

Village of Elwood regular meeting minutes, February 11, 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, February 11, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 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 was present to take minutes. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Valley Voice Newspaper on January 29, 2026 and by posted notices at Security First Bank, Pinnacle Bank, Elwood Post Office and the Village Office on January 30, 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 January 14, 2026 regular meeting minutes amending the claim payable to Guardian Life from \$40.80 to \$20.40. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, Townsend, Borden, LaPrade, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Kleine, seconded by LaPrade, to approve and pay the Village and Library claims as presented adding the claim for Chuck Tilson, Deputy Zoning Administrator for \$50 for two building permits. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Borden, LaPrade, Kleine, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

Claims are as follows:

Aflac	262.04	emp. pd ins.
ATC Communications	9.95	website
Aurora Cooperative	867.90	fuel/supplies
Black Hills Energy	325.79	utilities
Blue Cross Blue Shield of NE	3,623.76	health insurance
CAMAS Publishing	185.05	publications, subscription
Community Redev. Authority	8,333.33	budget
Corder, Kirk	49.00	cell phone
Dawson Public Power District	4,209.61	utilities
Elan Financial Services - credit card	1,298.11	supplies
Elwood Care Center	2,325.00	budget
Gosper Co. Treasurer. (Taxes)	339.02	landfill rented ground RE taxes
Great Plains Communications	179.53	dump internet, phones
Guardian Life	20.40	emp. life ins.
Hart, Huyser & Miller P.C., L.L.O.	150.00	attorney fees
J & S Edwards	316.67	refund of loan overpayment
John Deere Financial	454.29	parts
Krings, Roy	60.00	UT deposit refund
MTL, Inc	107.00	cleaning
NE Dept. of Revenue	349.13	sales tax
NE Dept. of Water, Energy, Env.	40.00	state pool permit fee
Pinnacle Bank	802.02	HSA
Schaben Sanitation - Roll-off	771.82	large dumpster fee
Schaben Sanitation Inc.	4,567.62	trash fees

Schutz, Shane	20.00	cell phone
TOTAL	29,667.04	
PREAPPROVED/PREPAID CLAIMS:		
EFTPS	3,043.54	Jan. federal payroll taxes
Payroll	9,490.84	Jan. net pay
Schwab - retirement fund	350.24	Jan. company match
TOTAL PREPAID	12,884.62	
TOTAL CLAIMS	42,551.66	
LIBRARY CLAIMS:		
Black Hills Energy	313.32	utilities
Dawson Public Power District	109.52	utilities
MTL Inc	187.25	janitor
Village of Elwood	2,261.75	wages, ss/mc, utilities
Pinnacle Bank credit card	405.40	books, postage
Jane Hilton	249.79	mileage, supplies, workshop
TOTAL LIBRARY CLAIMS	3,527.03	

After reviewing the treasurer's report, a motion was made by Townsend, seconded by Borden, to approve said report with the maturing certificates of deposit to renew for the best rate. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: LaPrade, Kleine, Borden, Townsend, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

There were no appointments.

There was no Community Redevelopment Authority report.

Chief Deputy Garrelts was present on behalf of the Sheriff's department. Sheriff is working on the hazard management program with the County/Village Emergency Manager.

Utility Superintendent Corder reported that Johnson's Service was in town for routine sewer line maintenance and also worked on cleaning out two culverts. As they were not able to clear the culverts within a reasonable time, Corder will look into other ways to clean them. The Board discussed ball field surface material and the village will get bids for lawn chemical applications.

A lawn mower trade-in quote was reviewed from John Deere. A motion was made by Kleine, seconded by LaPrade, to approve the trade-in quote for \$10,716.07. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Borden, Townsend, LaPrade, Kleine, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Borden, seconded by Townsend, to appoint Mary Nelson to the Elwood Housing Authority Board for a 5-year term. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, LaPrade, Townsend, Borden, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

The Trustees reviewed a grant received by the Elwood Care Center & Assisted Living.

Corder also discussed wiring for a generator for equipment for the well.

One building permit was reviewed.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Board Chair Martin adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Laurie Jauken, Clerk/Treasurer