

Village of Elwood regular meeting minutes, November 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 in Elwood on Wednesday, November 12, 2025. The 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 Kleine, Townsend, and LaPrade. Trustee Borden 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 October 30, 2025 and by posted notices at Security First Bank, Pinnacle Bank, Elwood Post Office and the Village Office on November 3, 2025. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

A motion was made by LaPrade, seconded by Kleine, to approve the October 8, 2025 regular meeting minutes amending the claim to Pinnacle Bank from \$756.64 to \$802.02. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Kleine, LaPrade, Martin; nays: none; absent: Borden; motion carried 4-0-1.

A motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Townsend, to approve and pay the Village and Library claims as presented including a claim from Hart, Huyser & Miller P.C., L.L.O. for \$1,272.50 with LaPrade abstaining from the claim of Lawn In Order. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote (with specified abstention due to disclosure) was: ayes: LaPrade, Townsend, Kleine, Martin; nays: none; absent: Borden; motion carried 4-0-1.

Claims are as follows:

Aflac	262.04	emp. pd. ins.
AMI Global, LLC	360.00	annual well telemetry svc.
ATC Communications	9.95	website
Aurora Cooperative	1,841.56	fuel, service, supplies
Barco Municipal Products Inc	358.46	street signs
Black Hills Energy	178.01	utilities
Blue Cross Blue Shield of NE	3,623.76	emp. health ins.
Central District Health Department	78.00	water testing
CJ Imprint, LLC	11.88	ATV stickers
Colonial Research Chemical Corp.	444.03	plow chemicals
Community Redev. Authority	8,333.37	budget
Corder, Kirk	49.00	cell phone
Cornhusker Press	106.25	dog tags
Dawson Public Power District	4,212.03	utilities
Downey Drilling, Inc.	1,896.00	fire hydrant assist
Eakes Office Plus	49.99	supplies
Elwood Care Center	2,325.00	budget
Galloway Financial	25.00	refund food truck permit
Gosper Co. Sheriff	10.00	ATV fee
Great Plains Communications	176.53	dump internet, phones
Guardian Life	20.40	emp. life ins.
Heartland Clerk's Association	10.00	dues
Jauken, Laurie	31.30	reimbursement

Lawn In Order	150.00	mowing
League of NE Muni. - UT Section	65.00	water op class
Mead Lumber	174.48	insulating supplies
Mike's Sprinkler Service	156.63	re-wiring for sprinklers
MTL, Inc.	107.00	cleaning
NE Dept. of Water, Energy, & Env.	230.00	water operator permits
NE Dept. of Revenue	335.51	sales tax
NE State Treasurer	117.12	state dog license fee
*Nielsen Contracting, LLC	155,533.05	W. Rush St. paving (1/2 county)
One Call Concepts	8.59	811 locate fee
Pinnacle Bank	802.02	HSA contributions
Poland/Hamilton	65.00	UT deposit refund
Schaben Sanitation - Roll-off	1,775.74	large dumpster at dump
Schaben Sanitation Inc.	7,021.24	trash fees
Schutz, Shane	20.00	cell phone
Security First Insurance	6,684.75	quarterly ins pymt
T&T Lawn Care	1,421.20	4th ball field treatment
The Red Barn	55.25	fuel
Tilson, Charles. Dpty Zon Admin	50.00	building permits
Ward Laboratories, Inc.	67.65	lagoon testing
TOTAL	199,252.79	
PREAPPROVED/PREPAID CLAIMS:		
EFTPS	4,451.72	Oct. federal payroll taxes
Payroll	13,700.62	Oct. net pay
Schwab - retirement fund	520.75	Oct. company match
TOTAL PREPAID	18,673.09	
TOTAL CLAIMS	217,925.88	
*sales tax funds to assist with payment		
LIBRARY CLAIMS:		
Black Hills Energy	131.78	utilities
Dawson Public Power District	102.31	utilities
MTL Inc	222.47	janitor
Village of Elwood	2,276.64	wages, ss/mc, utilities
Pinnacle Bank credit card	415.32	books, postage
NE Library Commission	500.00	overdrive subscription
TOTAL LIBRARY CLAIMS	3,648.52	

After reviewing the treasurer's report, noting an upcoming maturing Certificate of Deposit to be renewed at the best rate available, a motion was made by Kleine, seconded by LaPrade, to approve said report. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, LaPrade, Kleine, Martin; nays: none; absent: Borden motion carried 4-0-1.

