

THE VILLAGE NEWS

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Elk Mound Community Tree Lighting Event

Organized by the Elk Mound Area Lions Sunday, December 3rd at 6:30 p.m. in the Elk Mound Library/Community Center Parking Lot.

Enjoy holiday music performed by the Elk Mound School Music Departments and beverages provided by Trinity United Methodist Church.

All event proceeds go back into the community to fund local Lions initiatives.

Warning Siren

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

December 4, 2023

January 1, 2024

February 5, 2024

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Terry Stamm

Board meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 6:00pm at the Elk Mound Village Hall. If you have a specific item to bring to the Board please sign up under citizen's forum.

White and black garbage bags will be accepted at the solid waste site until **January 1, 2024**. After January 1st clear bags will be required at the Colfax and Elk Mound sites for garbage.

Your recycling can be disposed of into the receptacle in open storage bins. If your recycling is in bags, the bags can be re-used or go back into the garbage bin.

Thanks for your understanding and cooperation with site attendants, who are always happy to help.

SALT/SAND MIXTURE FOR SIDEWALKS

There is a salt/sand pile located behind the public works building, available for our Village residents for their sidewalks. Bring your own bucket and shovel and be sure to replace the tarp covering when done.

STREET PARKING REMINDER

Reminder that as of November 1st, alternate side of the street parking regulations are in effect. See page 7 for regulations.

VILLAGE OF ELK MOUND



Terry Stamm – Village President
Karin Wolf - Clerk/Treasurer

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**NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION
VILLAGE OF ELK MOUND
APRIL 2, 2024**

Election Details

An election to be held in the Village Elk Mound, on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed.

Office	Incumbent
Village Trustee	Cynthia Abraham
Village Trustee	Tim Benjamin
Village Trustee	Pat Lien

Office Terms

The term for village president and village trustee begins on April 16, 2024. The term for all other offices begins on May 6, 2024. All terms are for two years unless otherwise indicated.

For Candidates

The first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2023 and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 in the office of the village clerk.

Primary Election

If a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

Additional Information

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

Done in the Village Elk Mound
on November 28, 2023.

Karin Wolf
Clerk/Treasurer

BOARD MINUTES OCTOBER 16, 2023

The October 16, 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/Hahn moved and seconded a motion to approve the Village Board minutes of September 18, 2023 and October 2, 2023. Motion carried.

CITIZEN’S FORUM – (PUBLIC INPUT): There was no one registered for Citizens Forum.

PUBLIC APPEARANCE: There was no public appearance.

APPROVAL OF GENERAL FUND AND WATER/SEWER UTILITY VOUCHERS

Hahn/Abraham moved and seconded a motion to approve the combined checks 32518 - 32547 and direct deposits V3544 - V3564 for a total of \$95,097.36. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TID VOUCHERS: There were no TID checks.

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

The following building permits were issued: Adam Blaskowski, 121 Juniper Avenue, for an electric service upgrade; Roy Clickner, S106 Garland Ave, for reroofing of residence; Brady Pagenkopf, 105 Kings Court, for a fence; Jason Boehm, 300 Moundsview Court, for a natural gas furnace; Madison Kowalczyk, 208 Wapiti Lane, for reroofing of residence; Eric Knutson, W116 Menomonie Street, for residing and windows; Tristan Johnson, 308 Mound Park Drive, for residing; Greg Kipp, S202 Holly Avenue, for reroofing of garage;

PERMITS – BUILDING; WATER/SEWER APPLICATIONS FOR SERVICE/TAP PERMITS REPORTS BY OFFICIALS

(continued):

St Joseph’s Church, W417 Menomonie Street, for a 4’x8’ sign; and Elk Mound Mercantile, E150 Menomonie Street, for a 4’x6’ sign.

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 meet to review its portion of the 2024 budget.

Public Safety: Tim Benjamin reported that the Public Safety Committee did meet to review its portion of the 2024 budget.

Property & Finance: Cynthia Abraham reported that the Property & Finance Committee did meet to review its portion of the 2024 budget.

Employee Relations: Pat Lien reported that the Employee Relations Committee did not meet.

Special Committee Reports: Plan Commission

Terry Stamm reported that the Plan Commission did not meet.

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BOARD MINUTES OCTOBER 16TH CONTINUED

Report from Fire Board Representative

The Fire Board discussed and approved the 2024 Fire Department Budget with a 2% increase resulting in \$84,359.47 to be assessed to the three municipalities.

