

Village of Elwood regular meeting minutes, July 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, July 8, 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 Townsend, Kleine, LaPrade and Borden. Clerk Jauken was present to take minutes. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Valley Voice Newspaper on June 25, 2026 and by posted notices at Security First Bank, Pinnacle Bank, Elwood Post Office and the Village Office on July 1, 2026. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

A motion was made by Townsend, seconded by Borden, to approve the June 10, 2026 regular meeting minutes as presented amending the claim of Blue Cross Blue Shield from \$3,623.76 to \$4,179.28 for employee health insurance. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, LaPrade, Borden, Townsend, 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. LaPrade abstained from the claim of Lawn In Order. After discussing the lifeguard class fees and the EA Engineering bill, the roll call vote (with specified abstention due to disclosure) was: ayes: Borden, Townsend, LaPrade, Kleine, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

Claims are as follows:

Aflac	262.04	emp pd ins
237/222 Hardware	25.98	supplies
Aurora Cooperative	111.08	fuel/supplies
Black Hills Energy	914.60	utilities
Blue Cross Blue Shield of NE	4,179.28	health insurance
CAMAS Publishing	417.28	publications
CenturyLink, Inc (Pool)	66.12	pool phone
Community Redev. Authority	8,333.33	budget
Corder, Kirk	49.00	cell phone
Dawson Public Power District	6,283.22	utilities
Debban, Rosemary	35.00	UT deposit refund
EA Engineering, Science & Tech.	156.92	grant assistance
Elan Financial Services - credit card	1,540.54	pool, supplies, postage
Elwood Care Center	2,325.00	budget
Elwood Library	8,625.00	budget
Gosper Co. Treasurer (Sheriff Support)	11,950.05	budget
Great Plains Communications	179.49	phones, internet
Guardian Life	20.40	emp life ins
Harris, Anastasia	180.25	lifeguard class
Hart, Huyser & Miller P.C., L.L.O.	900.00	attorney fees
John Deere Financial	146.38	parts/supplies
Lawn In Order	191.50	mow, spray
Martin, Melissa	250.00	coach

Martin, Tom	500.00	coach/coordinator
MTL, Inc.	178.50	cleaning
NE Dept. of Revenue	571.39	sales tax payable
NE Dept. of Revenue	1,487.70	state withholding
Nelson, Julie	990.00	lifeguard/CPR classes
One Call Concepts, Inc.	37.87	811 locate fees
Pinnacle Bank	802.02	HSA
Schaben Sanitation - Roll-off	1,688.58	large dumpster fee(4)
Schaben Sanitation Inc.	7,005.10	trash fees
Schutz, Steve	331.98	overpayment
Security First Insurance	6,684.75	insurance
Shutts, Lori	500.00	coach/coordinator
Sunset Pool Supplies	5,940.45	pool chemicals
T&T Lawn Care	1,421.20	ball field spraying
Tilson, Charles. Dpty Zon Admin.	25.00	building permit
Weese, Harley	60.00	UT deposit refund
West Central Nebr. Dev. Dist.	6,450.00	nuisance contract
TOTAL	81,817.00	
PREAPPROVED/PREPAID CLAIMS:		
EFTPS	5,018.26	June federal payroll taxes
Payroll	19,839.98	June net pay
Schwab - retirement fund	350.96	June company match
TOTAL PREPAID	25,209.20	
TOTAL CLAIMS	107,026.20	
LIBRARY CLAIMS:		
Black Hills Energy	119.18	utilities
Dawson Public Power District	150.31	utilities
MTL Inc	297.50	janitor
Village of Elwood	2,239.91	wages, ss/mc, utilities
The Chip	53.63	prizes for coloring contest
Pinnacle Bank credit card	397.09	amazon prime, books,
supplies, summer reading		
TOTAL LIBRARY CLAIMS	3,257.62	

After discussing rates for the Certificates of Deposit (CDs), a motion was made by Townsend, seconded by Borden, to approve the treasurer's report and renew the CDs at both banks for a 3-month term at 3.60% APY. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, LaPrade, Borden, Townsend, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

Sharon Oelkers requested that the farmer's market on Sunday evenings be located on Calvert Avenue east of the Senior Center. After discussing shade and insurance, a motion was made by Townsend, seconded by Kleine, to approve the request to block off Calvert Avenue from Ripley Street to Rush Street during the hours of 4 to 8 p.m. on Sundays through the end date of the 2026 farmer's market. There being no further discussion the roll call vote was: ayes: LaPrade, Borden, Kleine, Townsend, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

The Trustees reviewed a quote from Nevco for a new remote and receiver for the south ball field scoreboard. Trustee Townsend stated that the current remote does not work properly. A motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Townsend, to proceed with the purchase of a new remote and receiver for the south ball field scoreboard. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: LaPrade, Borden, Townsend, Kleine, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the Community Redevelopment Authority meetings.

Sheriff Richie was present to discuss the Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP) with the Trustees. He will send a copy for review. The Sheriff reviewed door checks that the deputies complete in the overnight hours. This can be done not only for businesses but for residents as well. There will be a deputy on duty at a booth during the fair.

Utility Superintendent Corder stated that Tri-State Paving should be in town in the next week or so to begin work on Orange Avenue. A new door handle will be installed on a bathroom door at the concessions building.

Pool manager Felicia Rademacher reported that there was good attendance at the midnight swim. This upcoming Saturday is a free swim day sponsored by Phelps Memorial Health Center. The pool will need to close July 19th due to lack of staff. The pool will be closing for the season on August 9th.

Board Chair Martin reported that all of the swim team qualified for the upcoming state swim meet. Ball season is complete with the high school girls winning the final softball tournament.

Corder stated that there are many low hanging tree limbs over the streets that hit the tops of vehicles. It was decided to get a list of those who need to trim and letters will be sent.

The possibility of a shooting range was discussed and the Board decided this would not be feasible on any Village property.

A request to put in a stop sign at an intersection was reviewed. No action was taken.

The ordinance regarding dangerous dogs was reviewed and compared to some other towns. It was agreed to change the dog ordinance to determine an aggressive or dangerous dog per individual dog not per breed. This ordinance update will be presented at a future meeting.

Nuisance Resolutions 2026-005-01, 2026-007-01, 2026-008-01 were reviewed. A motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Borden, to approve said Resolutions which rescind the previous resolutions declaring said properties with the labels 005, 007, and 008 as nuisance properties. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, LaPrade, Borden, Kleine, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

The Village received Chuck Tilson's resignation as Deputy Zoning Administrator. After discussion, a motion was made by Kleine, seconded by LaPrade, to appoint Kenneth Townsend as the Deputy Zoning Administrator for Elwood. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Borden, Laprade, Kleine, Martin; nays: none; abstain: Townsend; motion carried 4-0-1.

There were two building permits reviewed.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 12, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Board Chair Martin adjourned the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Laurie Jauken, Clerk/Treasurer