

THE VILLAGE NEWS

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BOARD MEETINGS

Next Board Meeting January 17, 2018

Village Board Meetings are typically held the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, starting at 7pm at the Village Hall.

Meetings are open to the public. For current agendas see the posting locations: Elk Mound Village Hall, Elk Mound Post Office & Independence State Bank, as well as www.elkmound.org and click on board / committee agendas.

Spring Primary will be held on
 Tuesday, February 20, 2018.

Poll hours are from 7:00am to 8:00pm.
 See Notice on Page 7

2018 DOG LICENSES DUE

All dogs over the age of 5 months residing in the Village of Elk Mound require a license.

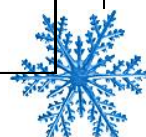
Dog licenses are now due for 2018. Fees are \$12.00 for non-spayed or non-neutered and \$8.00 for spayed or neutered pets.

You can obtain your dog license at the Clerk/Treasurer's office Monday through Thursday 8:00am to 4:30pm, closed noon to 1:00pm for lunch.

If your dog's vaccinations have been renewed, please bring a copy of the updated rabies vaccination certificate.



Ice Rink is now open for public use, it is located next to the high school parking lot on University Street



With the winter season upon us, all residents are reminded about parking restrictions and sidewalk snow removal ordinances. We thank all residents for your part in keeping our streets and sidewalks safe.

**ORDINANCE REMINDER
WINTER PARKING**

Per Sec. 10-2-28 (a) Winter Parking Restricted:

- (1) No person shall park a vehicle on streets or portions of streets within the Village of Elk Mound, between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., from November 1 through April 1, the snow removal season, except as follows:
 - A. On odd-numbered calendar days, on that side of the street with odd-numbered house numerals; and
 - B. On even-numbered calendar days, on that side of the street with even-numbered house numerals.
- (2) In addition to the penalties of Section 10-1-50, Village officials may remove any such vehicle parked in violation of this Section to a place of storage and may charge the cost of towing and storage to the owner of such vehicle.

**ORDINANCE REMINDER
SIDEWALK SNOW & ICE REMOVAL**

Per Sec. 6-2-7(a) of the Village ordinances, within twenty-four (24) hours after the cessation of any fall of sleet or snow, it shall be the duty of the owners and/or the occupants of any lot or parcel of land in the Village of Elk Mound to remove, or cause to be removed, the snow, sleet or ice (to a clear surface), from any and all sidewalks adjacent to the premises of such owner or occupant, and to keep the same free and clear of snow and ice for the full width of the sidewalk.

If the sidewalks are not cleared within 24 hours of each snowfall, public works will clear the sidewalk and property owner will be billed for services.

VILLAGE PARK IS NOW CLOSED FOR THE SEASON

The Village Park is now closed for the season. Upper & Lower Mound Hill Parks will remain open until the weather dictates closing.

The 2018 park calendar is posted on our website under calendars. If you are considering renting the pavilion sometime in the summer of 2018, please check the calendar for available dates and contact the clerk's office at 715-879-5011 to make your reservation.



NOTICE VILLAGE OF ELK MOUND TAXPAYERS

Dunn County will be collecting the first and second installments of the 2017 taxes for the Village of Elk Mound Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes. You may make your payment in person or by check payable to: **Dunn County Treasurer, 800 Wilson Avenue, Menomonie, WI 54751**. Payment of taxes should be made to the Dunn County Treasurer by January 31, 2018.

Note: Your dog licenses should be purchased from the Elk Mound Village Clerk/Treasurer, and you must provide proof of rabies vaccinations for the dogs.

PAPERLESS UTILITY BILLING

If you are interested in receiving your monthly utility bill via email (instead of a postcard in the mail) please stop by the Village Hall to complete a short form, or download the form from www.elkmound.org

Click on water/sewer utility and paperless utility billing.

NEWSLETTER MAILING

If you wish to be added to our monthly newsletter mailing list, please call us with your name and address, 715-879-5011.

Newsletters are always available at www.elkmound.org under the news tab.

Neighborhood Solar Program

Next Energy Solution is offering a neighborhood solar program to help people interested in solar energy get their own system by purchasing at the same time and helping the solar company receive bulk order discounts.

