

THE VILLAGE NEWS

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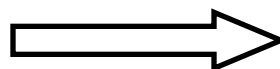
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2024 PROPERTY REVALUATION ASSESSMENT

The Village of Elk Mound has contracted Bowmar Appraisal to complete the 2024 village-wide revaluation of all properties. The field assessment staff will be seen throughout the community taking pictures, measuring buildings, and attempting to talk with property owners.

While inspecting properties, assessment staff will follow the provisions of WI Stats. Sec. 943.13 and 943.15, which allow access to land and construction sites if all of the following conditions are met:

- The assessment staff enters the property to assess on behalf of the state or a political subdivision
- The assessment staff enters the property on a weekday during daylight hours, or at another time as agreed upon with the landowner.
- The assessment staff spends no more than one hour on the property.
- The assessment staff does not open doors, enter through open doors, or look in windows of structures on the property.
- The assessment staff leaves in a prominent place on the principal building on the property, or the land if there is not a principal building, a notice informing the owner or occupant that the assessor or the assessor's staff entered the land and giving information on how to contact the assessor.
- The assessment staff has not personally received notice from the owner or occupant, either orally or in writing, not to enter or remain on the premises.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Terry Stamm

Happy New Year!

Next Village Board Meeting is scheduled for January 15th at 6:00 p.m. If you have a specific item to bring to the Board please sign up under citizen's forum.

Since November 1st, alternate side of the street parking regulations are in effect through April 1st. More details on Page 7.

Clear bags are now required at the Colfax and Elk Mound sites for garbage. There will be a grace period for customers to use their existing stock of white and black bags.

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.

If you have questions or concerns regarding the assessment process please contact the Village of Elk Mound or Bowmar Appraisal at 715-835-4411 or office@bowmarec.com.

VILLAGE OF ELK MOUND



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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 NOVEMBER 20, 2023

The November 20, 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: Hahn/Benjamin moved and seconded a motion to approve the Village Board minutes of October 16, 2023 and November 6, 2023. Motion carried.

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

PUBLIC APPEARANCE: There was no public appearance.

Discussion/Action Move Agenda Items 15(a) and 15(b) to this point in the meeting: Stamm/Abraham moved and seconded a motion to move agenda items 15(a) and 15(b) up to earlier in the meeting. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Application Class “A” Retailer’s Fermented Malt Beverage License and “Class A” Intoxicating Liquor License and “Class A” – Intoxicating Liquor License - Cider Only for Consumption off Premise for Synergy Community Cooperative

Abraham/Benjamin moved and seconded a motion to approve the application for a Class “A” Retailer’s Fermented Malt Beverage License and “Class A” Intoxicating Liquor License and “Class A” – Intoxicating Liquor License - Cider Only for Consumption off Premise for Synergy Community Cooperative. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Cigarette & Tobacco Products Retail License Application for Synergy Community Cooperative

Abraham/Benjamin moved and seconded a motion to approve the application for a Cigarette & Tobacco Products Retail License for Synergy Community Cooperative. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF GENERAL FUND AND WATER/SEWER UTILITY VOUCHERS: Hahn/Abraham moved and seconded a motion to approve the combined checks 32548 - 32609 and direct deposits V3565 - V3593 for a total of \$117,660.13. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TID VOUCHERS: There were no TID checks.

PERMITS – BUILDING; WATER/SEWER APPLICATIONS FOR SERVICE/TAP PERMITS: There were no building permits or applications for service/tap permits reported this month.

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. He also reported that the lift station on North Holly has been down for a week. The parts to repair the station have been ordered and are in transit.

Director of Public Works Report: The Director of Public Works Report was presented by Mark Levra, Director of Public Works. The report is on file in the Director of Public Works office. He also reported that the skid steer is in need of major repairs at a cost not to exceed \$8,800.

Police Chief Report: The Police Chief Report was reviewed by the Village Board. 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 meet, and the item will be discussed later in the meeting.

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BOARD MINUTES NOVEMBER 20TH CONTINUED

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

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

Report from Fire Board Representative

The Fire Department responded to seven runs this month. The Department is working on banking options for the Fire District. The current roster includes 22 members after two members were removed due to inactivity.

The Department applied for and was awarded a DNR grant for an AED and foam. The newly purchased wet rescue vehicle will be put into service after new tires are installed.

The Board discussed painting the three service doors at the Fire Department building. The battery in Squad 2 was replaced, and the squad will be listed for sale in the near future. The irrigation pump approach on Tom Kopp’s property was widened because it was too narrow for the Department’s vehicles. Department personnel will be performing the second half of this year’s fire inspections.

Report from Elk Mound/Colfax Solid Waste & Recycling

The unit is in the process of notifying the residents of the nine municipalities that they do not intend to have a change in the hours of operation in the future. Year-round operation hours are Wednesdays from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Residents are encouraged to use the yard waste disposal site for leaves and unused garden items. Brush should be separated from these items and placed in its own designated area at the two sites.

Colfax Rescue Squad Monthly Report

The Colfax Rescue Squad Monthly Reports from Don Knutson for September and October were reviewed. These are available in the Village Clerk-Treasurer’s Office.

Community Center/Library Report

Terry Stamm reported that the Community Center/Library Board did not meet, but a meeting is scheduled for November 27 at 4:30 p.m.

Communications & Miscellaneous Business as

Permitted by Law: Clerk-Treasurer Karin Wolf reported that three trustees will be up for reelection in April of 2024. Nomination papers can be obtained from the clerk’s office anytime and signatures can be obtained beginning December 1. All candidacy paperwork must be turned in by January 2 at 5:00 p.m.

