

THE VILLAGE NEWS

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BOARD MEETINGS

Next scheduled Board meetings are October 2nd & 16th 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 ID: 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.

Warning Siren

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

October 2, 2023
November 6, 2023
December 4, 2023

Library is now open Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00p.m. See page 5 for modified schedule.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Terry Stamm

The fall season has arrived, leaves will soon start to turn and display their autumn colors in the Village. October brings the following upcoming community events:

Shepherd of the Hill Autumn Fest will be held Sunday, October 1st, 11:00am to 2:00pm at the Village Park.

The Elk Mound School District Homecoming parade and game will be held on Friday, October 6th. Elk Mound Booster Club will be hosting their fall craft sale on October 21st at the Elk Mound High School and Mound View Elementary from 9:00am to 3:00 pm.

October 28th is Drug Take Back at the Elk Mound Police Department from 8:00am to 12:00 noon (see page 6).

October 31st is Trick or Treating in the Village from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Stop by the Fire Department for some treats! If you are driving during this time please be extra alert for small children crossing the streets.



PUBLIC WORKS ANNOUNCEMENT



Fall Hydrant Flushing will take place October 9th through the 13th. Low pressure and discolored water may occur. If you experience discolored water, let the water settle out for 1/2 hour if possible, then run a pencil thin stream of water from your faucet. If the discoloration does not clear within 15 minutes of running, please contact the Public Works Department at 715-556-4566.

BOARD MINUTES AUGUST 21, 2023

The August 21, 2023 meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Elk Mound was called to order by Village President Terry Stamm 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, Pat Hahn, Pat Lien, Joyce Price, and Terry Stamm present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Abraham/Bachman moved and seconded a motion to approve the Village Board minutes of July 17, 2023 and August 7, 2023. Motion carried.

CITIZEN'S FORUM – (PUBLIC INPUT)

There was no one registered for Citizen's Forum.

PUBLIC APPEARANCE: There was no public appearance.

APPROVAL OF GENERAL FUND AND WATER/SEWER UTILITY VOUCHERS

Price/Hahn moved and seconded a motion to approve the combined checks 32428 - 32471 and direct deposits V3496 - V3518 for a total of \$149,796.35. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TID VOUCHERS: There were no TID checks.

PERMITS – BUILDING; WATER/SEWER APPLICATIONS FOR SERVICE/TAP PERMITS: Building permits were issued to Nathan Longhurst for a roof extension over his deck at 330 Division Street, and to BRR, LLC for HVAC at 216 Independence Drive and 218 Independence Drive.

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: Bob Bachman reported that the Public Works & Streets Committee did not meet.

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: Pat Lien reported that the Employee Relations Committee did meet, and the topic will be covered later on the agenda.

Special Committee Reports:

Plan Commission: Terry Stamm reported that the Plan Commission did not meet.

Report from Fire Board Representative

Terry Stamm reported that the department responded to eight calls in the last month. Colfax Rescue is looking for two more members to add to its staff before considering the placement of an ambulance at the Elk Mound Fire Station.

The Fire Board and Chief Feuster are looking into banking options for the department. New gloves and boots were ordered for personnel. The Department also applied for a DNR grant for an AED machine and foam.

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BOARD MINUTES AUGUST 21ST, CONTINUED

The Board also approved spending approximately \$6,770 to have TW Services construct a driveway on County Highway E for Fire Department personnel to get water from a well as needed.

Report from Elk Mound/Colfax Solid Waste & Recycling

Terry Stamm reported that all member representatives of the Colfax RU will be meeting at the Colfax Fire Station at 7:00 p.m. on August 22 for their semi-annual meeting. Lynn Niggemann and Terry Stamm held a training meeting for all of the site attendants on August 15.

Sylvester Grinding Company completed the grinding of the Elk Mound site brush pile on August 14. Jenson Farm personnel hauled the yard waste pile to their farms for proper disposal to meet DNR requirements.

Colfax Rescue Squad Monthly Report

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

Community Center/Library Report

Terry Stamm reported that the Community Center/Library Board did meet on July 24, but the report was not available at this meeting. It will be covered next month.

Communications & Miscellaneous Business as

Permitted by Law

Director of Public Works Mark Levra reported that he was contacted by Jim Rooney about a possible Phase Two of the Settlers Ridge development. Mr. Rooney would like to work with his attorney to investigate the possibility of a private well to meet the water needs for additional phases of the development.

