

THE VILLAGE NEWS

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BOARD MEETING NOTICE

The regularly scheduled board meetings for December 19th and January 2nd have been rescheduled to **December 21st and January 4th.**

NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION APRIL 4, 2022

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Solid Waste Site Winter Hours Now In Effect

Wednesdays: 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturdays: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Elk Mound and Colfax Sites will be closed on Christmas Eve, December 24th.

SEASONAL SAFETY REMINDERS

- Do not leave candles burning unattended or in reach of children, and never use candles to decorate a Christmas tree.
- Do not overload electrical circuits or extension cords.
- Check the batteries in your smoke detectors and replace if necessary.
- Always turn Christmas lights off before you leave home or go to sleep.
- Cars loaded with gifts in a parking lot can become easy targets for thieves. Make sure you lock vehicle and keep packages out of sight, such as locked in the trunk. Park in a well-lit, heavily traveled area. Never leave keys in the vehicle.
- Have a designated driver for holiday parties!

More safety tips: www.usda.gov

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Greg Kipp

Greetings Elk Mound Family!

As 2022 draws to a close and we approach the holidays, I ask you all to remember to thank all those who work in the Village of Elk Mound, keeping us safe, fulfilling our administrative needs, and making the tough decisions to sustain every department required to run the day to day events. I especially ask you to be a little kinder and gentler to everyone – family, friends, co-workers. One request from a resident is to be supportive of our postal workers who work hard to deliver our mail, rain or shine, snow or ice. A little “something” in their proverbial stocking would be great!!!

I will be stepping down as your Village President, so I am asking if anyone is interested in contributing to their community by running for the Board. Elections are coming up on April 4th, 2023, so if you are interested, please stop by the Village Hall and pick up the required paper work. You will need to collect 20 signatures from Village Residents to get on the Ballot, and you must have your paper work back to the Village Hall by January 3rd. If you have any questions, please contact Karen or Julie, who will be happy to assist you.

As a repeat from last month's newsletter, I encourage you all to utilize the recycling center and follow the rules. The Colfax Responsible Unit (RU) continues to discuss mandating clear plastic bags so that people can't “hide” their recycled products in their garbage. We will keep you updated with any changes. Let's all do the right thing!

Finally, I have enjoyed my years on the Board to include these past several months as your president. I thank you all for your support of our community as we forge ahead into 2023. May you have a blessed Christmas and prosperous New Year!

Greg

**NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION
VILLAGE OF ELK MOUND
APRIL 4, 2023**

Election Details

An election to be held in the Village Elk Mound, on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
Village President:	Greg Kipp
Village Trustee:	Bob Bachman
Village Trustee:	Jesse Jenson
Village Trustee:	Terry Stamm

Office Terms

The term for village president and village trustee begins on April 18, 2023. The term for all other offices begins on May 1, 2023. All terms are for two years unless otherwise indicated.

For Candidates

The first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2022 and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 in the office of the village clerk.

Primary Election

If a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023.

Additional Information

Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Done in the Village Elk Mound
on November 22, 2022.



Karin Wolf
Clerk/Treasurer

Board Minutes October 17, 2022

The October 17, 2022 meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Elk Mound was called to order by Village President Greg Kipp at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building and ZOOM.

Karin Wolf, Clerk-Treasurer, verified that proper notice of the meeting had been posted. Roll call showed Cynthia Abraham, Bob Bachman, Tim Benjamin, Jesse Jenson, Greg Kipp, Pat Lien, and Terry Stamm present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Abraham/Stamm moved and seconded a motion to approve the Village Board Minutes of September 19, 2022 and October 3, 2022. Motion carried.

CITIZEN'S FORUM – (PUBLIC INPUT)

Tom Gilbert asked for a credit on the sewer portion of his bill due to a leaky hose. This was referred to the Public Works and Streets Committee.

PUBLIC APPEARANCE

There was no Public Appearance.

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

Jenson/Abraham moved and seconded a motion to approve the combined checks 31993 - 32036 and direct deposit V3253 - V3276 for a total of \$80,169.87. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TID VOUCHERS: There were no TID vouchers.

