

## Village of Elwood regular meeting minutes, August 12, 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, August 12, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice-Chair Kleine who acknowledged the Open Meetings Act which is available for public inspection in the entryway of the village office 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 July 30, 2026 and by posted notices at Security First Bank, Pinnacle Bank, Elwood Post Office and the Village Office on July 24, 2026. 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 July 8, 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 Borden, seconded by LaPrade, to approve and pay the Village and Library claims as presented and to wait until the next regular meeting to discuss transferring funds from the sales tax fund to the general fund for the Tri-State Paving bill. LaPrade abstained from the claim of Lawn In Order. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote (with specified abstention due to disclosure) was: ayes: Townsend, LaPrade, Borden, Kleine; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1.

### Claims are as follows:

|                                       |          |                         |
|---------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------|
| Aflac                                 | 262.04   | employee paid insurance |
| ATC Communications                    | 20.90    | website fee (Jul, Aug)  |
| Aurora Cooperative                    | 1,757.23 | fuel/supplies/parts     |
| Barton, Briana                        | 65.00    | utility deposit refund  |
| Black Hills Energy                    | 474.21   | utilities               |
| Blue Cross Blue Shield of NE          | 4,179.28 | emp. health ins.        |
| California Boiler                     | 3,344.55 | pool heater             |
| Central District Health Department    | 81.00    | water samples qrtly     |
| Community Redev. Authority            | 8,333.33 | budget                  |
| Corder, Kirk                          | 49.00    | cell phone              |
| Dawson Public Power District          | 6,164.01 | utilities               |
| Eakes Office Plus                     | 3,305.00 | filing cabinet          |
| Elan Financial Services - credit card | 913.19   | pool, supplies          |
| Elwood Care Center                    | 2,325.00 | budget                  |
| Great Plains Communications           | 179.49   | internet, phones        |
| Guardian Life                         | 20.40    | emp. life ins.          |
| Hahn, Mitch                           | 70.00    | utility deposit refund  |
| Hart, Huyser & Miller P.C., L.L.O.    | 1,270.00 | attorney fees           |
| Intuit QuickBooks                     | 2,210.00 | annual subscription     |
| John Deere Financial                  | 23.28    | parts                   |
| Johnsen Corrosion Engineering Inc.    | 550.00   | water tower inspection  |

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| Lawn In Order                       | 450.00   | mow office/libr, trim cem.  |
| League of NE Mun – Utilities        | 511.00   | annual fee                  |
| League of NE Municipalities         | 2,569.00 | annual fee                  |
| Mead Lumber                         | 89.98    | supplies                    |
| Miller & Asso. Consulting Engineers | 300.00   | ARPA filing assistance      |
| Moonlight Electric                  | 369.22   | electrical repair           |
| MTL, Inc.                           | 119.00   | leaning                     |
| NE Dept. of Revenue                 | 373.87   | sales tax                   |
| NE Public Health Env. Lab           | 482.00   | water samples               |
| Pinnacle Bank                       | 1,166.74 | HSA                         |
| Raine, Janette                      | 37.74    | utility deposit refund less |
| 1/2 mo. utility invoice             |          |                             |
| Schaben Sanitation - Roll-off       | 965.61   | large dumpster at dump      |
| Schaben Sanitation Inc.             | 7,021.24 | trash fees                  |
| Schutz, Shane                       | 20.00    | cell phone                  |
| Seberger, Julian                    | 70.00    | utility deposit refund      |
| The Red Barn                        | 75.99    | fuel                        |
| Townsend, Ken, Dpty Zon. Admin.     | 50.00    | 2 building permits          |

TOTAL 50,268.30

PREAPPROVED/PREPAID CLAIMS:

|                          |           |                                  |
|--------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|
| CenturyLink              | 63.41     | pool phone July                  |
| EFTPS                    | 5,047.20  | July federal payroll taxes       |
| Payroll                  | 19,778.05 | July net pay                     |
| Schwab - retirement fund | 349.52    | July company match               |
| T & T Lawn Care          | 4,334.66  | paid in full discounted contract |
| price                    |           |                                  |
| *Tri-State Paving, LLC   | 64,250.00 | asphalt Orange Ave from Rush to  |