A solar seminar will be held in our area January 26th at 6:30pm at the Elk Mound Area Community Center. All who are interested are welcome. This seminar will explain how a solar electric system works and how you can benefit from a system.

To register for this seminar, please contact

Danielle Kelly

Next Energy Solution, Inc.

Phone 715-570-7899,

email: Danielle@nextenergysolution.com

or for more information on solar systems, visit their website: www.nextenergysolution.com.

SCHOOL CROSSINGS

Please be alert for pedestrian traffic by all marked crossings. Most children have little concept of danger and do not have fully developed peripheral vision and hearing. It is up to adults to be responsible drivers.



BOARD MINUTES NOVEMBER 15, 2017

The November 15, 2017 meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Elk Mound was called to order by Steve Abraham Village President at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Patricia Hahn, Clerk-Treasurer, verified that proper notice of the meeting had been posted. Roll call showed Steve Abraham, Montana Boettcher, Deb Creaser-Kipp, Greg Kipp, Rebecca Livingston, Paula Turner and Terry Stamm present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Creaser-Kipp/Stamm moved and seconded a motion to approve the Minutes of October 25 and November 1, 2017 as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC APPEARANCE:

There was no Public Appearance.

CITIZEN'S FORUM – (PUBLIC INPUT)

There was no one signed up for Citizen's Forum.

APPROVAL OF GENERAL FUND, WATER/SEWER UTILITY AND DIRECT DEPOSIT PAYROLL CHECKS

Livingston/Boettcher moved and seconded a motion to approve the Combined Checks 29221- 29239 and direct deposit V1922-V1927 for a total of \$17,149.89. Motion carried. Stamm abstained.

APPROVAL OF TID VOUCHERS: There were no TID vouchers.

PERMITS – BUILDING; WATER/SEWER APPLICATIONS FOR SERVICE/TAP PERMITS: Robert & Colleen Pierce, S301 Holly Avenue: Reroof.

REPORTS BY OFFICIALS:

Water/Sewer Report

The Water/Sewer Report was presented by Mark Levra, Director of Public Works. The report is on file in the Public Works office.

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POLICE CHIEFS REPORT

Mike Tietz, Interim Police Chief presented the Police Chief's Reports.

Standing Committee Reports:

Public Works & Streets

Terry Stamm reported that the Public Works & Streets Committee did not meet. They will be meeting on the Water/Sewer Budget on November 30, 2017.

Public Safety

Deb Creaser-Kipp reported that the Public Safety Committee did not meet however, the Interview Committee met to interview the Police Chief applicants.

Property & Finance

Rebecca Livingston reported that the Property and Finance Committee did not meet.

Employee Relations

Greg Kip reported that the Employee Relations Committee did not meet.

Special Committee Reports

Plan Commission

Terry Stamm reported that the Plan Commission met tonight and this item is further down on the agenda.

Report from Fire Board Representative

Greg Kipp reported:

There were 7 runs for this month:

1. 10-14 False alarm
2. 10-14 False alarm
3. 10-18 Accident I-94
4. 10-28 Traffic accident HWYS 29 and 94

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BOARD MINUTES NOVEMBER 15TH CONTINUED

- 5. 10-28 Structure fire.
 - 6. 10-30 Traffic accident
 - 7. 11-1 Structure fire assist Menomonie
- One new firefighter has started with fire department.

Report from Dunn County Solid Waste Recycling Board Representative

Terry Stamm, Representative reported:

1. We heard a presentation from Brian Vanderwyst, Staffing Project Manager for L.E. Phillips Career Development Center. He and his staff will be working with the Solid Waste Site employees at the collection sites in Dunn County.
2. Morgan Gerck will be working with the Boyceville, Colfax and Elk Mound sites to prepare for a compost licensure from the DNR.
3. Morgan Gerck will be working with personnel from the University of Wisconsin Stout on a program for handling food waste as a compostable material.
4. We are presently working with the Town of Menomonie personnel on use of their property for a yard waste site.
5. We discussed the use of permit stickers to put on windshields of vehicles used to haul items to the collection sites.
6. We reviewed the monthly commodity tonnage and revenues for 2017. It appears we are doing well compared to budget expectations.
7. We all discussed the site attendant appreciation dinner.

