

Village of Elwood regular meeting minutes, May 13, 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, May 13, 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 and Borden. Vice-Chair Kleine and Trustee LaPrade were 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 April 30, 2026 and by posted notices at Security First Bank, Pinnacle Bank, Elwood Post Office and the Village Office on May 4, 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 April 8, 2026 regular meeting minutes as presented. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Borden, Townsend, Martin, nays: none; absent: Kleine, LaPrade; motion carried 3-0-2.

A motion was made by Martin, seconded by Borden, to approve the April 22, 2026 special meeting minutes as presented. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Borden, Martin, nays: none; absent: Kleine, LaPrade; motion carried 3-0-2.

A motion was made by Townsend, seconded by Borden, to approve and pay the Village and Library claims as presented. The Trustees briefly discussed the redevelopment authority budget payment and ball field lighting repair expenses. The roll call vote was: ayes: Borden, Townsend, Martin, nays: none; absent: Kleine, LaPrade; motion carried 3-0-2.

Claims are as follows:

Aflac	262.04	emp. pd ins.
ATC Communications	10.95	website
Aurora Cooperative	2,105.73	fuel, parts
Black Hills Energy	195.82	utilities
Blue Cross Blue Shield of NE	3,623.76	health insurance
CAMAS Publishing	247.53	publications
Central District Health Department	81.00	water testing
Community Redev. Authority	8,333.33	budget
Corder, Kirk	49.00	cell phone
Dawson Public Power District	5,303.96	utilities
Eakes Office Plus	56.99	paper
Elan Financial Services - credit card	61.41	supplies
Elwood Care Center	2,325.00	budget
Great Plains Communications	179.53	phones, internet
Guardian Life	20.40	emp. life ins.
Hart, Huyser & Miller P.C., L.L.O.	510.00	attorney fees
Lawn In Order	148.50	mowing/chemical
MTL, Inc.	119.00	cleaning
NE Dept. of Revenue	352.55	sales tax

NE Rural Water Association	300.00	membership
Nutrien Ag Solutions, Inc	274.28	supplies
Petty Cash	210.00	pool start up cash
Pinnacle Bank	802.02	HSA
Primary Electric	2,190.36	ball field light repairs
Rademacher, Felicia	37.87	speaker at pool
Remmenga Drilling Co., Inc.	125.00	supplies
Schaben Sanitation - Roll-off	761.58	large dumpster fee
Schaben Sanitation Inc.	7,005.10	trash fee
Schutz, Shane	40.00	cell phone
Security First Insurance	124.00	ins. premium adj.
Tilson, Charles. Dpty Zon Admin	25.00	building permit
TOTAL	35,881.71	
PREAPPROVED/PREPAID CLAIMS:		
EFTPS	4,553.30	Apr. federal payroll taxes
Payroll	14,885.37	Apr. net pay
Schwab - retirement fund	524.55	Apr. company match
TOTAL PREPAID	19,963.22	
TOTAL CLAIMS	55,844.93	
LIBRARY CLAIMS:		
Black Hills Energy	190.48	utilities
Dawson Public Power District	112.60	utilities
MTL Inc	238.00	janitor
Village of Elwood	2,421.29	wages, ss/mc, utilities
Pinnacle Bank credit card	774.06	books, postage
Central Plains Library System	25.00	Conference Fee
Jane Hilton	75.69	mileage
TOTAL LIBRARY CLAIMS	3,837.12	

After reviewing the treasurer's report, a motion was made by Townsend, seconded by Borden, to approve said report renewing the certificates of deposit for the best rate upon maturity. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Borden, Townsend, Martin; nays: none; absent: Kleine, LaPrade; motion carried 3-0-2.

Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA) minutes were reviewed. There is a project that will be considered at their next meeting.

Sheriff Richie was present. He is working on the LEOP (Local Emergency Operations Plan) with our Emergency Manager. It was discussed that the Sheriff's office is a nuisance officer to handle things outside of West Central's management, and semi-truck parking has been addressed.

Utility Superintendent Corder reported on continued repairs on the water line at Road 426 north. He will check on the cost of putting in four new lines. Corder presented a quote from Nielsen Contracting for an asphalt overlay on Orange Avenue. After discussion of the Village's budget and funding, a motion was made by Borden, seconded by Townsend to approve the quote of \$60,450.00 for asphalt on Orange Avenue from Rush Street to Rockford Street. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Borden, Martin; nays: none; absent: Kleine, LaPrade; motion carried 3-0-2.

Corder reported that twelve and a half million gallons of water were used in April which is what we would expect to use in July. Discussion was held on implementing water restrictions and usage of the water fill station. Clerk Jauken will check with area towns on water restrictions and the water fill station will close effective June 1st. The trustees discussed hiring someone to mow depending upon rainfall amounts and asked Corder to make that determination.

Connie Houlden with the American Legion stated that the Legion will be donating \$2,000.00 to the Legion ball club. HiLine summer ball games are starting up. Pool manager Felicia Rademacher was present to discuss the pool opening. Opening dates were discussed as well as entry fees resulting in the daily admission fee to increase from \$2.50 to \$3.00.

Open enrollment is coming up for health and life insurance for the employees. No changes are needed at this time.

The list of dangerous dogs was discussed and more information will be gathered before making changes. The noise ordinance was discussed and may need updated.

A motion was made by Borden, seconded by Townsend, to approve the purchase of a fire resistant filing cabinet from Eakes for \$3,130.00 plus \$175.00 for delivery and installation. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Borden, Martin; nays: none; absent: Kleine, LaPrade; motion carried 3-0-2.

The Board discussed the placement of river rock or other material in front of the office. The Clerk will obtain some pricing options.

There were two building permits reviewed.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 10, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Board Chair Martin adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Laurie Jauken, Clerk/Treasurer