

Village of Elwood regular meeting minutes, May 14, 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, May 14, 2025. Said meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board Chair Martin, who acknowledged the Open Meetings Act which is available for public inspection on the south wall of the meeting room. Present were Trustees Townsend and Kleine. Trustees Borden and LaPrade 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 1, 2025 and by posted notices at Security First Bank, Pinnacle Bank, Elwood Post Office and the Village Office on May 2, 2025. All proceedings shown hereafter 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 April 10, 2025 regular meeting minutes and the April 21, 2025 special meeting minutes as presented. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, Townsend, Martin; nays: none; absent: Borden, LaPrade; motion carried 3-0-2.

The claims were reviewed with a motion by Townsend, 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, Martin; nays: none; absent: LaPrade, Borden; motion carried 3-0-2. Claims are as follows:

Aflac	256.40	emp. pd ins.
American Legal Publishing	550.00	online code
ATC Communications	14.90	email, website
Aurora Cooperative	1,394.44	fuel, supplies
Black Hills Energy	182.22	utilities
Blue Cross Blue Shield of NE	3,066.06	health ins.
CAMAS Publishing	160.14	publications
Central District Health Dept.	26.00	water testing
Community Redev. Authority	8,333.33	budget
Community Redev. Authority	3,138.40	TIF pymt Lot 8
Corder, Kirk	49.00	cell phone
Corder, Makenzie	40.00	reimburse pool op. license
Dawson Public Power District	4,091.66	utilities
Dilsaver, Heidi	70.00	UT deposit refund
Eakes - Copier	124.65	copier pymt
Elan Financial Services - credit card	132.26	supplies
Ensley Electrical Services	3,744.50	repaired/replaced lights at
ball field		
Elwood Care Center	2,325.00	budget
Great Plains Communications	179.57	phone, internet
Hart, Huyser & Miller P.C., L.L.O.	190.00	atty fees
HiLine Bulls Baseball	989.50	pitching mound blocks
(grant)		
Integrated Security Solutions	32.00	fire extinguisher check
Johnsen Corrosion Engineering Inc.	550.00	water tower inspection
Johnson Service Company	6,360.00	sewer line clean-out
Lawn In Order	60.00	mowing office/library

MTL, Inc.	107.00	cleaning
Municipal Supply, Inc. of Nebraska	248.17	water supplies
Mutual of Omaha	21.60	life ins.
NE Dept. of Revenue	366.82	sales tax
NE Public Health Env. Lab	16.00	water testing
Nelson, Julie	250.00	lifeguard class/CPR
Nutrien Ag Solutions, Inc	117.49	supplies
One Call Concepts, Inc.	3.28	811 locate fees
Pinnacle Bank	765.64	HSA
Remmenga Drilling Co., Inc.	24.50	supplies
Robb, William	75.00	UT deposit refund
Schaben Sanitation	6,960.26	trash fees
Schaben Sanitation - Roll-off	1,424.12	large dumpster at dump
Schutz, Shane	20.00	cell phone
Tilson, Charles. Dpty Zon Admin	25.00	building permit
Udstrand, Jeremy	58.29	UT deposit refund less
invoice		
TOTAL	46,543.20	
PREAPPROVED/PREPAID CLAIMS:		
EFTPS	3,059.70	April federal payroll taxes
League of NE Municipalities	565.00	Municipal Accounting &
Finance Conference		
Payroll	9,659.98	April net pay
Schwab - retirement fund	337.08	April company match
So. Central Ball League Fees	775.00	baseball & softball league
fees		
TOTAL PREPAID	14,396.76	
TOTAL CLAIMS	60,939.96	
LIBRARY CLAIMS:		
Black Hills Energy	171.61	utilities
Dawson Public Power District	117.89	utilities
MTL Inc	214.00	janitor
Village of Elwood	2,353.11	wages, ss/mc, utilities
Pinnacle Bank credit card	91.40	supplies, books, postage
TOTAL LIBRARY CLAIMS	2,951.01	

After reviewing the treasurer's report, a motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Townsend, to approve said report. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, Townsend, Martin; nays: none; absent: Borden, LaPrade motion carried 3-0-2.

Amara Block with Frontier Frau was present with a request to host a beer garden for the bike tour on June 25th in the carnival grounds. After discussion, a motion was made by Townsend, seconded by Kleine, to approve the special designated liquor license for said event. The roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, Townsend, Martin; nays: none; absent: Borden, LaPrade motion carried 3-0-2.

Nicole Townsend was present on behalf of the First Methodist Church with a request to close Rush Street from Oxford Avenue east to the alley from 6 to 9 in the

evening on May 16, 30, and June 6, 2025. A motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Townsend, to approve the street closure during said dates and times. The roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Kleine, Martin; nays: none; absent: LaPrade, Borden; motion carried 3-0-2.

Zobeth Potter was present on behalf of the rodeo club to ask about the rodeo club using the concession stand for rodeo and horse show events and to ask about the rodeo club insulating the concession stand. It was agreed that estimates should be acquired and there should be an interlocal agreement between the Village and the rodeo club.

The Board verified with Chuck Tilson, Deputy Zoning Administrator, that the Sheriff's department would be monitoring the chickens in town. Tilson also asked about the possibility of the rented dump ground being used as a trap shoot area.

Pool manager, Makenzie Corder, was present to discuss the pool opening and hours with the Trustees. Pool hours will be 1 to 5 and 6 to 8 daily and 1 to 6 on Saturday and Sunday.

There was no report from the Community Redevelopment Authority.

Sheriff Richie presented the Board with a 2-year interlocal agreement with no new changes to the agreement. The Sheriff gave the Board a call report and discussed the siren issues. He and the emergency manager are working with Dawson County on this. A motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Townsend to approve the interlocal agreement with the Gosper County Sheriff. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Kleine, Martin; nays: none; absent: LaPrade, Borden; motion carried 3-0-2.

Utility Superintendent Corder received an estimate from High Plains Boiler & Mechanical for \$2,692.00 to clean and prepare the boiler for the pool. No action was taken. Corder reported repairing water leaks in the bathhouse and valves for the pool. Board Chair Martin asked about painting parking lines. Trustee Townsend said the shed is up by the batting cage and a softball pitching machine was donated to the ball club. Ensley Electrical repaired the lighting at the ball fields. The project list was reviewed.

Joining the meeting via Zoom, Taylor Provost with West Central Nebraska Development District (WCNDD) reviewed the process of adopting the comprehensive plan and is accepting comments, questions and suggestions on the plan.

There were a few more applications received and reviewed for the pool. A motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Townsend, to hire Lori Shutts as an assistant manager and two additional teenage lifeguards. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Kleine, Martin; nays: none; absent: LaPrade, Borden; motion carried 3-0-2.

The Board discussed the upcoming bike tour and closure of streets during the overnight hours of June 25th. Trash fees and port-a-potty costs were discussed for this event.

Appointments were considered for the Library Board with a motion by Kleine, seconded by Townsend, to appoint Vicki Dickinson who will be completing Maria Atterberry's unexpired term, Lyanne Weissert, Ellen Halmes, and Danita Comfort for a second term with all terms to expire September 30, 2028. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Kleine, Martin; nays: none; absent: LaPrade, Borden; motion carried 3-0-2.

A motion was made by Townsend, seconded by Kleine, to appoint Kent Holl to fill the unexpired term of Dick Bennett for the Elwood Care Center Board. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, Townsend, Martin; nays: none; absent: Borden, LaPrade motion carried 3-0-2.

There was one building permit to review.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Board Chair Martin adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

Laurie Jauken, Clerk/Treasurer