PERMITS – BUILDING; WATER/SEWER APPLICATIONS FOR SERVICE/TAP PERMITS

An occupancy permit for a single family dwelling was issued to David Zassenhaus.

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 Director of Public Works office.

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Police Chief Report

The Police Chief Report was presented by Police Chief Chad Weinberger. The report is on file in the Village Clerk-Treasurer's office.

Standing Committee Reports:

Public Works & Streets: Terry Stamm reported that the Public Works & Streets Committee did not meet but will set a date for a meeting to review Tom Gilbert's request.

Public Safety: Tim Benjamin reported that the Public Safety Committee did not meet.

Property & Finance: Cynthia Abraham reported that the Property & Finance Committee did not meet.

Employee Relations: Jesse Jenson reported that the Employee Relations Committee did not meet.

Special Committee Reports: Plan Commission- Greg Kipp reported that the Plan Commission did not meet but is scheduled for a meeting on October 24.

Report from Fire Board Representative: Greg Kipp reported there was one call last month.

Les is waiting for Don from Colfax Rescue to provide a contract for putting an ambulance at the Fire Department. The blacktop project is completed. There is an issue with post office employees parking in an area where it could cause an issue for fire trucks to get out quickly. Mark Levra is going to look into parking restriction signs to put up in that area.

Board Minutes October 17th, Continued

This item was also sent to the Public Works and Streets Committee for recommendation to the Board. The Fire Board passed the Fire Department's 2023 budget.

The Masons of Menomonie donated a suppression tool to the Fire Department. The department is considering using its leftover AFG grant money toward a new spreader. The firefighters plan to purchase thermal imaging cameras with their fundraising money.

The department received a bid for a new fire truck. The price is \$454,071 with a projected increase of 10% per year.

Report from Elk Mound/Colfax Solid Waste & Recycling:

Terry Stamm reported that the unit worked with Struck and Irwin Paving to seal coat the blacktop at the site that day. The blacktop cannot be driven on for five days.

The unit completed the grinding at the brush pile for an approximate cost of \$6,000.

They are reminding residents that the winter hours will begin on November 1. The site will be open on Wednesdays from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Residents are also being notified to bring unused medications to the sites at no cost for proper disposal.

Colfax Rescue Squad Monthly Report:

The Colfax Rescue Squad Monthly Report from Don Knutson was reviewed. This is available in the Village Clerk-Treasurer's Office.

Community Center/Library Report

Terry Stamm reported that the Community Center/Library Committee did meet on September 26. The library did receive a grant from Dunn Energy Cooperative, which was used to replace two computers and associated hardware. All five computers have been replaced. The Board would like the Village Board to discuss options of where to display historical items donated to the Village. This will be added to the next Village Board agenda.

The Town of Springbrook and Town of Elk Mound will continue to provide funding to help with the library's costs.

Communications & Miscellaneous Business as Permitted by Law:

Chief Weinberger reported that Drug Take Back will be held on October 29th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Funding for this event is provided by a DEA Grant. He also reminded everyone to sign up for their Wisconsin Emergency Management ID's.

