Village of Elwood Special Meeting Minutes, September 27, 2026

The Village of Elwood Board of Trustees held a Special Meeting on September 27, 2026 immediately following the Budget and Property Tax Request Hearing which began at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the Special meeting was to consider approval of the Budget Statement and Property Tax Request. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Board Chair Martin who acknowledged the Open Meetings Act which is available to the public on the front counter of the village office. Present were Trustees Kleine, Townsend, Borden, and LaPrade. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Valley Voice newspaper on September 17, 2026 and by posted notices at Security First Bank, Pinnacle Bank, Elwood Post Office and the Village Office on September 21, 2026. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Ordinance 2026-04 was reviewed. A motion was made by Kleine, seconded by LaPrade, to waive the three readings requirement for the passage of 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 Kleine, seconded by Borden, to adopt Ordinance 2026-04 adopting the Budget Statement for 2026-2027 to be termed the Annual Appropriations Bill. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: LaPrade, Townsend, Borden, Kleine, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 4-0. Ordinance 2026-04 has been lawfully passed and adopted upon publication as required by law. Clerk Jauken attested its passage and approval by affixing her signature and the seal of the Village thereto. Ordinance 2026-04 reads as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD, NEBRASKA TO ADOPT THE BUDGET STATEMENT TO BE TERMED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL; TO APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES; AND TO PROVIDE WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND TAKE EFFECT; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. After complying with all procedures required by law, the budget presented and set forth in the budget statement is hereby approved as the Annual Appropriation Bill for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027. All sums of money contained in the budget statement are hereby appropriated for the necessary expenses and liabilities of the Village of Elwood. A copy of the budget document shall be forwarded as provided by law to the Auditor of Public Accounts, State Capitol, Lincoln, Nebraska, and to the County Clerk of Gosper County, Nebraska, for use by the levying authority.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval, and publication or posting as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 27th day of September, 2026.

(SEAL)

VILLAGE OF ELWOOD
GOSPER COUNTY, NEBRASKA
BY: Thomas Martin, Board Chair

ATTEST: Laurie Jauken, Village Clerk

Resolution 2026-06 was introduced by Board Chair Martin. A motion was made by Borden, seconded by Kleine, to pass and adopt Resolution 2026-06 which sets the property tax request at $256,394.37 for fiscal year 2026-2027. The levy amount was reviewed and verified. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: LaPrade, Townsend, Kleine, Borden, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-1. Said Property Tax Request was declared passed and adopted. Clerk Jauken attested by affixing her signature and the seal of the Village of Elwood. Resolution 2026-06 reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-06

A RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST FOR THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD, GOSPER COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 provides that Governing Body of the Village of Elwood passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of the Village of Elwood, resolves that:

1. The 2026-2027 property tax request be set at $256,394.37.

2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by .78 percent.

3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be $0.446505 per $100 of assessed value.

4. The Village of Elwood proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be $0.45000 per $100 of assessed value.

5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of the Village of Elwood will increase last year's budget by .64 percent.

6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2026.

Motion by Borden, seconded by Kleine to adopt Resolution 2026-06.

Voting yes were: LaPrade, Townsend, Kleine, Borden, Martin; voting not were: none.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 27TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026.

(SEAL) By: Thomas Martin, Board Chair of the Board of Trustees

ATTEST: Laurie Jauken, Village Clerk

Board Chair Martin declared the meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Laurie Jauken
Village Clerk