

Village of Elwood regular meeting minutes, April 8, 2026

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, April 8, 2026. The 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, Borden, and LaPrade. 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 April 2, 2026 and by posted notices at Security First Bank, Pinnacle Bank, Elwood Post Office and the Village Office on April 6, 2026. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Clerk Jauken asked for a motion to appoint Vice-Chair Kleine as Board Chair pro tempore. A motion was made by Borden, seconded by Townsend to appoint Kleine as Chairman pro tempore for the meeting. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: LaPrade, Borden, Townsend, Kleine; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1.

A motion was made by LaPrade, seconded by Borden, to approve the March 11, 2026 regular meeting minutes as presented. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Borden, LaPrade, Kleine, nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1.

A motion was made by Townsend, seconded by LaPrade, to approve and pay the Village and Library claims correcting the final total of library claims and including three additional claims: \$5.64 from Eustis Plumbing and Underground for water parts, \$10,116.07 from John Deere Financial for the new mower trade-in, and \$8,300.00 from RJ Meyer & Assoc. for audit fees. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Borden, LaPrade, Kleine, nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1.

Claims are as follows:

237 Hardware	305.82	sprinkler heads
Aflac	262.04	emp pd ins
ATC Communications	10.95	website fee
*Atlas Automation LLC	1,011.50	well repair
Aurora Cooperative	464.17	fuel, supplies
Black Hills Energy	286.15	utilities
Blue Cross Blue Shield of NE	3,623.76	health ins
CAMAS Publishing	89.48	publications
Community Redev. Authority	8,333.33	budget
Corder, Kirk	49.00	cell phone
Dawson Public Power District	4,203.56	utilities
*Downey Drilling, Inc.	1,893.13	main well repair
Elan Financial Services - credit card	795.64	supplies, hotel training
Elwood Care Center	2,325.00	budget
Elwood Library	8,625.00	budget
Flores, Sandra	70.00	UT deposit refund

Gosper Co. Treasurer (Sheriff Support)	11,950.05	sheriff support
Great Plains Communications	179.53	dump internet, phones
Guardian Life	20.40	emp life ins
Hart, Huyser & Miller, PC, LLO	560.00	atty fees
Integrated Security Solutions	216.00	fire extinguisher cert/new
Jauken, Laurie	482.32	mileage, notary renewal
Mike's Sprinkler Service	825.62	sprinkler heads
MTL, Inc.	178.50	cleaning
NE Dept of Revenue	348.67	sales tax
NE Dept of Revenue	1,163.17	withholding
NE Public Health Env. Lab	16.00	water testing
One Call Concepts, Inc.	20.07	811 locate fees
Pinnacle Bank	802.02	HSA contributions
*Sargent Irrigation	41,909.88	both wells VFD
Schaben Sanitation - Roll-off	812.62	large dumpster fee for 2
hauls		
Schaben Sanitation Inc.	7,037.38	trash fees
Schutz, Shane	20.00	cell phone
Security First Insurance	6,847.75	liability ins. (100 bond ins.)
South Central NE Softball League	500.00	softball league fees (1/2
Eustis)		
South Central NE Baseball League	500.00	baseball league fees (1/2
Eustis)		
TOTAL	106,738.51	
PREAPPROVED/PREPAID CLAIMS:		
EFTPS	3,081.66	Mar. federal payroll taxes
Payroll	9,846.63	Mar. net pay
Schwab - retirement fund	350.06	Mar. company match
Thrasher Foundation Repair	3,610.17	library sidewalk repairs
TOTAL PREPAID	16,888.52	
TOTAL CLAIMS	123,627.03	
*paid with sales tax funds		
LIBRARY CLAIMS:		
Black Hills Energy	241.47	utilities
Dawson Public Power District	106.33	utilities
MTL Inc	297.50	janitor
Village of Elwood	2,182.19	wages, ss/mc, utilities
Pinnacle Bank credit card	32.20	books, postage
TOTAL LIBRARY CLAIMS	2,859.69	

After reviewing the treasurer's report, a motion was made by Borden, seconded by LaPrade, to approve said report renewing the certificates of deposit for the best rate upon maturity. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, LaPrade, Borden, Kleine; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1.

Lukas Hill with Schaben Sanitation was present to introduce himself and ask about any issues and offer assistance to community clubs or events.

Samantha with Midwest Assistance Program was unable to attend.

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

Sheriff Richie was present to report that he has been working with the Elwood Care Center on an evacuation procedure and will be working on getting names of others in town who would need assistance evacuating if there was a need. The Sheriff's department has noticed more dogs running loose in town. Truck parking in town was discussed. Two new deputies were present to meet the Board.

Clerk Jauken reported on behalf of Utility Superintendent Corder that the conduit has been repaired on the pole at the ball field and a truck load of surface material has been ordered for the ball fields. One truck load is 22 to 24 tons of material.

The Trustees discussed getting the batting cage put up.

Two applications were received for the assistant manager position at the pool and one new lifeguard application. A motion was made by Townsend, seconded by LaPrade to hire Carina Atterberry as assistant manager at the pool this summer. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Borden, LaPrade, Townsend, Kleine; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1.

Vice-Chair Kleine introduced Ordinance 2026-01 by title which adds to the dog ordinance the requirement of any dog off of their own property to be on a leash. A motion was made by Townsend, seconded by Borden, to waive the three-reading requirement for adopting ordinances. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: LaPrade, Borden, Townsend, Kleine; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1. A motion was made by LaPrade, seconded by Borden to pass and adopt ordinance 2026-01 requiring any dog off their own premises to be on a leash. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Borden, LaPrade, Kleine; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1. Ordinance 2026-01 reads as follows:

ORDINANCE 2026-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD, GOSPER COUNTY, NEBRASKA, AMENDING CHAPTER 91, SECTION 26 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE RESTRICTIONS FOR DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD, GOSPER COUNTY, NEBRASKA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. TITLE IX Chapter 91, Section 26 of the Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 91.26 RUNNING AT LARGE.

It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog to allow such dog to run at large at any time within the corporate limits of the municipality. It shall be the duty of the municipal law enforcement to cause any dog found to be running at large within the municipality to be taken up and impounded. The owner shall be liable for all costs of confinement. *RUNNING AT LARGE* shall mean any dog found off the premises of the

owner and not under control of the owner or a responsible person, either by leash, cord, chain, wire, rope, cage, or other suitable means of physical restraint.

(1995 Code § 6-109) Penalty, see § 91.99

Section 2. All Ordinances and Resolutions, and all parts of Ordinances or Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval, and publication or posting as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 8TH DAY OF APRIL, 2026.

THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD

By: _____
James Kleine, Vice-Chair
Elwood Village Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

Laurie Jauken, Village Clerk

There was one building permit reviewed.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Vice-Chair Kleine adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Laurie Jauken, Clerk/Treasurer