The Board also approved for the Fire Chief Colin Feuster and Assistant Chief Larry Zais to bid \$51,800 for the used Wet Rescue Vehicle in Stuart, Iowa.

Report from Elk Mound/Colfax Solid Waste & Recycling

The unit is in the process of notifying the residents of the nine municipalities that clear bags for disposal of garbage/trash will be mandatory starting January 1. The unit is giving residents one free 1.5 mil 33 gallon clear bag. These bags will also be for sale at the Colfax and Elk Mound disposal sites and Village Halls. The cost is \$1.00 for 3 bags.

Winter preparation is now being performed at each site. New permits, fee schedules and educational materials will be made available to the residents of the RU in the near future.

Colfax Rescue Squad Monthly Report

The Colfax Rescue Squad Monthly Report was not available at the time of the meeting.

Community Center/Library Report

Terry Stamm reported that the Community Center/Library Board met on September 25. Julie Conlin reported that she plans to reapply in 2024 for a grant for the screen replacement.

Library staff have asked the Board to consider the installation of a drinking fountain at the Community Center. This item will be placed on the next Community Center/Library Board agenda.

Communications & Miscellaneous Business as

Permitted by Law: Clerk-Treasurer Karin Wolf mentioned plans to go live with the new village website early next week.

Director of Public Works Mark Levra reported that hydrant flushing took place last week and that the water is still potable during this process. The wastewater treatment plant is also experiencing high amounts of ammonia. The Public Works Department is working with the Wisconsin Rural Water Association to identify the source of the ammonia.

President Terry Stamm reported that the Village Assessor Bowmar Appraisals will begin the revaluation process soon. Also, the topic of going from two meetings to one meeting per month will be on the next Board agenda.

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

Discussion/Action Installation of Wayne Dalton Counter Shutters at Village Park Serving Area

Benjamin/Price moved and seconded a motion to approve the purchase and installation of Wayne Dalton Counter Shutters at the Village Park serving area at a cost of \$8,490 using funds from the Park Savings account. Motion carried.

Adjourn

Lien/Hahn moved and seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m. Motion carried.

Karin Wolf
Village of Elk Mound Clerk-Treasurer

Absentee Ballot Requests

If you wish to continue to receive a ballot by mail, please fill out a new request for 2024. Requests need to be renewed annually.

Thank you!

BOARD MINUTES NOVEMBER 6, 2023

The November 6, 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, Pat Hahn, Pat Lien, Joyce Price, and Terry Stamm present.

Citizen's Forum

Jon Chisholm from the Elk Mound Youth Baseball program thanked the Village Board for the use of the facilities for the 2023 baseball season. He also announced his intent to hold a 2-3 day youth baseball tournament at the Village Park in June of 2024. He asked the Board to consider waiving the park rental fees as the funds raised during the baseball tournament will be given back to the village for the possible addition of another ball field and maintenance/updates to current fields and batting cages. This will be placed on a future Board agenda.

Public Appearance: There was no Public Appearance.

Communications & Miscellaneous Business as Permitted by Law

Director of Public Works Mark Levra reported that there are mechanical issues with the skid steer, and it is currently at the Diesel Repair Shop.

Police Chief Chad Weinberger reported that the village did not receive the COPS grant to help fund a school resource officer.

President Terry Stamm reported that the solid waste sites will now have the same hours year-round. Because of some miscommunication, the sites will open at noon on Wednesdays for at least two weeks.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion/Action Update on Cell Phone Tower Lease Agreement

Clerk/Treasurer Karin Wolf reported that we met with Village Attorney Jason Brasch. He had reviewed the lease agreement and is going to draft a letter to their attorney to negotiate some terms. No action taken.

New Business:

Discussion/Action Resolution 23-9, Increase in the Elk Mound Fire District Budget

Abraham/Benjamin moved and seconded a motion to approve Resolution 23-9, Increase in the Elk Mound Fire District Budget as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Frequency of Village Board Meetings

Benjamin/Abraham moved and seconded a motion to change to one board meeting per month beginning January 1, 2024 and to have the ordinance changed to reflect this. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Location of Village Limit Signs

This item was tabled to a future meeting with Chief Chad Weinberger and Director of Public Works Mark Levra to research the cost of moving the village limit sign at the east entrance of Highway 12 and to add new signs at the Division Street and University Street entrances.

