utilities
MTL Inc	214.00	janitor
Village of Elwood	2,075.69	wages, ss/mc, utilities
Pinnacle Bank credit card	80.75	supplies, postage
TOTAL LIBRARY CLAIMS	\$2,605.24	

After reviewing the Treasurer's Report, a motion was made by Townsend, seconded by Kleine, to approve said report. Clerk Jauken mentioned the possibility of moving some sales tax funds into a COD. The roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, LaPrade, Kleine; nays: none; absent: Martin, Borden; motion carried 3-0-2.

Vice-Chair Kleine opened the public hearing for the Comprehensive Plan at 7:07 p.m. Edward Dunn with West Central Nebraska Development District (WCNDD) joined the meeting via Zoom. LeahAnn Brell commented on a few sections of the Plan. Trustees Townsend and Kleine also commented on some corrections that need made. Comments and notes will be sent to WCNDD. Vice-Chair Kleine declared the hearing closed at 7:14 p.m.

The nuisance properties were reviewed by Edward Dunn of WCNDD. There were 115 properties reviewed, 20 courtesy letters sent, and one property with an extension. A motion was made by Townsend, seconded by LaPrade, to approve Resolutions 2025-001, 002, 004, 005, and 008 declaring the properties identified in said resolutions to be nuisance properties. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, LaPrade, Kleine; nays: none; absent: Martin, Borden; motion carried 3-0-2.

Minutes from the Community Redevelopment Authority were reviewed.

There was no Sheriff's report.

It was noted that the State Department of Transportation repaired the two street aprons that fell within their right of maintenance. Trustee Townsend reported that one row of lights is out on the south ball field.

The ongoing project report was reviewed.

A motion was made by Townsend, seconded by LaPrade, to approve closing Rockford between the swimming pool and Road 426, and at the end of the ball field on Fair Avenue during the overnight hours for the bike tour. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, Townsend, LaPrade; nays: none; absent: Martin, Borden; motion carried 3-0-2.

A motion was made by Townsend, seconded by LaPrade, to approve Resolution 2025-03 permitting the closure of Highways 23 and 283 for the biannual parade to be held on July 26th. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: LaPrade, Townsend, Kleine; nays: none; absent: Martin, Borden; motion carried 3-0-2.

An interlocal agreement with the Elwood School was reviewed regarding a safety plan for the swimming pool in the case of sudden inclement weather. A motion was made by Townsend, seconded by Kleine, to approve Resolution 2025-04 approving said interlocal agreement with the School. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: LaPrade, Townsend, Kleine; nays: none; absent: Martin, Borden; motion carried 3-0-2.

A motion was made by Townsend, seconded by LaPrade, to approve Resolution 2025-05 approving the updated Pool Policy and Procedure Manual. There being no

discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, LaPrade, Kleine; nays: none; absent: Martin, Borden; motion carried 3-0-2.

Clerk Jauken reviewed the renewed health insurance coverage showing an 18% increase in the premium rate. She also reviewed a clerical error on the HSA contributions for this past insurance year. Attorney Huyser will review solutions.

Three building permits were reviewed.

The Trustees considered Wednesday, July 30, 2025 as a date for the budget workshop.

Pool Manager Corder was present to review activities at the pool. There has been no attendance for adult swim and the rope across the pool is frayed. A new rope will be purchased. Swimming lessons are scheduled for the third week of June. Corder mentioned that Zobeth Potter offered to teach upper levels of swimming lessons. Discussion was held regarding insurance coverage. No action was taken.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 9, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Vice-Chair Kleine adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Laurie Jauken, Clerk/Treasurer