

Village of Elwood regular meeting minutes, January 14, 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, January 14, 2026. 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, 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 1, 2026 and by posted notices at Security First Bank, Pinnacle Bank, Elwood Post Office and the Village Office on January 5, 2025. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

A motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Borden, to approve the December 10, 2025 regular meeting minutes as presented. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, LaPrade, Borden, Kleine, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Townsend, seconded by LaPrade, to approve and pay the Village and Library claims as presented adding a claim from Hart, Huyser, & Miller, PC, LLC for \$482.50 for attorney fees, 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: Kleine, Borden, LaPrade, 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	607.98	fuel/supplies		
Bamrick, Robert	41.60	UT deposit	refund	less
invoice				
Black Hills Energy	380.32	utilities		
Blue Cross Blue Shield of NE	3,623.76	health ins.		
CAMAS Publishing	416.46	publications		
Central District Health Department	78.00	water testing		
Community Redev. Authority	8,333.33	mo. budget		
Corder, Kirk	49.00	cell phone		
Dawson Public Power District	3,972.33	utilities		
Dickman, Jedd	60.00	UT deposit	refund	
Eakes Office Plus	33.38	supplies		
Elan Financial Services - credit card	529.18	postage,	supplies,	cell
service				
Elwood Care Center	2,325.00	mo. budget		
Elwood Library	8,625.00	qtrly budget		
Elwood Public School	20.00	tobacco	license	fee
income				
*Evans Construction	136,375.00	sewer lagoon dirt/riprap		

Gosper Co. Highway Dept. Rush St.	2,750.00	refund overpymt on W.
Gosper Co. Treasurer (Sheriff Support)	11,950.05	qtrly interlocal
Great Plains Communications	179.53	internet/phone
Guardian Life	20.40 40.80	life ins.
Int. Institute of Municipal Clerks	195.00	dues
Jones Plumbing & Heating Inc.	670.00	park hydrants
Lofquist Welding Inc	5.00	supplies
Miller & Asso. Consulting Engineers	3,500.00	W. Rush St final fee
Monter, Glen/Doug	60.00	UT deposit refund
MTL, Inc.	107.00	cleaning
Nationwide Ins.	200.00	bond for office employees
NE Dept. of Revenue	341.76	sales tax
NE Dept. of Revenue	1,480.83	qtrly withholding
One Call Concepts, Inc.	37.56	qtrly 811 locate fees
Pinnacle Bank	802.02	HSA
Schaben Sanitation - Roll-off	94.63	large dumpster fee
Schaben Sanitation Inc.	7,021.24	trash fees
Schutz, Shane	20.00	cell phone
Security First Insurance	792.00	work comp. adjustment
Security First Insurance	6,684.75	liability/work comp. ins.
Tilson, Charles. Dpty Zon Admin	25.00	bldg permit
Yeuter, Ray Estate	70.00	UT Dep refund
TOTAL	202,769.50	
PREAPPROVED/PREPAID CLAIMS:		
EFTPS	3,141.70	Dec. federal payroll taxes
Payroll	9,664.49	Dec. net pay
Schwab - retirement fund	349.34	Dec. company match
Thrasher Foundation Repair	902.54	Library sidewalk repair
downpayment		
TOTAL PREPAID	14,058.07	
TOTAL CLAIMS	216,827.57	
*ARPA funds to assist with payment		
LIBRARY CLAIMS:		
Black Hills Energy	386.49	utilities
Dawson Public Power District	110.78	utilities
MTL Inc	267.50	janitor
Village of Elwood	2,193.97	wages, ss/mc, utilities
Pinnacle Bank credit card	800.03	books, postage
TOTAL LIBRARY CLAIMS	3,758.77	

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

The Community Redevelopment Authority minutes were reviewed. Chairman Martin commented that the CRA is reviewing background options for the Veteran's Memorial

There were no appointments.

There was no Sheriff's report.

The outdoor hydrants have been capped in the park and the Trustees noted the need for more red rock for the ball fields.

No action was taken on the consideration of a donation to the school for the build of a pickleball court.

A motion was made by Townsend, seconded by Kleine, to approve a request by the Elwood Area Foundation for a special designated liquor license for an event to be held at the Civic Center on March 7, 2026. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: LaPrade, Borden, Kleine, Townsend, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Borden, seconded by LaPrade, to appoint Barb Foss to serve on the Board of Health for the 2026 calendar year. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, Townsend, LaPrade, Borden, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

As the Board needs to submit the section of Elwood to be reviewed for nuisances to West Central Nebraska Development District, a motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Townsend, to have Section 3 of the WCNDD map of Elwood to be reviewed for nuisances this summer. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: LaPrade, Borden, Townsend, Kleine, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

Trustee Townsend reported that the baseball league meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2026. Advertising will be done asking for baseball and softball coordinators and coaches.

One building permit was reviewed.

Other discussion included opening a money market account for the donated pickleball funds and an account earmarked as water funds.

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