

Village of Elwood regular meeting minutes, March 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, March 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 February 27, 2025 and by posted notices at Security First Bank, Pinnacle Bank, Elwood Post Office and the Village Office on February 27, 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 February 12, 2025 regular meeting minutes as presented. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: LaPrade, Borden, Townsend, Kleine; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1.

Vice-Chair Kleine welcomed Andy Edeburn with Elder Dynamics who joined the meeting via Zoom. Edeburn explained the process of completing strategic planning for the Elwood Care Center & Assisted Living and meeting future needs for the Elwood area. The Care Center Board was present for this part of the meeting.

The claims were then reviewed with a motion by Townsend, seconded by LaPrade, to approve and pay the Village and Library claims as presented. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Borden, LaPrade, Townsend, 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	254.63	fuel, supplies
Black Hills Energy	420.49	utilities
Blue Cross Blue Shield of NE	3,066.06	health ins.
Bomgaars	28.01	supplies
Community Redev. Authority	8,333.33	budget
Corder, Kirk	49.00	cell phone
Dawson Public Power District	4,445.54	utilities
Eakes - Copier	124.65	copier pymt
Eakes Office Plus	258.74	service agreement
Elan Financial Services - credit card	115.05	supplies
Elwood Care Center	2,325.00	budget
Great Plains Communications	485.57 182.57	dump internet, phone lines
Hart, Huyser & Miller, P.C., L.L.O.	410.00	attorney fees
Lawn In Order - Shaune LaPrade	125.00	snow removal
Michael Todd & Company, Inc	503.72	safety lights
Microsoft Office	138.44	annual subscription
MTL, Inc.	53.50	cleaning
Mutual of Omaha	21.60	life ins.
NE Dept. of Env. & Energy	40.00	pool permit
NE Dept. of Revenue	334.92	sales tax

One Call Concepts, Inc.	0.82	811 locate fees
Pinnacle Bank	765.64	HSA
S & W Auto Parts - Holdrege	331.99	supplies
Schaben Sanitation - Roll-off	370.72	large dumpster
Schaben Sanitation Inc.	6,918.11	trash fees
Schutz, Scot	130.00	UT Deposit refund
Schutz, Shane	20.00	cell phone
Security First Insurance	300.00	bonds
Tilson, Charles. Dpty Zon Admin	25.00	building permit
Two Rivers Public Health Dept.	200.00	pool permit
TOTAL	30,566.83	
PREAPPROVED/PREPAID CLAIMS:		
EFTPS	3,016.60	Feb. federal payroll taxes
Payroll	9,503.12	Feb. federal payroll taxes
Schwab - retirement fund	337.42	Feb. company match
TOTAL PREPAID	12,857.14	
TOTAL CLAIMS	43,423.97	
LIBRARY CLAIMS:		
Black Hills Energy	311.75	utilities
Dawson Public Power District	116.09	utilities
MTL Inc	160.50	janitor
Village of Elwood	2,215.07	wages, ss/mc, utilities
Elwood Hometown Coop Market	14.75	supplies
Jane Hilton	10.08	postage
TOTAL LIBRARY CLAIMS	2,828.24	

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

There was no report from the Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA).

Sheriff Richie was present to update the Trustees on the camera system at the county lines. The Sheriff's office has completed the transition to the Nebraska State Patrol citation system. Richie also stated that Deputy Garrelts was promoted to Sergeant.

Utility Superintendent Corder presented prices for replacing the pressure switches in the wells. A decision was tabled until the next meeting. Corder also briefly discussed generators for the wells.

Ben Edgecombe was present on behalf of the Legion ball team to discuss field improvements as he secured a grant from the Royals to assist with these costs.

The Village will advertise for someone to help mow over the summer.

Trustee Townsend stated that ball sign-ups will be held March 18th and 24th at the village office. A Husker baseball camp is being planned for this summer.

After reviewing pool employee applications, the Board decided to wait and consider the applications at the next board meeting. Clerk Jauken informed the Board that she and Board Chair Martin are editing a pool employee manual and will send out a draft when ready.

The Clerk asked the Trustees about selling single cemetery plots/spaces instead the previous guideline of selling a minimum of two plots/spaces. As more people are choosing cremation, the Board had no issues with selling single burial spaces.

The sign at the dump was reviewed and compared to the updated rules. No action was taken.

There was one building permit to review.

The project document list was reviewed. The clerk noted that several federal grants are on hold pending DOGE review.

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

Vice-Chair Kleine adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Laurie Jauken, Clerk/Treasurer