Trustee Pat Hahn mentioned that it would be beneficial to have an index of ordinances on the village website. Trustee Tim Benjamin attended the monthly Dunn County Economic Development Corporation board meeting. They are hosting a community engagement event in Colfax next month and may hold a similar event in Elk Mound in the future.

He also reported that he and several other residents of North Holly Avenue have been unhappy with the riding of dirt bikes in a vacant lot in their neighborhood.

Trustee Pat Lien reported an issue with people dumping trash and other large items behind the storage units on West Menomonie Street. President Terry Stamm mentioned that the Colfax Rescue Squad's annual meeting will be held on August 30 at 7:00 p.m.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion/Action Establish Process for Employee Performance Evaluations – Approval of Personnel Performance Evaluation form

Hahn/Benjamin moved and seconded a motion to approve the Personnel Performance Evaluation form as presented. Motion carried.

New Business:

Discussion/Action Placement of Caution Strips on County Road H

Director of Public Works Mark Levra reported that he contacted the Dunn County Highway Commissioner. The commissioner stated that they would not do this as caution strips are meant for upcoming stops, not lower speed zones. No action taken.

Adjourn

Lien/Hahn moved and seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m. Motion carried.

Karin Wolf

Village of Elk Mound Clerk-Treasurer

Day of Service

Dunn Energy and Dairyland Cooperative are combining forces to offer Elk Mound a day of service, they will be performing various projects throughout the Village on October 4th.

Thank you for your service!

BOARD MINUTES SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

The September 5, 2023 Village Board Meeting was called to order by Terry Stamm, 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, Patty Hahn, Pat Lien, Joyce Price, and Terry Stamm present.

Citizen's Forum

Shantel Rasmussen, W316 Menomonie Street, asked the Board to consider a credit for the sewer portion of her most recent utility bill due to a broken hose with a substantial water leak.

Public Appearance

There was no Public Appearance.

Communications & Miscellaneous Business as Permitted by Law

Clerk/Treasurer Karin Wolf reported that the library is trying new hours on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Monday and Friday hours will remain the same. The new village website is progressing along and will hopefully be live by the end of the month. Hailee Bushman from West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission contacted the village to see if the Board would be interested in updating its Safe Routes to School plan. This item will be placed on the next agenda.

Director of Public Works Mark Levra mentioned that the Elk Mound Travel Stop was closing on September 5 at 10:00 p.m. Public works filled up all vehicles prior to the closure and the Clerk/Treasurer is looking into a new charge card that will work at all gas stations. He also met with two Lions Club members regarding a couple of projects. The Lions Club has completed its design of the new "Welcome to Elk Mound" signs that will be displayed on County Road H on the north and south entrances to the Village. The Lions Club is also paying for new Christmas decorations to be hung on six electric poles in the village.

New Business:

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

Benjamin/Hahn moved and seconded a motion to approve the Operator License application for Alyssa Marie Smith. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Jim Rooney's Request to begin Phase Two of Settlers Ridge Development

Stamm/Benjamin moved and seconded a motion for Terry Stamm and Mark Levra to contact Jim Rooney about options to begin Phase Two of the Settlers Ridge Development. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Adjourn to Closed Session per 19.85(1)(c), considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the Village has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility

Abraham/Bachman moved and seconded a motion to adjourn to closed session per 19.85(1)(c), considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the Village has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Roll call vote: Abraham: yes, Bachman: yes, Benjamin: yes, Hahn: yes, Lien: yes, Price: yes, Stamm: yes. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Reconvene to Open Session

Hahn/Lien moved and seconded a motion to reconvene to open session. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Village of Elk Mound Employee Wage and Benefit Negotiations for 2024

Abraham/Hahn moved and seconded a motion to approve two additional holidays, Presidents Day and Columbus Day, and a 4% increase in wages for all employees effective January 1, 2024.

Adjourn

Lien/Hahn moved and seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Karin Wolf, Village of Elk Mound Clerk/Treasurer



TRICK OR TREATING SAFETY TIPS

Some important Halloween safety tips from Ready Wisconsin are as follows:

1. **Never go alone**—Children under the age of 12 should always have an adult with them. Children over the age of 12 should walk in groups or with a trusted adult.
2. Trick or treaters should only **go to well-lit homes** and never accept rides from strangers.
3. After dark, everyone in your group should **carry a flashlight or light stick**. Add reflective tape to costumes to help drivers see while walking along dark streets.
4. **Watch the roads**—Drivers should be on the look-out for trick-or-treaters walking on roadways and crossing the streets. Know when people will be out in your community and drive with caution when going through neighborhoods.
5. **Check treats before eating**—An adult should inspect all candy and other treats for tapering, choking hazards and potential allergens.