President Terry Stamm reported that he, along with Director of Public Works Mark Levra and Clerk/Treasurer Karin Wolf, met with Village Attorney Jason Brasch to discuss ongoing negotiations regarding the cell phone tower lease.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion/Action Location of Village Limit Signs

Director of Public Works Mark Levra stated that the two Village entrances on Highway 12 and the two Village entrances on County Highway H are all updated to the current population. He also mentioned that there are four old population signs in storage that could be used for the other three Village entrances.

Benjamin/Hahn moved and seconded a motion to have the Public Works staff purchase posts, use the signs in storage, and erect population signs in the spring for the Village entrances at University Street, Division Street and Elk Mound Drive. Motion carried.

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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 20TH CONTINUED

Discussion/Action 2024 General Fund Budget Review

The Public Hearing for the 2024 General Fund Budget will be held on December 4. No action taken.

New Business:

Discussion/Action Proposal by the Property and Finance Committee members to make individual donations toward the Village Park rental fees for the Elk Mound Youth Baseball tournament in lieu of the Village Board waiving fees

Abraham/Benjamin moved and seconded a motion to table this item to a meeting in early 2024. Motion carried.

Adjourn

Lien/Price moved and seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Motion carried.

Karin Wolf
Village of Elk Mound Clerk-Treasurer

BOARD MINUTES DECEMBER 4, 2023

Public Appearance: There was no Public Appearance.

Open the 2024 General Fund Budget Hearing

Bachman/Price moved and seconded a motion to open the 2024 General Fund Budget Hearing. Motion carried. There was no one from the public present for the 2024 General Fund Budget Hearing.

Close the 2024 General Fund Budget Hearing

Hahn/Bachman moved and seconded a motion to close the 2024 General Fund Budget Hearing. Motion carried.

Communications & Miscellaneous Business as

Permitted by Law: Clerk/Treasurer Karin Wolf stated that she sent out nomination paperwork to the three trustees whose terms will end in April.

Director of Public Works Mark Levra reported that the furnace at the Public Works building is currently not working, and that the clear well tank was inspected today.

Trustee Cynthia Abraham mentioned that she has been in contact with the Wilson Creek Inn regarding a possible Christmas party in January.

Trustee Tim Benjamin inquired about the consultation with the attorney regarding the Board’s vote to change to one board meeting per month.

President Terry Stamm reported that the annual Love Lights tree lighting ceremony took place on December 3. The fundraiser was very successful again this year. He also provided copies showing the current state requirements of recyclable items.

Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business.

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BOARD MINUTES DECEMBER 4, 2023

The December 4, 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 expressed concerns with the process to reserve the Village Park and fields for the organization’s June 2024 tournament. Luke Schultz from the Elk Mound Youth Baseball program also mentioned that it takes the village and the youth program to work together as a community to have a successful season and tournament.

BOARD MINUTES DECEMBER 4, 2023

New Business:

Discussion/Action Approval of Election Inspectors for 2024-2025 Term:

Benjamin/Abraham moved and seconded a motion to approve the following election inspectors for the 2024-2025 term: Joyce Price, Julie Conlin, Karla Benjamin, Timothy Benjamin, Margaret Dieter, Patricia Hahn, Normetta Hurlburt, and Janice Kohnke. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action 2024 General Fund Budget

Benjamin/Lien moved and seconded a motion to approve the 2024 General Fund Budget as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action 2024 Water/Sewer Budget

Abraham/Bachman moved and seconded a motion to approve the 2024 Water/Sewer Budget as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Approval of Police Bond Schedule

Benjamin/Abraham moved and seconded a motion to approve the following changes to the Police Bond Schedule: removal of the reference to loitering violations and updated handicapped parking fines from \$25 to \$150. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Operator License Application of Micaela Begley, Kat’s Pourhouse

Abraham/Lien moved and seconded a motion to approve the Operator’s License application of Micaela Begley. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Change December 18, 2023 Meeting Date

Benjamin/Price moved and seconded a motion to change the December 18, 2023 meeting date to December 20, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried.

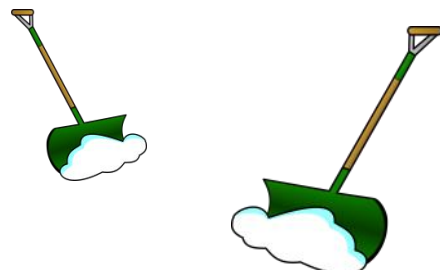
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ORDINANCE REMINDER

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.



BOARD MINUTES DECEMBER 4, 2023

Discussion/Action Change January 1, 2024 Meeting Date

Benjamin/Price moved and seconded a motion to cancel the January 1, 2024 meeting date and have one meeting that month, to be held on January 15, 2024. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Village Park Rental Policy

The Village Board members were given copies of the Village Park Rental Policy to review. This item will be placed on the January 15, 2024 Board meeting agenda. No action taken.

Adjourn

Lien/Hahn moved and seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m. Motion carried.

Karin Wolf, Village of Elk Mound Clerk/Treasurer

**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.

**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.

Warning Siren

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

- February 5, 2024
- March 4, 2024
- April 1, 2024

SOLID WASTE SITE NEWS

Clear garbage bags are now available for sale at the Elk Mound Village Hall. Clear bag cost large = 3 for \$1.00 and small = 4 for \$1.00.

There will be a grace period for customers to use their existing stock of white and black trash bags. If you have any questions, please see your attendant or call 715-962-3311.

January 2024

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February 2024

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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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