

Village of Elwood regular meeting minutes, July 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, July 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, Townsend, Tilson 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 July 4, 2024 and by posted notices at Security First Bank, Pinnacle Bank, Elwood Post Office and the Village Office on July 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 Tilson, seconded by Kleine, to approve the June 10, 2024 regular meeting minutes as presented. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Fong, Kleine, Tilson, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

After reviewing claims, a motion was made by Fong, seconded by Tilson, to approve and pay the Village and Library claims as presented including a claim from Plains Tsunami Swim League for \$840.00 for Elwood's swim team league fees. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, Townsend, Tilson, Fong, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0. Claims are as follows:

Aflac	256.40	emp. pd. ins.
ATC Communications	14.90	email, website
Aurora Cooperative	372.31	fuel, supplies
Black Hills Energy	726.50	utilities
Blue Cross Blue Shield of NE	3,066.06	emp. Insurance
Borden, Shelby	250.00	coach pay
Community Redevelopment Authority	6,250.00	monthly budget
Corder, Kirk	49.00	cell phone use
Dawson Public Power District	5,567.41	utilities
Dirgo, Steve	250.00	coach pay
Display Sales	2,600.00	flags/poles
Eakes - Copier	124.65	copier payment
Eakes Office Plus	184.57	supplies
Elan Financial Services	348.89	supplies, hotel for training
Elwood Hometown Coop Market	4.64	supplies
Elwood Library	8,625.00	quarterly budget
Fagot, Beckie	64.47	UT Deposit refund
less balance		
Gosper Co. Treasurer (Sheriff Support)	11,715.74	quarterly budget
Great Plains Communications	173.71	phone, dump internet
Hart, Huyser & Miller P.C., L.L.O.	360.00	atty fees
Hueftle, Kevan	250.00	coach pay
Hueftle, Nicole	250.00	coach pay
Lawn In Order - Shaune LaPrade	2,520.00	4x mowing cemetery,
office, library		
Lofquist Welding Inc	13.69	water parts
Martin, Melissa	250.00	coach pay
Martin, Tom	500.00	coach/coordinator pay

Moler, Sharon	69.00	lifeguard class
MTL, Inc.	107.00	cleaning
Mutual of Omaha	43.20	emp. life ins.
NE Dept. of Revenue	1,497.97	income tax withholding
NE Dept. of Revenue	385.77	sales tax payable
NE Rural Water Association	300.00	annual dues
Nelson, Bryan	70.00	UT deposit refund
Nutrien Ag Solutions, Inc	37.28	parts
One Call Concepts, Inc.	10.78	811 locate fees
Pinnacle Bank	765.63	HSA contributions
Puls, Carrie	250.00	coordinator pay
Rupp, Shawn	250.00	coach pay
Schaben Sanitation - Roll-off	1,127.74	large dumpster fee
Schaben Sanitation Inc.	6,902.44	trash fees
Schutz, Shane	20.00	cell phone use
Shutts, Lori	250.00	coach pay
Shutts, Ryan	250.00	coach pay
The Red Barn	14.00	fuel
Townsend, Ken	500.00	coach/coordinator pay
Weissert, Mark	250.00	coach pay
West Central NE Dev. Dist.	685.00	annual dues
Zeiger, Mason	60.00	UT deposit refund
TOTAL	58,633.75	
PREAPPROVED/PREPAID CLAIMS:		
EFTPS	3,691.44	June federal payroll taxes
Heartland Security	1,878.00	downpayment on security
Payroll	13,788.13	June net payroll(3)
Schwab - retirement fund	326.14	June company match(3)
Strain, Bobbie	175.00	refrigerator for pool
TOTAL PREPAID	19,858.71	
TOTAL CLAIMS	78,492.46	
LIBRARY CLAIMS:		
Black Hills Energy	103.80	utilities
Dawson Public Power District	143.34	utilities
MTL Inc	214.00	janitor
Village of Elwood	1,932.10	wages, ss/mc, utilities
Pinnacle Bank CC	583.38	supplies
Elwood Hometown Coop Market	11.98	supplies
TOTAL LIBRARY CLAIMS	\$2,988.60	

Upon reviewing the Treasurer's report, Trustee Kleine mentioned that the care center is looking for storage space and it was noted there could be space at the dumpsite. The Board discussed moving funds from the cemetery fund to the general fund to cover mowing costs at the cemetery and renewing two CDs when they mature in the next couple weeks. A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Tilson, to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, Townsend, Tilson, Fong, Martin nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

Erica Fallon was present with a request for a Special Designated Liquor License (SDL) for a beer garden to be held July 25 and 26 on Fair Avenue near the park. A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Tilson, to approve said SDL. Discussion

included the exact location of the beer garden followed by a roll call vote: ayes: Kleine, Townsend, Tilson, Fong, Martin; nays; none; motion carried 5-0.

Ashley Nieman with West Central Nebraska Development District (WCNDD) joined the meeting via Zoom to present findings from the recent nuisance review. A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Kleine, to abate three properties that were declared nuisances at the last meeting labeled 2024-03, 2024-21 and 2024-30. It was noted that the fire department may be engaging in a training burn on the property labeled 2024-30. The roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Tilson, Kleine, Fong, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Klene, seconded by Tilson, to approve Resolution 2024-25-01, rescinding the June nuisance declaration on 2024-25. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Fong, Townsend, Tilson, Kleine, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

Minutes from the Community Redevelopment Authority were reviewed.

Deputy Richie was present on behalf of the Sheriff's office. Discussion included dog tags and a monthly report for the Trustees.

The Trustees discussed concerns with trees that are being dumped in the tree pile at the dump. There are large cottonwoods in the dump, which are not from town. The Board will consider options if necessary and be diligent about enforcing the dump rules with the assistance of the Sheriff's office. The drainage ditch by the school is being worked on. The Trustees would like video feed from security cameras to come into the Village Office.

The Board reviewed the Sheriff's Interlocal Agreement and discussed other ordinance enforcement options.

A motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Fong, to approve a Special Designated Liquor License for an even to be held on August 8, 2024 at 305 Smith Ave. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, Townsend, Fong, Tilson, Martin; nays; none; motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Kleine, to approve a Special Designated Liquor License for an event to be held on August 17, 2024 at the Elwood Civic Center. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Tilson, Townsend, Kleine, Fong, Martin; nays; none; motion carried 5-0.

Pool hours were discussed with the Board requesting that the pool be open to include evenings.

The Clerk informed the Trustees that Jaycee Wooters declined the part-time office job. A motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Tilson, to hire Meggan Nelson as a fill-in office employee. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Fong, Townsend, Tilson, Kleine, Martin; nays; none; motion carried 5-0.

There were no building permits to review.

The Trustees reviewed dates for the budget work session deciding to meet on Wednesday, August 21, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

There is a special meeting on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. for a public hearing regarding a redevelopment project.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 14, 2024.

Board Chair Martin adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Laurie Jauken, Clerk/Treasurer