

The January 15, 2024 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 December 20, 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/Price moved and seconded a motion to approve the combined checks 32650 - 32688 and direct deposits V3614 - V3634 for a total of \$271,621.47. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TID VOUCHERS

There were no TID vouchers.

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

The following permits were issued: a sign permit for Synergy Cooperative, E306 Menomonie Street; and an occupancy permit for Jordan Koeppen, 500 University Street.

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 not meet.

Plan Commission

Terry Stamm reported that the Plan Commission did not meet.

Report from Fire Board Representative

There were six calls for service this month, with a total of 82 calls for 2023. This is an increase from 2022, when there were 63 calls.

Colfax EMS Director Don Knutson is retiring from his position effective December 31, 2023. Fire District banking options are still being reviewed. The Board is working with Chief Fuester on an ordinance that will be adopted by all three municipalities for billing and collection of fees from extinguishing and clean-up of fires.

The Department received the equipment purchased with the DNR grant.

The decommissioning of Squad #2 is complete. The new squad addition has been put into service. A thermal imaging camera has been installed on Squad #3.

Department personnel continue to work on inspections and re-inspections.

Report from Elk Mound/Colfax Solid Waste & Recycling

The unit has been working to inform residents that a new fee schedule for items that are not considered household garbage or recyclables has been updated. Vendors who will dispose of these items at the lowest cost possible are being located.

The unit is continuing to sell two sizes of clear bags at the Elk Mound Village Hall, Colfax Village Hall, and the two Solid Waste and Recycling sites.

The unit is working with the Elk Mound and Colfax Public Works departments to plow and sand the sites to create a safe environment for residents and employees.

Colfax Rescue Squad Monthly Report

The Colfax Rescue Squad Monthly Report from December 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 not meet, but a meeting is scheduled for January 22 at 4:30 p.m.

Communications & Miscellaneous Business as Permitted by Law

Clerk/Treasurer Karin Wolf reported that a Village resident has expressed interest in submitting a referendum question regarding the use of fluoride in the Village's water supply. The resident would like to have this question added to the April ballot. The deadline to obtain the necessary signatures and submit the required paperwork is January 23.

Director of Public Works Mark Levra reported that the same Village resident requested several water sample reports showing the percentage of fluoride in the water supply.

Trustee Cynthia Abraham asked the Village Board and employees to decide on a new date for the Village Holiday Party. It will now be held on February 3.

Trustee Bob Bachman announced that the Menomonie Public Library is celebrating 150 years of library service in Dunn County this year. The banner also reads that there has been 10 years of library service in Elk Mound and the Menomonie Library Board is wondering if the Village would like to do anything to celebrate this milestone.

Trustee Pat Lien mentioned that the building at W321 Menomonie Street appears to be in disrepair.

President Terry Stamm reported that the Village attorney, Jason Brasch, will be attending the February 5 meeting to discuss the cell phone tower lease agreement, as well as the potential change to the number of meetings held per month. President Stamm also mentioned that Bowmar Appraisal will also be conducting a full re-evaluation of all of the properties in the Village.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion/Action Village Park Rental Policy

This agenda item has been sent to the Property and Finance Committee for review. The meeting will be held on January 18 at 7:00 p.m.

New Business:

Discussion/Action Change to Ordinance Sec. 2-2-9, Frequency of Village Board Meetings

This agenda item has been tabled until the February 5 meeting.

Discussion/Action Approval of Part-time LTE Police Officers Ethan Kjellberg and David Vodenlich through 12/31/2024

Benjamin/Abraham moved and seconded a motion to approve the employment of Part-time LTE Police Officers Ethan Kjellberg and David Vodenlich through December 31, 2024. Motion carried.

Adjourn

Lien/Hahn moved and seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m. Motion carried.

Karin Wolf
Village of Elk Mound Clerk-Treasurer