Trick or treating in the Village of Elk Mound is from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Tuesday, October 31st.

For safety information all year visit:
Readywisconsin.wi.gov

Elk Mound Community Library Hours

Mondays: 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Wednesdays: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Fridays: 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.



REGISTERING TO VOTE

If you are new to the Village, or live here and recently turned 18, please consider registering to vote at www.myvote.wi.gov.

You can check your registration status to see if you are already registered. Preregistering will save you time at the polls on election day!

If you voted at the Village Hall in the past and have not moved, you do not need to reregister. You may still receive mailings from various sources encouraging you to register to vote. Just double check your registration status at www.myvote.wi.gov.



DRUG TAKE BACK DAY—OCTOBER 28, 2023

The Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) is coordinating a prescription drug take back initiative throughout Wisconsin. According to the Drug Enforcement Agency, the drug overdose epidemic in the United States is a clear and present public health, public safety, and national security threat.

It's a community responsibility to turn in unneeded medications. Removing them from homes will prevent them from being accidentally ingested, stolen, misused or abused. The Elk Mound Police Department is happy to provide a local drop site for these unneeded medications.

Proper disposal keeps our communities healthier! Outdated medications should never be flushed or poured down the drain. According to the DOJ, wastewater treatment is not designed to remove all of these medications from the water, and trace amounts of pharmaceuticals are showing up in rivers and lakes around the world.

Please take a few minutes to clean out your medicine cabinet and bring expired or unused medications to the Elk Mound Police Department, E206 Menomonie Street on October 28th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

What to bring

Prescription and over-the-counter medications may be disposed of at Drug Take Back Day collection sites, including:

- Capsules
- Creams
- Inhalers
- Non-aerosol sprays
- Ointments
- Patches
- Pills
- Vials

Liquids must be in their original container.

Pet medications are accepted.

Vape pens are accepted with the batteries removed. Other e-cigarette devices are accepted with the batteries removed. These batteries are highly flammable. That's why it is important that the batteries are removed before the pen or device is placed in a collection bin.

The following items are not accepted:

- Aerosol cans
- Anything containing blood or a bodily fluid
- Household hazardous waste (paint, pesticides, oil, gas)
- Illegal drugs
- Iodine containing medications
- Mercury thermometers
- Personal care products (shampoo, soaps, lotions, sunscreens, etc.)
- Sharps/syringes
- Vape pens/e-cigarette devices with a built-in battery that cannot be removed

More information can be found here:

[Dose of Reality: Drug Take Back Day | Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#)

[Prescription Drug Take-Back Day | Wisconsin Department of Justice \(state.wi.us\)](#)



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. 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.

VILLAGE PARK RENTAL INFORMATION

The park located at S405 Holly Avenue (Highway H) offers men's and women's restroom facilities, a lighted pavilion with 15 picnic tables, soccer fields, a 9-hole disc golf course, volleyball nets, horse-shoe pits, a basketball court and playground equipment. The park pavilion is a perfect place for food preparation; offering kitchen utilities including stove, refrigerators and chest coolers, 4 grills and a large serving counter.

Check pavilion availability at www.elkmound.org and click on calendar. Booked dates will show up with Pavilion Reserved.

The Village park is available for rent for \$100.00 per day for Elk Mound Village Residents, and \$150.00 per day for Non-Residents. These fees go toward the cost of continuous park maintenance, along with cleanup and garbage removal for your specific event. Any proceeds from park rentals will go toward park improvements.

Keep in mind there may be other activity on the ball fields as they are rented separately. We have very active baseball & softball youth groups in the area.

The baseball and softball schedules are also available on our website: www.elkmound.org. Click on calendar to see various events. If the pavilion is already reserved it will be noted on the calendar.

Park pavilion and ball field reservations can be made by contacting the clerk's office at 715-879-5011.

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29	30 Library Open 2pm-6pm	31 TRICK OR TREATING 5-7PM		Village Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 8:00a.m.—4:30 p.m. Closed noon to 1:00 p.m. each day		

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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.

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