

Village of Elwood regular meeting minutes, June 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 Monday, June 10, 2024. Said meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice-Chair Tilson who acknowledged the Open Meetings Act posted on the south wall of the meeting room. Present were Trustees Fong, Townsend and Kleine; Board Chair Martin was absent. 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 May 30, 2024 and by posted notices at Security First Bank, Pinnacle Bank, Elwood Post Office and the Village Office on May 28, 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 Fong, to approve the May 8, 2024 regular meeting minutes as presented. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Fong, Kleine, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1.

After reviewing claims, a motion was made by Fong, seconded by Townsend, to approve and pay the Village and Library claims as presented including the Barco claim just received for \$417.67 for traffic cones. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, Townsend, Fong, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1. Claims are as follows:

Aflac	256.40	emp. pd ins.
American Legal Publishing	550.00	online code
ATC Communications	14.90	email, website
Aurora Cooperative	1,303.39	fuel, supplies
Banzhaf, Kurt	35.00	UT Deposit refund
Black Hills Energy	353.29	utilities
Blue Cross Blue Shield of NE	3,066.07	health ins.
*California Boiler	2,087.23	pool heater repair
CAMAS Publishing	510.69	publications
CenturyLink, Inc (Pool)	65.36	pool phone
Community Redevelopment Authority	6,250.00	budget
Community Redevelopment Authority	3,708.38	Lot 8 TIF
Corder, Kirk	49.00	phone
Corder, Makenzie	69.00	CPR class
Dawson Public Power District	4,168.30	utilities
Downey Drilling, Inc.	507.50	water repair
Eakes - Copier	124.65	copier payment
Eakes Office Plus	369.14	copier service agreement
Elan Financial Services - credit card	1,050.20	supplies
Elwood Hometown Coop Market	80.11	supplies
Great Plains Communications	173.71	phone(3), dump internet
Hart, Huyser & Miller P.C., L.L.O.	1,020.00	atty fees
Johnson Corrosion Engineering, Inc.	523.00	water standpipe insp.
Lauby, Regina	120.66	CPR class, suit
Lawn In Order - Shaune LaPrade	2,550.00	mowing, trimming
Mead Lumber	221.54	paint
MTL, Inc.	107.00	cleaning

Mutual of Omaha	21.60	life ins.
NE Dept. of Revenue	429.00	sales tax
NE Public Health Environ. Lab.	38.00	water testing
One Call Concepts, Inc.	9.14	811 locate fees
Pierce, Elroy	75.00	UT Deposit refund
Pinnacle Bank	25.00	safe box rent
Pinnacle Bank	765.63	HSA contribution
Schaben Sanitation - Roll-off	1,491.20	large dumpster fee
Schaben Sanitation Inc.	6,965.12	trash fees
Schutz, Shane	20.00	phone
Sunset Spa & Supplies	2,084.30	pool chemicals
T&T Lawn Care	1,487.20	grass chemicals
The Red Barn	40.00	fuel
Tilson, Charles. Dpty Zon Admin	50.00	building permits
Wall, Allison	30.07	lifeguard suit
TOTAL	43,283.45	
PREAPPROVED/PREPAID CLAIMS:		
EFTPS	4,197.16	May federal payroll taxes
Landmark Implement, Inc.	10,650.00	mower trade-in
Payroll	13,642.32	May net payroll(3)
Schwab - retirement fund	481.54	May company match(3)
TOTAL PREPAID	28,971.02	
TOTAL CLAIMS	72,254.47	
*paid with sales tax funds		
LIBRARY CLAIMS:		
Black Hills Energy	134.22	utilities
Dawson Public Power District	103.66	utilities
MTL Inc	214.00	janitor
Village of Elwood	2,219.19	wages, ss/mc, utilities
Pinnacle Bank CC	528.31	supplies
Elwood Hometown Coop Market	7.66	supplies
Cheryl Taft	40.34	flowers
TOTAL LIBRARY CLAIMS	3,247.38	

A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Kleine to approve paying the claim of \$2,627.20 from T.L. Sund for water service maintenance in May out of the sales tax fund. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Kleine, Fong, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1.

A motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Townsend, to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Fong, Townsend, Kleine, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1.

Minutes from the Community Redevelopment Authority were reviewed. There was no information on a land opportunity.

Sheriff Naputi presented an interlocal agreement to the Trustees and shared that the Sheriff's office is investigating the use of license plate readers. The Sheriff was asked to provide the Village with monthly activity reports.

Utility Superintendent Corder reported that the fence is broken at the little park by the railroad. There was discussion on ownership of the property and the Board considered removing the fence. Vandalism at the park was discussed. Trustee Tilson presented a quote to purchase and install cameras in the area. A motion was made by Townsend, seconded by Kleine, to use sales tax money to purchase and install cameras and any related accessories/expenses needed, up to \$5,000.00. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Fong, Kleine, Townsend, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1.

Corder also reported that the refrigerator at the pool is not working. A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Kleine, to purchase a refrigerator for a price not to exceed \$300.00. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Kleine, Fong, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1.

The Board heard from Ray Yeutter and Don Lofquist regarding the nuisance process and letters they received. Nuisance officers from West Central Nebraska Development District (WCNDD) were present on a Zoom video call to present findings from the nuisance property review. After discussion, a motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Townsend, to declare 2024-003, 021, 025 and 030 as nuisance properties, and to give the remaining properties a 30-day extension. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Fong, Kleine, Townsend, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1.

The Board reviewed the agreement with WCNDD to update Elwood's Comprehensive Plan. A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Kleine, to approve said agreement. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Kleine, Fong, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1.

The Trustees discussed fees for swimming lessons. A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Kleine, to charge \$75.00 per week per student for private lessons. The lifeguard giving the private lesson must be clocked in to give said lesson and will be paid the normal hourly wage plus \$25.00 per student. Public lessons will be \$30.00 per student for the two-week session if the student does not have a summer pass. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Kleine, Fong, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1.

Ordinance enforcement options were discussed while reviewing the proposed interlocal agreement from the Sheriff. A motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Fong, to approve the interlocal agreement for one year at the proposed 2% increase. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, Fong, Tilson; nays: Townsend; absent: Martin; motion carried 3-1-1.

There were two approved building permits reviewed.

New employees were considered for the part-time office position. A motion was made by Townsend, seconded by Kleine to offer the position to Jaycee Wooters and an office substitute position to Coleen Weismann at a beginning wage of \$12.00 per hour each. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Fong, Kleine, Townsend, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 10, 2024.

Vice-Chair Tilson adjourned the meeting at 9:21 p.m.

Laurie Jauken, Clerk/Treasurer