

Village of Elwood regular meeting minutes, June 10, 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, June 10, 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 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 May 28, 2026 and by posted notices at Security First Bank, Pinnacle Bank, Elwood Post Office and the Village Office on June 3, 2026. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

A motion was made by Borden, seconded by LaPrade, to approve the May 13, 2026 regular meeting minutes as presented. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, Townsend, LaPrade, Borden Martin, nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Townsend, to approve and pay the Village and Library claims as presented. LaPrade abstained from the claim of Lawn In Order. After discussing the Bomgaars bill and pay for coaches which is shared with Eustis, the roll call vote (with specified abstention due to disclosure) was: ayes: Borden, LaPrade, Townsend, Kleine, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

Claims are as follows:

Aflac	262.04	emp. pd ins.
American Legal Publishing	550.00	internet renewal
ATC Communications	10.95	website
Aurora Cooperative	95.70	fuel
Black Hills Energy	197.30	utilities
Blue Cross Blue Shield of NE	3,623.76	health ins.
Bomgaars	924.98	supplies
California Boiler	2,692.00	pool heater maintenance
Coaches/Coordinator pay	3,000.00	10 coaches/2 coordinators
Community Redev. Authority	8,333.33	budget
Corder, Kirk	44.75	cell phone
Dawson Pest Control	157.50	office spraying
Dawson Public Power District	5,148.64	utilities
Eakes Office Plus	292.13	service agreement
Elan Financial Services - credit card	1,027.65	supplies (pool, office, postage)
Elwood Care Center	2,325.00	budget
Eustis Plumbing & Underground	1,502.12	valve, leak
Great Plains Communications	179.53	phones/internet
Guardian Life	20.40	emp life ins
Hart, Huyser & Miller P.C., L.L.O.	500.00	atty fees
Holl, Kent	68.84 UT	deposit refund
John Deere Financial	4.89	parts
Johnny on the Spot	90.00	port-a-potty cemetery
Jones Plumbing & Heating Inc.	238.50	pool heater repair

Lawn In Order	450.00	cemetery/office
Moonlight Electric	378.48	ball field lights
MTL, Inc.	59.50	cleaning
NE Dept. of Revenue	355.21	sales tax
Paulsen Inc.	415.74	gravel
Pinnacle Bank	25.00	safe deposit box
Pinnacle Bank	802.02	HSA contribution
Plains Tsunami Swim League	756.00	swim league fees
Rademacher, Felicia	151.64	pool snacks/suit
Schaben Sanitation - Roll-off	789.42	large dumpster
Schaben Sanitation Inc.	7,005.10	trash fees
Schutz, Shane	20.00	cell phone
Tilson, Charles. Dpty Zon Admin	50.00	building permits
Wolfe, Larry	70.00	UT deposit refund
TOTAL	42,618.12	
PREAPPROVED/PREPAID CLAIMS:		
EFTPS	3,251.92	May federal payroll taxes
Payroll	10,522.88	May net pay
Schwab - retirement fund	350.06	May company match
TOTAL PREPAID	14,124.86	
TOTAL CLAIMS	56,742.98	
LIBRARY CLAIMS:		
Black Hills Energy	109.56	utilities
Dawson Public Power District	176.93	utilities
MTL Inc	238.00	janitor
Village of Elwood	2,532.46	wages, ss/mc, utilities
Jane Hilton	24.00	summer reading supplies
Pinnacle Bank credit card	457.76	books, postage
TOTAL LIBRARY CLAIMS	3,538.72	

After discussing rates for CDs, a motion was made by Townsend, seconded by Kleine, to 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: Borden, LaPrade, Kleine, Townsend, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

After reviewing the treasurer's report, a motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Borden to approve said report as presented. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, LaPrade, Borden, Kleine, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

Board Chair Martin opened the public hearing at 7:07 p.m. Attorney Huyser explained the redevelopment plan for Nelson HVAC & Appliance. There was no public comment. Martin closed the hearing at 7:08 p.m.

Board Chair Martin presented resolution 2026-01. A motion was made by Townsend, seconded by Kleine, to pass Resolution 2026-01 approving the Redevelopment Plan for Nelson HVAC & Appliance. The Board finds said plan feasible and in conformity with the general plan for development of the village and the redevelopment plan conforms with declarations and determinations set forth in the

Community Development Law. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: LaPrade, Borden, Kleine, Townsend, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

Crag Ward was present to discuss the possibility of using the dump land for a trap site. This will be researched further.

Mary Gruber was present with a question about the construction of fences being placed too close to existing structures.

The Trustees reviewed the Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA) minutes. Board Chair Martin commented on the Nelson HVAC & Appliance business coming to Elwood.

There was no Sheriff report.

Board Chair Martin reported on behalf of the utility superintendent that the pool is losing about 8-10" of water a day. The cemetery and parks look good and the lights at the ball field have been working. The Board discussed options for the village to conserve water. It was decided to send a notice requesting everyone to help with the issue. The water fill station was shut down on June 1st.

Martin reported that about thirty kids are on swim team. Pool Manager Felicia Rademacher reported about 20-25 kids at the pool every day, swimming lessons began today, and midnight swim went well with thirty-eight kids present and no issues. Rademacher asked the Board about providing t-shirts for the guards. Martin stated that other towns have done this. A motion was made by Borden, seconded by LaPrade, to pay for t-shirts for the pool employees. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, Townsend, LaPrade, Borden, Martin; nays; none; motion carried 5-0.

Trustee Townsend reported on the summer ball program that there has only been one cancellation. There was concern over the fields being locked on weekends and teams cannot get in to practice.

Edward Dunn joined the meeting by Zoom to present findings from the Nuisance review. Ninety properties were reviewed, seventeen courtesy letters were sent, with nine being recommended for nuisance declaration. A motion was made by Kleine, seconded by LaPrade, to pass Resolutions 2026-001, 002, 003, 005, 006, 007, 008, 010, and 013 declaring the properties with such assigned numbers as nuisance properties. Further notices will be sent to those properties. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Borden, Townsend, LaPrade, Kleine, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

Clerk Jauken updated the Board on new rules for Give Big this fall. The funds raised for any project must be spent on the intended project within 2 years.

Board Chair Martin inquired on behalf of The Cove about putting up advertising signs in the park area during the fair. A motion was made by Borden, seconded by Townsend, to approve the placement of temporary advertising signs at the park by The Cove during the fair/carnival. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, LaPrade, Townsend, Borden, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

The Board discussed updating the dangerous dog list. This will be reviewed again at the next meeting.

Board Chair Martin introduced Ordinance 2026-02 updating the noise ordinance. A motion was made by Kleine, seconded by LaPrade, to waive the three readings rule

for ordinances. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Borden, LaPrade, Kleine, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Kliene, seconded by Borden, to approve and adopt ordinance 2026-02 updating the noise ordinance so that residents may call the Sheriff's Office instead of notifying the Village for offensive noises. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: LaPrade, Townsend, Borden, Kleine, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0. Said ordinance was published on June 25, 2026.

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

There were two building permits reviewed.

The Clerk informed the Trustees that the Village grant application send to Senator Fischer's office was forwarded to move through the congressional appropriations process.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 8, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Board Chair Martin adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Laurie Jauken, Clerk/Treasurer