Colfax Rescue Squad Monthly Report

Don Knutson:

Financials:

Billed Out	\$37,802.99
Collected	\$16,296.76

CRS Notes:

- M-7 had a service 4-wheel drive warning come up. Interstate Automotive cleared code. While driving back a check engine light came on went to Gilbert Motors to have code read—Nox sensor. Which would be still under warranty under the federal emission 96 month 80,000-mile warranty. Gilberts cleared it and said if it comes back on to take it to a Dodge 4500 Warranty center. Two days later the check engine light came back on. Scheduled for repair at Chilson Cadott on Wed October 11 at 7 a.m.
- Colfax Rescue is 98% complete with the Medicare Recertification. Which is required every 5 years.
- Horse Shows are now completed for the year.
- Hosted an explorer open house for any middle/high school students interested in a healthcare career.
- September Training in Elk Mound was a success we had about forty attendees, which is not bad for the first time having an event like this. All attendees stated they would like to see this type of training next year.
- Colfax Rescue Meeting/ Training was on C.P.A.P. (continuous positive, airway pressure) a tool we have that helps reduce the amount of people who may need to be intubated with extreme breathing difficulty.
- October training case review and penetrating trauma injuries. Hunting season is here and you never know when you could see a penetrating wound.
- Just a few reminders: please watch out for the trick or treaters that will be out at Halloween, go to houses you know and trust, if the house has no lights on, do not go there because they are not handing anything out. Also keep an eye out for your neighbors' children and property because some people are only interested in mischief. HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Community Center/Library Report

Terry Stamm reported that the Community Center is meeting November 20, 2017.

COMMUNICATIONS & MISCELLANIOUS BUSINESS AS PERMITTED BY LAW

Patricia Hahn, Clerk/Treasurer reported that the Board members have copies of the 2018 General Fund Budget and the revised Committee Listing. The Budget Hearing will be November 22 at 6pm.

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DONATION OPPORTUNITY

The Village of Elk Mound is putting together a list of improvement projects. If you would like to participate through the donation of time or money please see the website under current events.

Community Food Pantry is located at Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church
207 University Street (Entrance from the Parking Lot). Open every Tuesday from 4-6pm and Friday from 10am to Noon. For Questions call 715-879-5115.

BOARD MINUTES NOVEMBER 15TH CONTINUED

Unfinished Business:

There was no Unfinished Business

New Business:

Discussion/Action Karate American Elk Mound Sign Application from Josh Linberg

Stamm/Creaser-Kipp moved and seconded a motion to approve the Sign Application from Karate American Elk Mound-Josh Linberg and must comply ad be maintained as per Village Ordinances- sign will be placed on the Community Center/Library Property. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Re-Appointment of Person (s) to Conduct Background Checks On Interview Candidates for Police Chief.

Abraham/Kipp moved and seconded a motion to appoint the Dunn County Sheriff’s Department to conduct the background checks on the interview candidates for Police Chief. Motion carried.

Adjourn to Closed Session per 19.85(1)(c) Wis. Stats. Considering Employment, Promotion, Compensation or Performance Evaluation Data of Any Public Employee Over Which the Governmental Body has Jurisdiction or Exercises Responsibility. Discussion/Action Pay Rate & Benefits for the new Police Chief Position

Deb-Creaser Kipp/Kipp moved and seconded a motion to go into closed session per 19.85(1)(c) Wis. Stats. Considering Employment, Promotion, Compensation or Performance Evaluation Data of Any Public Employee Over Which the Governmental Body has Jurisdiction or Exercises Responsibility to Discussion or take action on pay rate & benefits for the new Police Chief position. Roll Call Vote showed: Steve Abraham: yes; Montana Boettcher: yes; Deb Creaser-Kipp: yes; Greg Kipp: yes; Rebecca Livingston: yes; Paula Turner: yes; Terry Stamm: yes.