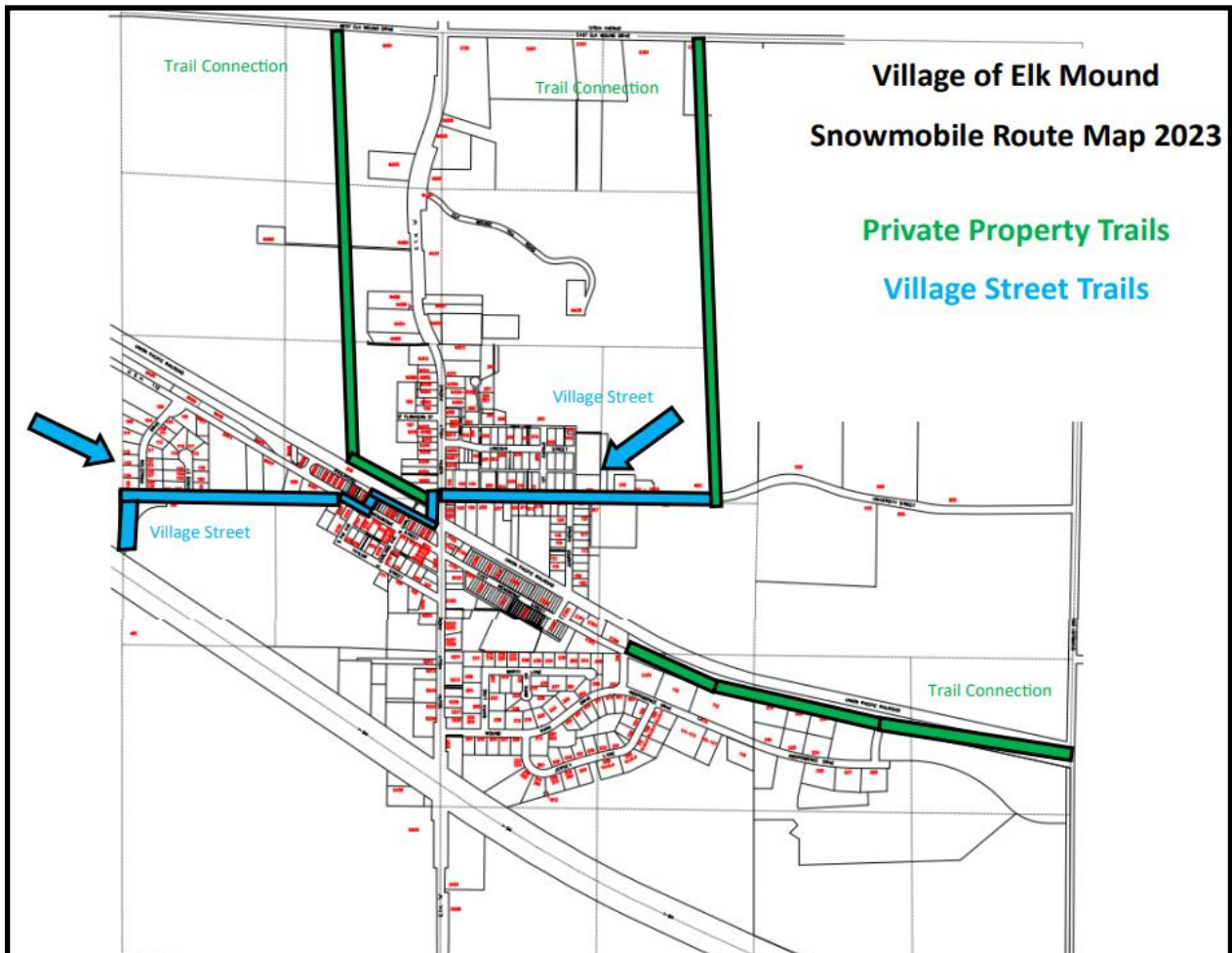
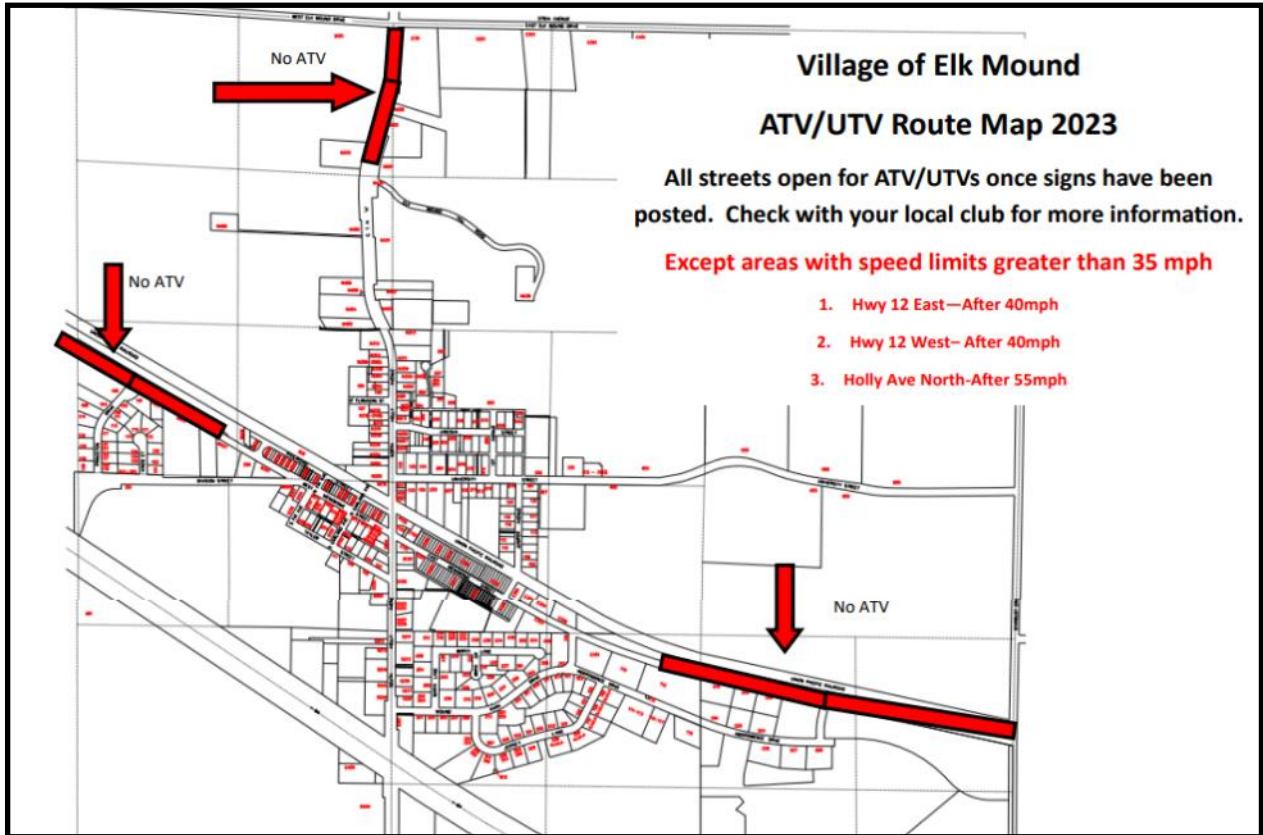
Unfinished Business:

Discussion/Action Implementation of Overtime

Policy: Abraham/Stamm moved and seconded a motion to appoint Village President Greg Kipp as the primary contact to approve overtime with Clerk/Treasurer Karin Wolf as the secondary contact if President Kipp is not available. This will begin on November 1st and will be re-evaluated after two months. Motion carried.

Elk Mound Community Library Hours:

Monday 2pm to 6pm
Wednesday 2pm to 6pm
Friday 2pm to 6pm



BOARD MINUTES NOVEMBER 7th, 2022

The November 7, 2022 Village Board Meeting was called to order by Greg Kipp, Village President, at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building. Karin Wolf, Clerk-Treasurer, verified that proper notice of the meeting had been posted.

Roll call showed Cynthia Abraham, Bob Bachman, Tim Benjamin, Jesse Jenson, Greg Kipp, Pat Lien, and Terry Stamm present.

Citizen's Forum

Tim Erpenbach, Michelle Mousel, Andrea Wilkins, and Bryan Wilkins expressed concerns over rezoning Lot 9 of Lincoln Street.

Melissa Devine mentioned that she and her husband want to rezone the lot so that is more desirable for resale.

Damien Montoya and Traci Thomason stated that they plan to purchase the lot if it is rezoned.

Public Appearance

There was no Public Appearance.

Communications & Miscellaneous Business as

Permitted by Law

Mark Levra reported that a visitor to Upper Mound Hill Park had offered to contribute toward hand railings at the park. An estimate was obtained from McMahan Industries in the amount of \$569.70, and the donor has already sent a check to cover the cost. The railings will be installed soon.

Cynthia Abraham inquired about interest in a holiday party. She will begin the planning process.

Karin Wolf mentioned that there are four trustees whose terms will end in April. She will send candidacy paperwork to those trustees later this week.

Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

Discussion/Action Application by Anthony and Melissa Devine to Rezone Lot 9, Lincoln Street, from R-1 Single Family Residential District (Low Density) to R-2 Single Family Residential District (Medium Density)

Stamm/Jenson moved and seconded a motion to table this item until a later date. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Resolution 22-2, Village of Elk Mound ATV/UTV Routes

Abraham/Lien moved and seconded a motion to approve Resolution 22-2, Village of Elk Mound ATV/UTV Routes. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Resolution 22-3, Village of Elk Mound Snowmobile Routes

Lien/Benjamin moved and seconded a motion to approve Resolution 22-3, Village of Elk Mound Snowmobile Routes. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Policy for Sewer Billing Credit for Uncontrolled/Accidental Water Usage

Benjamin/Lien moved and seconded a motion to create a policy to approve sewer billing credits for regulated, uncontrolled and accidental water usage. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Adjustment of Sewer Bill for Humphrey Gilbert, 200 University Street

Benjamin/Abraham moved and seconded a motion to approve the adjustment of the sewer bill based on average usage for the previous six months for Humphrey Gilbert, 200 University Street. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Parking Restriction Signage at the Fire Department Parking Lot

Benjamin/Lien moved and seconded a motion to contact the Post Office building owner for approval to put up no parking signs and if the owner declines, put them on state right of way and village property. Motion carried.

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BOARD MINUTES NOVEMBER 7th, Continued

Discussion/Action Operator License Application – Megan Smith, Elk Mound Travel Stop

Jenson/Abraham moved and seconded a motion to approve the operator license application for Megan Smith. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Storage of Village Historical Items

Terry Stamm reported that Julie Conlin plans to take scanned historical pictures from the Village network and put them on a jump drive to be kept at the library for potential viewing. The Community Center/Library committee will further discuss at its next meeting how to handle additional photos and items. No action taken.

Discussion/Action Sewer Utility Rate Increase

Benjamin/Jenson moved and seconded a motion to approve a 10% sewer rate increase. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action 2023 General Fund Budget Review

The Village Board decided to further review the 2023 General Fund budget and discuss it more at the next meeting. No action taken.

Adjourn

Jenson/Benjamin moved and seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m. Motion carried.

Karin Wolf
Village of Elk Mound Clerk/Treasurer

ORDINANCE REMINDER

Sec. 6-2-8 Snow and Ice Removal.

- (a) **Removal From Sidewalks.** 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 or sleet from any and all sidewalks and the nearest cross-side-walks 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.
- (b) **Failure to Remove.** In case of failure or neglect of any owner or occupant of any land or parcel of land to remove the snow from sidewalks as specified in subsection (a) within the time set forth in said Subsection and, after twenty-four (24) hours after the cessation of any fall of snow, the owner or occupant has failed to remove such snow from sidewalks as specified in Subsection (a), the Public Works Department shall remove or cause the snow to be removed from any and all sidewalks and cross-sidewalks that may be so neglected by the owner or occupant, and a fee established by the Village Board shall be assessed against the owner or occupant for the cost and expense of moving such snow. The fee will be charged against the respective lots and parcels of land adjacent to which said work shall be done, as a special charge, and such sum or sums shall be collected in the same manner as other special taxes.

For a copy of the entire ordinance call
715-879-5011.

SEWER RATES:

Monthly Service Charge:

			Current	New
5/8	Inch meter	-	\$23.72	\$26.09
3/4	Inch meter	-	\$23.72	\$26.09
1	Inch meter	-	\$31.02	\$34.12
1 ½	Inch meter	-	\$45.14	\$49.65
2	Inch meter	-	\$53.59	\$58.95
3	Inch meter	-	\$78.99	\$86.89

Sewer rate increase effective November 15, 2022.

Plus Volume Charge – All Meter Sizes: Current flat rate of \$6.84 per thousand gallons of water use, increases to **\$7.52** per thousand gallons of water use.

WARNING SIREN

When severe weather occurs, you will hear a steady tone for three minutes. Upon early warning, volunteers will attempt to set the Warning Siren to a STEADY TONE. This warning is to inform you to seek information from TV or RADIO. For residents that do not have adequate shelter, the Lutheran Church, 207 University Street, has offered the use of the church basement. Every effort will be made to get the rear (south) doors opened on alarm. **YOU SHOULD MAKE ALTERNATE PLANS IN THE EVENT THE CHURCH IS NOT OPEN!!**

Having a plan in place will minimize confusion when time is of the essence. Preplanning to bring flashlights, possibly a blanket, as well as making other arrangements for pets will make for quick access to shelter. (Please do not bring pets to the Church).

