

Village of Elwood regular meeting minutes, April 10, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Elwood, Nebraska was held at the Elwood Village Office, 304 Calvert Avenue on Wednesday, April 10, 2024. Said meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board Chair Martin who acknowledged the Open Meetings Act posted on the south wall of the meeting room. Present were Trustees Fong, Tilson, Townsend and Kleine. Clerk Jauken was present to record the minutes. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Valley Voice Newspaper on March 28, 2024 and by posted notices at Security First Bank, Pinnacle Bank, Elwood Post Office and the Village Office on April 1, 2024. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

A motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Tilson, to approve the March 13, 2024 regular meeting minutes as presented. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Fong, Tilson, Kleine, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

After reviewing claims, a motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Kleine, to approve and pay the Village and Library claims as presented. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Fong, Kleine, Tilson, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0. Claims are as follows:

Adams, Ryan	70.00	UT dep refund
Aflac	256.40	emp. pd Ins.
ATC Communications	14.90	email, website
Aurora Cooperative	310.50	fuel & supplies
Black Hills Energy	273.00	utilities
Blue Cross Blue Shield of NE	2,795.21	health insurance + life
ins.?		
CAMAS Publishing	354.15	publications
Central District Health Department	78.00	water tests
Community Redevelopment Authority	6,250.00	budget
Corder, Kirk	174.76	cell phone, ins reimburse
Dawson Public Power District	3,967.25	utilities
Eakes - Copier	124.65	copier payment
Elan Financial Services - credit card	1,667.73	supplies
Elwood Library	8,625.00	1/4 budget
Gosper Co. Treasurer (Sheriff Support)	11,715.74	1/4 budget
Great Plains Communications	173.71	phone, dump internet
Hart, Huyser & Miller P.C., L.L.O.	930.00	atty fees
Integrated Security Solutions	32.00	fire extinguisher inspection
Jauken, Laurie	221.64	mileage for clerk school
John Deere Financial	293.58	shop supplies
Lawn In Order - Shaune LaPrade	105.00	snow removal
Menards - Kearney	21.35	ballfield supplies
*Moonlight Electric	1,535.15	Ballfield electrical
MTL, Inc.	107.00	cleaning
Nationwide	100.00	bond insurance
Nebraska Department of Revenue	1,215.49	withholding
Nebraska Department of Revenue	322.38	sales and use tax

NE Public Health Environmental Lab.	737.00	water testing
Odeys, Inc.	458.00	ballfield supplies
One Call Concepts, Inc.	5.56	811 fees
Pinnacle Bank	765.63	HSA
Schaben Sanitation - Roll-off	722.14	large dumpster at dump
Schaben Sanitation Inc.	6,610.69	Trash fees
Schutz, Shane	20.00	cell phone
Starmark	39.60	insurance
Tilson, Charles. Dpty Zon Admin	50.00	building permit
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$51,073.21</b>	
<b>PREAPPROVED/PREPAID CLAIMS:</b>		
EFTPS	2,936.28	March federal payroll taxes
Payroll	8,728.27	March net payroll
Schwab	321.19	March 401K company match
South Central Baseball	400.00	Baseball League fees
South Central Softball	300.00	Softball League fees
<b>TOTAL PREPAID</b>	<b>\$12,685.74</b>	
<b>TOTAL CLAIMS</b>	<b>\$63,758.95</b>	
*paid with sales tax funds		
<b>LIBRARY CLAIMS:</b>		
Black Hills Energy	232.28	utilities
Dawson Public Power District	108.89	utilities
MTL Inc	160.50	janitor
Village of Elwood	2,039.26	wages, ss/mc, utilities
Moonlight Electric	263.10	labor, parts
Pinnacle Bank CC	103.44	supplies
<b>TOTAL LIBRARY CLAIMS</b>	<b>\$2,907.47</b>	

A motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Fong, to approve the Treasurer's report as presented and to renew the two maturing Certificates of Deposit for the best rate, which was 5.05% for a 7-month CD. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, Townsend, Fong, Tilson, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

Katy Weissert, CRA Board Chair, was present to review grant funding and Village budget documents.

There was no Sheriff's report.

Utility Superintendent Corder reported that riprap for the sewer lagoon is hard to find and is costly. Corder also reported that T&T Lawncare, L.L.C. will provide the Village's lawn chemical services. Tyler Hilmer, with Miller & Associates, was present to review the upcoming meter project. He will plan to meet with Corder to locate curb stops and audit the town to get information to bid the project. Corder also reported that the tree dump is half full again. Board Chair Martin will contact Sunbelt about renting a boom to secure the lights at the ball fields and it was noted that ball practice has begun.

Corder presented a bid from T.L. Sund for the West Rush Street paving project north of the school for \$158,185.00. A motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Kleine, to approve said bid. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Fong, Kleine, Tilson, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

Amie Moores made a request to close Rockford Street in front of the Legion Hall for a flag burning ceremony on Flag Day. She had already contacted the Sheriff's office and fire department for assistance. No objections were voiced.

The Board reviewed an additional lifeguard application and a motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Fong, to hire the applicant. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Fong, Tilson, Martin, Kleine; nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

There was nothing new to report on the previous month's nuisance complaint.

Clerk Jauken reported needing a newer cellular phone for the office. A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Kleine, to approve the purchase of a new cell phone for the office not to exceed \$180.00. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Tilson, Townsend, Kleine, Fong, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Tilson, to accept the fee for services of \$15,000.00 for a Comprehensive Plan Update and a Blight and Substandard Study Update from West Central Nebraska Development District (WCNDD). There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, Townsend, Tilson, Fong, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

The Board reviewed information received from Brad Slaughter regarding the funding of the Bond for the water meter project. Discussion was tabled as the need for funds is not urgent and further investment information will be available at a future date.

The agreement for nuisance services with WCNDD was reviewed with a motion by Fong, seconded by Tilson, to approve said agreement. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Kleine, Fong, Tilson, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Fong, to approve a Special Designated Liquor License for an event to be held at the Civic Center on June 1, 2024. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, Townsend, Fong, Tilson, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

The Board reviewed the requirements of annexation to expand the village boundaries. This was for informational and educational purposes.

Two approved building permits were reviewed.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 8, 2024.

Board Chair Martin adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Laurie Jauken, Clerk/Treasurer