Abraham/Turner moved and seconded a motion to have the new Police Chief Wages and Benefits as follows: Pay Rate: \$26.00 per hour, to be reviewed in 6 months for a possible increase, contingent on

performance to have the same 2019- 2020 wage percent increase as other employees; all other benefits as per Employee Handbook and 2018-2020 as per all other Full-Time Employees. Motion carried.

Reconvene to Open Session to Announce any Action/Decision Taken During Closed Session

Stamm/Creaser-Kipp moved and seconded a motion to reconvene to Open Session to announce any Action/Decision taken during closed session. Motion carried.

Adjourn

Livingston/Boettcher moved and seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:57p.m. Motion carried.

Patricia Hahn

Clerk/Treasurer, WCMC,CMC,CMTW

BOARD MINUTES NOVEMBER 22, 2018

SPECIAL MEETING

The November 22, 2017 Special meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Elk Mound was called to order by Steve Abraham Village President at 6:20 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Patricia Hahn, Clerk-Treasurer, verified that proper notice of the meeting had been posted.

Roll call showed Steve Abraham, Deb Creaser-Kipp, Greg Kipp, Rebecca Livingston, Montana Boettcher and Terry Stamm present Paula Turner absent.

Open Budget Hearing

Stamm/Boettcher moved and seconded a motion to open the General Fund Budget Hearing. Motion carried.

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LOCATION AND HOURS OF POLLING PLACE

At the Primary Election to be held on February 20, 2018 in the Village of Elk Mound, County of Dunn, the following polling place locations will be used for the wards indicated:

<u>Location:</u>	<u>Ward</u>
Elk Mound Village Hall E206 Menomonie Street Elk Mound, WI	1

ALL POLLING PLACES WILL OPEN AT 7:00 A.M. AND WILL CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.

If you have any questions concerning your polling place, contact the municipal clerk.

Patricia A. Hahn
E206 Menomonie Street, PO Box 188,
Elk Mound
Phone: 715-879-5011
8:00 am to 4:30 pm
Monday through Thursday

All polling places are accessible to elderly and disabled voters.

FROM THE PIPELINE

Fats, oils and greases deposited down your sink, eventually ending up in the septic system can cause serious problems. When these materials are deposited down the drain, they form large, thick grease balls that can clog your pipes. Clogged pipes can then cause sewer backups and spills.

Fats oils and greases from food preparation and kitchen cleanup should be deposited into empty metal cans and then deposited into the trash after cooling and hardening. Specifically, grease, cooking oil, butter, margarine, shortening and lard are the most common.

Preventing sewer backups from blockages saves money and protects your environment.

If a backup occurs in a Village maintained line, the wastewater will normally flow out of the lowest possible opening, which is usually a manhole. However, in some homes with basements or where the lowest level is even with the sewer lines, the overflowing wastewater may exit through the home's lower drains and toilets.

If you experience a backup, call the Public Works Department right away at 715-879-5805 (Monday through Friday from 6:00am to 3:00pm).

Weekends and Holidays call 715-556-4566 for assistance.

**BOARD MINUTES NOVEMBER 22, 2018
SPECIAL MEETING CONTINUED**



Public Input

Cara Dempski Colfax Messenger Reporter was present.

Close Budget Hearing

Boettcher/Creaser-Kipp moved and seconded a motion to close the General Fund Budget Hearing. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action 2018 General Fund Budget

Creaser-Kipp/Livingston moved and seconded a motion to approve the 2018 General Fund Budget as presented. Motion carried.

Report from Interview Committee Regarding Police Chief Position

Deb Creaser-Kipp Chairperson for the Special Interview Committee reported that the first round of interviews has been completed for the Police Chief Position. The three candidates are: Chad Weinberger, Mark Bauman, and Robert Severude.

Discussion/Action Establish/Schedule Second Police Chief

Boettcher/Livingston moved and seconded a motion to hold the second round of Police Chief Interviews with the Village Board on December 13, 2017 at 6:00 pm. Motion carried.

Kipp/Stamm moved and seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Patricia Hahn
Clerk/Treasurer, WCMC, CMC, CMTW

ADOPT-A-HYDRANT PROGRAM

The Elk Mound Water Utility is asking residents and community businesses to adopt their neighborhood fire hydrants. They can do this by clearing accumulated snow around hydrants near their homes and places of employment.

