

Village of Elwood regular meeting minutes, January 8, 2025

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, January 8, 2025. Said meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board Chair Martin, who acknowledged that the Open Meetings Act is posted on the south wall of the meeting room. Present were Trustees Kleine, Townsend, LaPrade and Borden. Clerk Jauken was present to take minutes. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Valley Voice Newspaper on January 2, 2025 and by posted notices at Security First Bank, Pinnacle Bank, Elwood Post Office and the Village Office on January 6, 2025. 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 Borden, to approve the December 11, 2024 regular meeting minutes as presented. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: LaPrade, Borden, Kleine, Martin; nays: none; abstain: Townsend; motion carried 4-0-1.

After reviewing claims, there was a motion by Townsend, seconded by LaPrade, to approve and pay the claims as presented. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, Borden, LaPrade, Townsend, 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	209.22	fuel, supplies
Black Hills Energy	330.48	utilities
Blue Cross Blue Shield of NE	3,066.06	health insurance
CAMAS Publishing	125.86	publications
Community Redev. Authority	8,333.33	budget
Corder, Kirk	49.00	cell phone
Corder, Kirk	25.00	Dpty. Zoning Admin. Sub.
Dawson Public Power District	4,018.42	utilities
*DGA Construction	7,950.00	gutter repair east
Randolph		
*Downey Drilling, Inc.	1,654.87	water repairs
Eakes - Copier	124.65	copier payment
Elan Financial Services - credit card	197.34	postage, supplies, cell
Elwood Care Center	2,325.00	budget
Elwood Library	8,625.00	budget
Gosper Co. Treasurer (Sheriff Support)	11,950.05	interlocal pymt
Great Plains Communications	179.57	phones, internet at dump
Hart, Huyser & Miller P.C., L.L.O.	680.00	atty fees
John Deere Financial	435.84	batteries
MTL, Inc.	53.50	cleaning
Mutual of Omaha	21.60	life ins.
NE Dept. of Env. & Energy (Lagoon)	100.00	exemption certificate (4-yr)
NE Dept. of Revenue	1,767.78	withholding
NE Dept. of Revenue	319.49	sales tax

One Call Concepts, Inc.	4.38	811 locate fees
Pinnacle Bank	765.64	HSA
RJ Meyer & Assoc, CPA	4,062.50	audit services
Schaben Sanitation - Roll-off	357.82	large dumpster
Schaben Sanitation Inc.	6,886.77	trash fees
Schutz, Shane	20.00	cell phone
Security First Insurance	6,459.25	liability insurance
West Central NE Development Dist.	1,691.00	final 2024 nuisance pymt
TOTAL	73,060.72	
PREAPPROVED/PREPAID CLAIMS:		
EFTPS	3,058.64	Dec. federal payroll taxes
Payroll	9,601.79	Dec. net payroll
Schwab - retirement fund	336.56	Dec. company match
TOTAL PREPAID	12,996.99	
TOTAL CLAIMS	86,057.71	
*paid with sales tax funds		
LIBRARY CLAIMS:		
Black Hills Energy	295.47	utilities
Dawson Public Power District	115.55	utilities
MTL Inc	267.50	janitor
Village of Elwood	2,153.73	wages, ss/mc, utilities
Pinnacle Bank CC	134.45	books, décor
Spivey, LLC	620.00	repairs
TOTAL LIBRARY CLAIMS	3,586.70	

A motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Borden, to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Certificates of Deposit will be renewed at the best rate and Clerk Jauken informed the Board about the IRS increase in the mileage reimbursement rate for 2025 from .67 cents to .70 cents per mile. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, Borden, LaPrade, Townsend, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

Gwen Jensen with Schaben Sanitation was present to review new terms and rates for a new contract with the Village. Clerk Jauken mentioned needing dumpsters for the bike tour in June. Jensen indicated that Schaben will be able to assist with the event. After discussion, a motion was made by Townsend, seconded by Kleine, to approve Option A which includes a six-year contract with a 3% rate increase locked in for 2 years and an annual CPI increase thereafter. The motion also approved free trash service for churches. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: Ayes: Borden, LaPrade, Kleine, Townsend, Martin; Nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

The Trustees reviewed minutes from the Community Redevelopment Authority. There was no report from the Sheriff's office.

For the Utility Superintendent's report, Board Chair Martin noted that the gutter/alley on east Randolph Street has been repaired.

The discussion regarding future needs of the care center was delayed until the next meeting.

The Board agreed that the Librarian should also sign the credit card agreement which was approved last month as it applies to all employees who have a credit card for Village purchases including the Library.

Last year's fiscal year audit will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Resolution 2025-01 appointing West Central Nebraska Development District as Elwood's nuisance officer was reviewed. Board Chair Martin explained the nuisance process to the new trustees. A motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Borden, to approve Resolution 2025-01. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, LaPrade, Borden, Kleine, Martin; nays: none; motion carried: 5-0.

After reviewing the nuisance sections of town, a motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Townsend, to have Zone 2 reviewed for nuisances in 2025. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Borden, LaPrade, Townsend, Kleine, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

Trustee Townsend stated that the first coordinator's baseball league meeting is scheduled for February 9th. The Village will advertise for softball and baseball coordinators, ball committee members, and also for pool employees.

There was one building permit to review.

The Trustees reviewed the project spreadsheet discussing a few items to update the list.

There is a special meeting for training scheduled for Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. to be held at the Gosper County Senior Center.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Board Chair Martin adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Laurie Jauken, Clerk/Treasurer