This plan will be in effect immediately and until further notice.

“Weather Alert” radios are available for purchase at local electronics or major department stores. These units can be used in addition to the local warning siren for early severe storm alerts.

According to Dunn County Emergency Management, the siren is intended to alert people outdoors that severe weather conditions are nearby. The sounding of these sirens is your cue to access local detailed weather information from radio or television and discover if there is an need to take further action. More information can be found on their site: www.dunn.wi.co.us, click on Departments, Emergency Management & Outdoor Warning Sirens.

Dunn County Communications Center is responsible for testing the emergency siren system. The Emergency Warning Siren is tested the first Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m. from April through October. Standard emergency warning siren electro-mechanical tones are as follows:

- ALERT— Steady Tone, 3 minutes
- ATTACK—Wailing Tone, 6 sec. Hi/6 sec. Low, 3 min
- FIRE— Wailing Tone, 16 sec. Hi/8 Sec. Low, 4 Cycles
- GROWL— Short Burst, 2 Sec. Used for testing of siren only.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS VILLAGE OF ELK MOUND

The Dunn County Treasurer, 3001 US Hwy 12 East, Suite 102A, Menomonie WI 54751 will collect personal property and real estate taxes for the 2022 tax year. **THE DUNN COUNTY TREASURER OFFICES ARE OPEN MON-FRI (8:00-4:30), HOWEVER PAYMENTS BY MAIL OR DROPBOX ARE ENCOURAGED.** Please make checks payable to Dunn County Treasurer. First installment of real estate tax is due January 31, 2023. Second installment of real estate tax is due July 31, 2023. All personal property taxes are due in full by January 31, 2023.

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.

Elk Mound Community Library Hours:

Monday 2pm to 6pm
Wednesday 2pm to 6pm
Friday 2pm to 6pm

Library will be closed for Holidays on Friday, December 23rd, Monday, December 26th, and Monday, January 2nd, 2023

Parks are now closed for the season.

If you wish to reserve the park pavilion for a special future event, please call 715-879-5011 to check availability, or visit our website: www.elkmound.org and select the calendar tab to see if your date is available.

BOW HUNTING IN THE VILLAGE LIMITS

Reminder that bow hunting is only allowed in the Village with permission of landowners within 100 yards of any stand.

Landowner permission must be obtained. Elevated stand hunting only. When shooting, arrows must be pointed toward the ground.

For complete information reference ordinance 11-2-1 on the Village website: www.elkmound.org.

BOARD MEETINGS

Board Meetings are typically held the first and third Mondays of each month at 6:00 p.m. Meetings are open to the public in person, via Zoom or phone call. Instructions on how to access the meeting by phone are listed below.

The Zoom meeting IDs are 889 679 0258, Password 619735

For current agendas see the posting locations: Elk Mound Village Hall, Post Office, Independence State Bank, as well as on the website: www.elkmound.org, click on board/ committee agendas. Village Residents are encouraged to participate under citizen's forum, if you have a topic for discussion please email to karin@elkmound.org.

ORDINANCE REMINDER WINTER PARKING

Per Sec. 10-1-29 (b) 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.



Warning Siren

The Warning Siren will be Tested the first Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m., dates are as follows:

- December 5, 2022
- January 2, 2023
- February 7, 2023

ATTENTION HUNTERS

Dumpsters are available for deer carcass disposal at the following locations:

- WDNR Field Station**
921 Brickyard Road, Menomonie
and
- Eau Claire DNR Service Center**
1300 W. Clairemont Ave., Eau Claire

Carcasses are no longer accepted at the Solid Waste Sites.

December 2022

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COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Community Food Pantry is located at Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church, 207 University Street (Entrance from the Parking Lot).

Call 715-879-5115 with any questions.

E-mail: info@elkound.org
 Website: www.elkound.org

Phone: 715-879-5011
 Fax: 715-879-5851

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