Snow removal around the system fire hydrants is the responsibility of everyone, but during the winter storms, hydrants may become buried for sometime before utility crews reach all hydrants in the system.

Not all systems require utility personnel the sole responsibility to clear snow—but rely on street departments, fire departments and citizen volunteers. Please remember safety precautions must be followed. By taking a few minutes to clear your “adopted” hydrant, you’ll be assisting both the water and fire departments. The house you save might just be your own!

Fore more information, call your water utility office at 715-879-5805 during normal business hours.

Thank you for your assistance!



COMMUNITY CENTER RENTAL INFORMATION

The community center room is available for small groups and parties up to 48 people.

Check the calendar of availability on the web-site at www.elkmound.org/content/calendar. The community center will show in green. Karate America is currently holding classes Tuesday and Friday afternoons / evenings.

Rental rates are as follows:

- \$25.00 up to 2 hours or 15 guests
- \$50.00 up to 4 hours or 15 guests
- \$75.00 up to 6 hours or 25 guests
- \$100.00 up to 8 hours or 45 guests

A discounted rate of \$15.00 will be available for senior citizen events not to exceed two hours.

Confirmation of your event date will be made after receipt of rental fees. Please contact the Village Hall at 715-879-5011 or email info@elkmound.org to reserve your date.

Please understand you are renting the community center portion only. As this building is combined with the Library, there may be other activity at the Library during their open hours.

Facility provides restrooms, tables and seating up to 45 people, garbage and recycling receptacles, TV with hookups for presentations. Kitchen facilities include refrigerator, sink and counter area and electrical outlets.

For a complete rental policy, check the attachment under www.elkmound.org under the community center / library tab.

Elk Mound Community Library Hours

Monday: 10am-4pm
 Tuesday: 10am-12pm, 12:30pm-6pm
 Wednesday: 10am to 4pm
 Thursday: 12pm-12:30pm, 3:00pm-7pm
 Friday: 10am-1pm



Streetlight Outage

If you notice a street light that is not functioning properly, please call the Public Works Department at 715-879-5805 with the following information:

1. Location of Street Light (Nearest Address)
2. Nearest Cross Street
3. Issue (Blinking Light, Light Not Operating, etc.)

Dunn County Recycle Center Hours of Operation

Wednesdays: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 November 1st to March 31st
 Saturdays: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 All Year Long

For further information, please call the Dunn County Solid Waste Division at
 715-232-4017



February 2018

S U N M O N T U E W E D T H U F R I S A T



1
Library Open
12pm-7pm

2
Library 10am-1pm
Food Pantry 10-noon
Village Office Closed

3
Solid Waste Site Hours
8am - 4pm

4

5
Library Open
10am-4pm

6
Library 10am-6pm
Food Pantry 4pm-6pm

7
7pm Village Board
Solid Waste Site Hours
9am to 5pm
Library 10am-4 pm

8
Library Open
12pm-7pm

9
Library 10am-1pm
Food Pantry 10-noon
Village Office Closed

10
Solid Waste Site Hours
8am - 4pm

11

12
Library Open
10am-4pm

13
Library 10am-6pm
Food Pantry 4pm-6pm

14
VALENTINES DAY
7pm Fire Board
Solid Waste Site Hours
9am to 5pm
Library 10am-4 pm

15
Library Open
12pm-7pm

16
Library 10am-1pm
Food Pantry 10-noon
Village Office Closed

17
Solid Waste Site Hours
8am to 4pm

18

19
Library Open
10am-4pm

20
SPRING PRIMARY
Library 10am-6pm
Food Pantry 4pm-6pm

21
7pm Village Board
Solid Waste Site Hours
9am to 5pm
Library 10am-4pm

22
Village Office
Closed

23
Library 10am-1pm
Food Pantry 10-noon
Village Office Closed

24
Solid Waste Site Hours
8am to 4pm

25

26
Library Open
10am-4pm

27
Library 10am-6pm
Food Pantry 4pm-6pm

28
Solid Waste Site Hours
9am to 5pm
Library 10am-4pm

**Village Office Hours:
8:00am to 4:30pm Monday-Thursday**



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