Board Chair Martin opened the public hearing regarding the Comprehensive Plan for Elwood at 7:06 p.m. Edward Dunn of West Central Nebraska Development District (WCNDD) reviewed the plan highlighting the section on child care, historical inclusion in the plan, and housing needs. WCNDD will revisit community needs in one year and five

years. Martin declared the hearing closed at 7:18 p.m. Ordinance 2025-03 was read by title by Board Chair Martin with a motion made by Kleine, seconded by LaPrade, to waive the three readings rule regarding ordinances. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: LaPrade, Townsend, Kleine, Martin; nays: none; absent: Borden; motion carried 4-0-1. A motion was made by Kleine, seconded by LaPrade, to approve and adopt Ordinance 2025-03 which approves and adopts an updated comprehensive development plan for the Village of Elwood. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, LaPrade, Kleine, Martin; nays: none; absent: Borden; motion carried 4-0-1. Said ordinance was published on November 26, 2025.

There were no appointments.

The Community Redevelopment Minutes were reviewed.

There was no Sheriff's report.

The Utility Superintendent report included review of the resolution approving the installation of a stop sign at the corner of Second Avenue and Rush Street from 2017. A motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Townsend, to reaffirm Resolution 2017-02 which approved the placement of stop signs at the north ends of First and Second Avenues at Rush Street as a stop sign was placed on the north end of Second Avenue in October. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: LaPrade, Townsend, Kleine, Martin; nays: none; absent: Borden; motion carried 4-0-1.

Discussion was held regarding changing First Avenue into a one-way street with traffic flowing from the north to the south. Amie Moores and Dennis Seberger were present to discuss the change noting there is a Christmas Concert at school on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, a day after the change will go into effect. Board Chair Martin read Ordinance 2025-04 by title with a motion by Townsend, seconded by Kleine, to waive the three readings requirement for ordinances. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: LaPrade, Kleine, Townsend, Martin; nays: none; absent: Borden; motion carried 4-0-1. A motion was made by Townsend, seconded by Kleine, to pass and adopt Ordinance 2025-04 providing for a one-way traffic designation on First Avenue. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, Townend, LaPrade, Martin; nays: none; absent: Borden; motion carried 4-0-1. Ordinance 2025-04 was published on November 26, 2025.

There was a request for placement of a bench monument at the cemetery in a non-burial location. The request did not meet the cemetery burial guidelines and was denied.

UT Supt. Corder discussed Aurora Coop storing tires at the dump and then hauling them to a disposal site. Aurora Coop would also like to clear out old debris from the dump. The Board does not object to this, however, an agreement will be made with the Coop. Corder also reported water valves are being exercised and winterizing is being completed.

The nuisance ordinance and potential nuisance properties were discussed as well as the possibility of hiring a resource officer to handle issues not included in the WCNDD nuisance agreement. Board Chair Martin will discuss this with the Sheriff.

Board Chair Martin reported that the school would like to move forward with building a pickleball court. Given that the Village has also discussed the possibility of a pickleball court, the Board was approached about splitting costs of the project and upkeep. The Trustees discussed entering into an interlocal agreement with the school

regarding the build and use of the court. A motion was made by Kleine, seconded by LaPrade, to contribute \$250.00 towards the cost of the development of an interlocal agreement to be provided by the school's attorney. Further discussion included items which would be included in the interlocal agreement and what the Village's contributions would be toward the project. More information is needed to determine the parameters of the agreement. Kleine withdrew his motion.

Board Chair Martin presented Resolution 2025-14 to the Board. A motion was made by Kleine, seconded by LaPrade, to approve Resolution 2025-14 allowing a five percent (5%) increase in water and sewer rates effective January 1, 2026. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, LaPrade, Kleine, Martin; nays: none; absent: Borden; motion carried 4-0-1.

Board Chair Martin presented Resolution 2025-15 which approves the Board Chairperson to sign the "Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent for Determining the Incentive Payment for calendar year 2025." A motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Townsend, to pass and approve said Resolution 2025-15. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: LaPrade, Townsend, Kleine, Martin; nays: none; absent: Borden; motion carried 4-0-1.

A motion was made by LaPrade, seconded by Townsend, to apply for the nuisance program offered by WCNDD for 2026. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, Townsend, LaPrade, Martin; nays: none; absent: Borden; motion carried 4-0-1.

There were two building permits reviewed.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 10, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Board Chair Martin adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Laurie Jauken, Clerk/Treasurer