

Village of Elwood regular meeting minutes, September 10, 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, September 10, 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 Kleine, Townsend, Borden and LaPrade. Clerk Jauken joined via Zoom to take minutes. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Valley Voice Newspaper on August 28, 2025 and by posted notices at Security First Bank, Pinnacle Bank, Elwood Post Office and the Village Office on September 8, 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 Borden, to approve the August 13, 2025 regular meeting minutes as presented. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, Townsend, Borden, LaPrade, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

The claims were reviewed with a motion by Townsend, seconded by Kleine, to approve and pay the Village and Library claims as presented, pay Tri-State Paving for work currently being completed paying no more than \$65,000, with LaPrade abstaining from the claim of Lawn In Order as presented. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote (with specified abstention due to disclosure) was: ayes: LaPrade, Borden, Kleine, Townsend, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

Claims are as follows:

Aflac	262.04	emp. pd ins.
ATC Communications	9.95	website
Aurora Cooperative	472.78	fuel/supplies
Black Hills Energy	191.52	utilities
Blue Cross Blue Shield of NE	3,066.66	health ins
CAMAS Publishing	136.70	publications
Community Redev. Authority	8,333.33	budget
Corder, Kirk	49.00	cell phone
Dawson Pest Control	157.50	pesticide spraying
Dawson Public Power District	5,404.44	utilities
DelaTorre, Irene	89.61	UT Dep refund, overpayment
Eakes Office Plus	244.70	service agreement
Elan Financial Services - credit card	244.21	supplies, water, pool
Elwood Care Center	2,325.00	budget
Great Plains Communications	179.53	dump internet, phone service
Guardian Life	20.40	life ins
Gydesen, Cooper	35.97	UT Dep less bill
Hart, Huyser & Miller, P.C., L.L.O.	630.00	attorney fees
Heartland Security	300.00	annual security camera support
Lawn In Order	450.00	mowing, cemetery
Municipal Supply, Inc. of Nebraska	296.35	water supplies
NE Dept. of Rev.	356.92	sales tax
NE Dept. of Rev.-Waste/Recycling	25.00	annual waste/recycle fee
NE Public Health Env. Lab	676.00	water testing

One Call Concepts, Inc.	4.06	811 locate fee
Pinnacle Bank	802.02	HSA
Sargent Irrigation	1,509.49	repair light/electrical at ball field
Schaben Sanitation - Roll-off	685.16	large dumpster fee
Schaben Sanitation Inc.	7,037.38	trash fees
Scharf, Cinnamon	60.00	UT dep refund
Schutz, Shane	20.00	cell phone
Siegmann, Billy	101.21	UT Dep refund, overpayment
Smith Small Engines	72.00	repairs
Staff, Trevor	101.19	UT Dep refund, overpayment
T&T Lawn Care	66.00	library/office spraying
Tilson, Charles. Dpty Zon Admin	25.00	building permit fee
West Central Nebraska Development Dist.	1,365.00	annual dues
West Central Nebraska Development Dist.	6,628.00	nuisance fee
TOTAL	42,434.12	
PREAPPROVED/PREPAID CLAIMS:		
EFTPS	3,825.50	Aug federal payroll taxes
Payroll	14,237.63	Aug net pay
Schwab - retirement fund	338.30	Aug company match
TOTAL PREPAID	18,401.43	
TOTAL CLAIMS	60,835.55	
LIBRARY CLAIMS:		
Black Hills Energy	112.18	utilities
Dawson Public Power District	173.13	utilities
MTL Inc	214.00	janitor
Village of Elwood	2,778.48	wages, ss/mc, utilities
Pinnacle Bank credit card	25.25	supplies
TOTAL LIBRARY CLAIMS	3,303.04	

After reviewing the treasurer's report, noting an upcoming maturing Certificate of Deposit, a motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Borden, to approve said report renewing the CD for the best rate. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, LaPrade, Borden, Kleine, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-1.

Board Chair Martin opened the public hearing regarding a Tax Increment Financing project for Turkey Creek Seed Solutions at 7:08 p.m. Jon Wooters and Mike Bacon spoke about the project. There being no other discussion, Martin closed the hearing at 7:12 p.m. A motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Townsend, to approve Resolution 2025-09 approving the redevelopment plan for Turkey Creek Seed Solutions located at 405 Railroad Street. The plan was found to be feasible and in conformity with the general plan for the development of the Village and the redevelopment plan conforms with declarations and determinations set forth in the Community Development Law. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: LaPrade, Borden, Townsend, Kleine, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-1.

Daron and Hayley Huyser were present to discuss connecting a building on their property to the city sewer system. A motion was made by Borden, seconded by LaPrade, to approve the connection. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, Townsend, LaPrade, Borden, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

The nuisance resolution to rescind the nuisance at the property labeled 005 was reviewed with a motion by Kleine, seconded by Borden, to approve said Resolution 2025-005-01 rescinding the previous nuisance declaration. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: LaPrade, Townsend, Borden, Kleine, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

Chuck Tilson was present to discuss a property which could potentially be considered a nuisance property. Discussion was also held on weeds around town. Sheriff Richie commented that the Sheriff's department would monitor unlicensed vehicles.

Jay Edwards asked about economic development in Elwood and his willingness to help be a resource to the Village. The Board asked if he could research a few ideas and return at a future meeting.

The Trustees reviewed the CRA minutes.

Sheriff Richie was present with a report from the Sheriff's office and discussed camera locations and ways to combat engine braking through town.

Utility Superintendent Corder stated that a fire hydrant was replaced on North Ontario Avenue. The Board discussed abandoning the hydrant at Smith Avenue and Lee Street as it is not working and there are other hydrants within a one block area. It was brought up that a stop sign at Second Avenue and West Rush Street would help with school traffic on that corner. Corder stated that Johnson Service Company can jet the culverts to help keep them cleaned out. Other discussion included whether to impound vehicles here or have them towed out of town if that need arises.

The project chart was reviewed.

A motion was made by Kleine, seconded by LaPrade, to pass and adopt Resolution 2025-11 approving the proposed Retail License Agreement between the Village of Elwood and Dawson Public Power District. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Borden, LaPrade, Kleine, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

A Special Designated Liquor License (SDL) application was reviewed with a motion by Kleine, seconded by LaPrade, to approve said SDL submitted by the Overton Golf Club for an event to be held at the Civic Center on October 10, 2025. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Borden, Townsend, LaPrade, Martin, Kleine; nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

The Board reviewed the Interlocal Agreement with Gosper County for the shared cost of paving West Rush Street between First and Second Avenues which project should be completed by the spring of 2026. A motion was made by Townsend, seconded by Borden, to pass and adopt Resolution 2025-10 approving said Interlocal Agreement between the Village of Elwood and Gosper County. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: LaPrade, Kleine, Townsend, Borden, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

Clerk Jauken update the Board on a changed tax request for the budget documents. A proposed date for the budget hearing was discussed and scheduled for Sunday, September 28, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

There was one building permit to review.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 8, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Board Chair Martin adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Laurie Jauken, Clerk/Treasurer