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BOARD MINUTES NOVEMBER 6TH, CONTINUED

Discussion/Action Review of Parliamentary Procedure: President Terry Stamm presented his discussion with Village Attorney Jason Brasch regarding negative motions at meetings. No action taken.

Discussion/Action Sewer Utility Rate Increase

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

Discussion/Action Annual Dunn County Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Collection Agreement

Benjamin/Hahn moved and seconded a motion to approve the Dunn County Real Estate and Property Tax Collection Agreement as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action 2024 Dunn County Humane Society Contract

Hahn/Benjamin moved and seconded a motion to approve the 2024 Dunn County Humane Society Contract as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action 2024 General Fund Budget Review:

The Village Board decided to further review the 2024 General Fund budget and discuss it more at the next meeting after Clerk/Treasurer Karin Wolf gets more input from the Village's financial advisor regarding the tax levy. No action taken.

Adjourn

Lien/Price moved and seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m. Motion carried.

Karin Wolf,
Village of Elk Mound Clerk/Treasurer

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.



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.

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.

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.

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.

SOLID WASTE SITE NEWS

Clear garbage bags for your solid waste are now available for sale at the Elk Mound Village hall. Clear bag cost is 3 for \$1.00.

White and black garbage bags will be accepted at the solid waste site until January 1, 2024. After January 1st clear bags will be required at the Colfax and Elk Mound sites.

Your recycling can be disposed of into the receptacle in open storage bins. If your recycling is in bags, the bags can be re-used or go back into the garbage bin.

If you have any questions, please see your attendant or call 715-962-3311.

ELK MOUND WATER & SEWER UTILITIES

WATER RATES:

Monthly Service Charge:

			Current	New
5/8	Inch meter	-	\$9.99	\$10.79
3/4	Inch meter	-	\$9.99	\$10.79
1	Inch meter	-	\$15.13	\$16.34
1 ½	Inch meter	-	\$26.26	\$28.36
2	Inch meter	-	\$47.97	\$51.81
3	Inch meter	-	\$77.64	\$83.85

Plus Volume Charge – All Meter Sizes:

				Current	New		
First	10,000	gallons	-	\$4.86	\$5.25	per	1,000 gallons
Next	56,000	gallons	-	\$3.85	\$4.16	per	1,000 gallons
Over	66,000	gallons	-	\$2.52	\$2.72	per	1,000 gallons

Water rates effective November 15, 2023

SEWER RATES:

Monthly Service Charge:

			Current	New
5/8	Inch meter	-	\$26.09	\$28.70
3/4	Inch meter	-	\$26.09	\$28.70
1	Inch meter	-	\$34.12	\$37.53
1 ½	Inch meter	-	\$49.65	\$54.62
2	Inch meter	-	\$58.95	\$64.85
3	Inch meter	-	\$86.89	\$95.58

Plus Volume Charge – All Meter Sizes: Current flat rate of \$7.52 per thousand gallons of water use, increases to **\$8.27** per thousand gallons of water use.

Sewer rates effective November 15, 2023

Thank you to the Elk Mound Area Lions Club for Donating the New Christmas Decorations!



Left to Right:
Todd Steinhorst - Public Works, Bruce Knutson - Lions Club,
Mark Levra - Public Works, Kevin Garnett - Public Works



Installation on Menomonie Street

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.



December 2023

S U	M O N	T U E	W E D	T H	F R I	S A T
						1 Food Pantry 10-noon Village Office Closed Library Open 2-6pm
					2 Solid Waste Hours 8am to 3pm	
3	4 Board Meeting 6pm Library Open 2pm-6pm	5 Pop Up Pantry 11:30-12:30 Food Pantry 4-6pm	6 Solid Waste Site Hours 1pm-5pm Library Open 9am-1pm	7	8 Food Pantry 10-noon Village Office Closed Library Open 2-6pm	9 Solid Waste Site Hours 8am to 3pm
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January 2024

S U	M O N	T U E	W E D	T H	F R I	S A T
	1 New Years Day Village Offices & Library Closed	2 Pop Up Pantry 11:30-12:30 Food Pantry 4-6pm	3 Library Open 9am-1pm Solid Waste Site Hours 1pm-5pm	4	5 Food Pantry 10-noon Village Office Closed Library Open 2-6pm	6 Solid Waste Hours 8am to 3pm
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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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