Rockford

TOTAL PREPAID 93,822.84

TOTAL CLAIMS 144,091.14

\*paid with sales tax funds

LIBRARY CLAIMS:

|                              |          |                             |
|------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|
| Black Hills Energy           | 121.14   | utilities                   |
| Dawson Public Power District | 189.96   | utilities                   |
| MTL Inc                      | 238.00   | janitor                     |
| Village of Elwood            | 2,407.98 | wages, ss/mc, utilities     |
| Pinnacle Bank credit card    | 14.67    | postage                     |
| Kara Brockman                | 698.76   | summer reading program with |
| supplies                     |          |                             |
| Jane Hilton                  | 106.35   | workshop, mileage           |

TOTAL LIBRARY CLAIMS 3,776.86

After discussing rates for CDs, a motion was made by Townsend, seconded by LaPrade, to approve the treasurer's report as presented. 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 opened the One- and Six-Year Street Plan at 7:05 p.m. Tyler Hilmer from Miller & Associates reviewed the plan from the previous year noting updates on two streets in town. Highway Allocation from the state for the next fiscal year will be \$124,009.00. Steve Schutz was present to discuss North Smith Avenue. Changes include adding West Raymond Street, Rockford Street between Orange Avenue and Oakland Avenue, and Second Avenue to the one-year plan, and adding North Smith Avenue and Bellamy Drive to the six-year plan. Railroad Street was removed the plan. The hearing was closed at 7:13 p.m.

A motion was made by Townsend, seconded by LaPrade, to pass Resolution 2026-04 approving the stated changes to the One- and Six-Year Street Plan for fiscal year 2026-2027. There being no further discussion the roll call vote was: ayes: LaPrade, Borden, Townsend, Kleine; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1.

A few members of a newly formed pool committee were present to discuss moving forward with building a new swimming pool. Information was discussed regarding Elwood's current swimming pool and ideas for planning were reviewed. Grant ideas and who could assist with the project were also discussed.

The Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA) had nothing new to report other than Nelson's are working on getting things moved in to the old grocery store building.

Sheriff Richie was present asking if there were any questions regarding the Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP). A motion was made by Townsend, seconded by Borden, to pass Resolution 2026-03 approving of the Village's participation in the Gosper County LEOP. The Sheriff will provide the Village with a finalized copy of the plan. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Borden, Townsend, LaPrade, Kleine; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1.

Sheriff Richie stated he received a complaint about a property which does not fall within West Central's nuisance area. He will bring information to discuss at the next meeting. Sheriff Richie also commented on the Flock cameras and restated that the purpose of the cameras is to read license plates which assists with wanted and missing persons.

Utility Superintendent Corder reported that sprinkler use is not better with many running during the heat of the day or every day.

The pool has closed for the summer.

Trustee Townsend, acting as the Deputy Zoning Administrator, presented applications received for signs to be placed within city limits. The State requires a letter from the Village approving placement. A motion was made by LaPrade, seconded by Borden, to approve the sign placement as described by Townsend. There being no further 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 Borden, to approve the requested Special Designated Liquor License by The Cove for an event to be held at the Elwood Civic Center on September 19, 2026. 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 Borden, seconded by Townsend, to appoint Jaci Weissert to fill Dixie Fiene's unexpired term on the library board. There being no discussion, the

roll call vote was: ayes: LaPrade, Townsend, Borden, Kleine; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1.

Ordinance 2026-03 was reviewed in depth. This ordinance changes the dangerous/vicious dog section of the municipal code. Instead of identifying breeds of dogs as dangerous, each animal will be judged by its own behavior. After removing a few words of the ordinance, and a final copy was presented, a motion was made by LaPrade, seconded by Townsend, to waive the three readings rule regarding the passage of ordinances. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Borden, Townsend, LaPrade, Kleine; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1.

A motion was made by Townsend, seconded by LaPrade, to pass and adopt Ordinance 2026-03 upon its first and only review. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Borden, LaPrade, Townsend, Kleine, nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1. Ordinance 2026-03 was hereby adopted upon publication in the Valley Voice newspaper which was on August 20, 2026.

Maggie with West Central Nebraska Development District (WCNDD) joined the meeting by telephone. Clerk Jauken put the nuisance presentation on the computer for the Trustees to view. There was some confusion on one property and the Board chose to wait to abate any properties until they can be reviewed again by West Central. Another review of the area will be completed before the special meeting on August 25<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made by Townsend, seconded by Borden, to pass Resolutions 2026-003-01 and 2026-010-01 which rescind the previous resolutions declaring the properties labeled 003 and 010 as nuisances. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: LaPrade, Borden, Townsend, Kleine; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1.

There were two building permits reviewed.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 9, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Vice-Chair Kleine adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Laurie Jauken, Clerk/Treasurer