

THE VILLAGE NEWS

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LOCATION & HOURS OF POLLING PLACE

At the Spring Election to be held on April 2, 2024 in the Village of Elk Mound, County of Dunn, the following polling place locations will be used for the wards indicated:

LOCATION: WARD:

Elk Mound Village Hall 1
E206 Menomonie Street
Elk Mound, WI 54739

**ALL POLLING PLACES WILL OPEN AT 7:00 A.M.
AND WILL CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.**

If you have any questions concerning your polling place, contact the municipal clerk:

Karin Wolf
E206 Menomonie Street/PO Box 188, Elk Mound
Phone 715-879-5011
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Monday through Thursday
**All places are accessible to elderly
and disabled voters.**

Notice of Meeting of the Local Board of Canvassers

At the close of voting on Election Day, pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stats. 19.84, the Election Inspectors will convene as the Local Canvassing Board for the purpose of conducting the local canvasses pursuant to Wis. Stats 7.51. This meeting will be open to the public pursuant to Wis. Stats. §§ 19.81-19.98.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Terry Stamm

Board meetings are now held once per month on the 3rd Monday of each month.

Next Village Board Meeting is scheduled for March 18th at 6:00 p.m. If you have a specific item to bring to the Board please sign up under citizen's forum.

Elk Mound now has an ambulance in our Fire Station. Colfax Rescue is currently recruiting Emergency Medical Technicians for Elk Mound, please contact Crystal Smith, Interim Director of Colfax Rescue at 715-303-3049 x 1 if you are interested in applying for a part-time EMT position, or Colin Feuster, Fire Chief, Elk Mound Fire Department at 715-879-5432.

The Village of Elk Mound will be using our new Badger Books at the upcoming election on April 2nd. If you would like to preview of the equipment prior to the election, please stop in the Village Hall. More Badger Book information can be found on page two.

VILLAGE WIDE PROPERTY RE-ASSESSMENT

Reminder that the Village Assessor will be performing Village-wide property assessments this spring, for more information www.elkmound.org.

Badger Books

In 2017, at the direction of the Commission, WEC staff developed an electronic poll book application for use in Wisconsin elections. Wisconsin statute requires authorization from the commission for the use of any electronic poll book in the state. To date, the Badger Book is the only electronic poll book authorized for use in Wisconsin and is the only e-poll book application with indirect WisVote integration. **Badger Books are not connected to the internet.**

The Badger Book is only an electronic version of the paper poll book and as such, performs only those functions. It is used to check in voters, process Election Day Registrations (EDRs) per Wis. Stat. 6.79(2)(c), and record absentee participation.

After Election Day, a data file generated from the Badger Book is used to upload election participation and Election Day Registration information into WisVote so voters may see their participation more quickly in MyVote. More information on Badger Books can be found at www.elections.wi.gov.

Register to Vote

Save time at the polling locations by registering to vote in advance of the election. Next election for the Village of Elk Mound is the Spring Election on April 2, 2024. Go to myvote.wi.gov, select the register to vote tab, and follow the instructions.

Register to Vote Deadlines for the Spring 2024 Election

March 13, 2024 - *Deadline to Register by Mail* - Your voter registration form, along with proof of residence must be postmarked to your municipal clerk no later than March 13, 2024.

March 13, 2024 - *Deadline to Register to vote online.* - Voters who are able to match their name, date of birth, Wisconsin Driver License or State ID number, and address with the Wisconsin DMV can register to vote online through March 13, 2024.

March 29, 2024 @ 5:00 p.m - *Deadline to Register in Your Municipal Clerk's Office*- Voters may register in-person in their municipal clerk's office during the clerk's business hours until 5:00 p.m. on March 29, 2024.

April 2, 2024 from 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m - *Register to Vote at Your Polling Place*- Voters can register to vote at their polling place on Election Day, April 2, 2024.

More information available at www.elections.wi.gov or www.myvote.wi.gov

BOARD MINUTES JANUARY 15, 2024

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.

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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.

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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 and return to the Village Clerk’s office. Requests need to be renewed annually.

Thank you!

BOARD MIINUTES CONTINUED

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



2024 DOG LICENSES DUE

Dog licenses are now due for 2024. Fees are \$18.00 for non-spayed or non-neutered and \$13.00 for spayed or neutered pets. All dogs over the age of 5 months residing in the Village of Elk Mound require a license. You can drop your payment and a copy of the rabies vaccination certificate in the utility payment box at the front of the Village Hall, E206 Menomonie Street, Elk Mound.

If you have questions, please call the clerk/treasurer's office 8:00am to 4:30pm, at 715-879-5011.

Streetlight Outage

If you notice a street light that is not functioning properly, you can report it through the Xcel Energy website:

https://www.xcelenergy.com/outages_and_emergencies/report_outage or you can call the Public Works Department at 715-556-4566 with the following information:

1. Location of Street Light (Nearest Address)
2. Nearest Cross Street
3. Issue (Blinking Light, Light Not Operating, etc.)

BOARD MEETINGS

Next Board Meeting is March 18th. Board Meetings are typically held the third Monday 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 government, then 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.

Donations for Friends of the Menomonie Public Library Book Sale

Please Read

- Gently used adult and children's fiction, including best sellers
- CDs, DVDs and Audio Books in playable condition
- Non-fiction books (self-help, travel, crafts, cookbooks, gardening, hobbies, business, health)

Please: Musty, dusty, moldy or torn books are not acceptable and may harm volunteers and staff who must handle them, and can infect the library's collection.

We are not interested in magazines, encyclopedias, condensed books, books from rummage sales or other book sales.

VILLAGE OF ELK MOUND

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VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may submit a request to vote an absentee ballot to their municipal clerk. A qualified elector is any U.S. citizen, who will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day, who has resided in the ward or municipality where they wish to vote for at least 28 consecutive days before the election. The elector must also be registered to vote to receive an absentee ballot. Proof of identification must be provided before an absentee ballot may be issued*.

Making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail:

Contact your municipal clerk and request that an application for an absentee ballot be sent to you for the primary or election or both. You may make written application to your municipal clerk for an absentee ballot by mail, by fax, by email or at MyVote.wi.gov. Or you may apply in person at the clerk's office during the In-Person Absentee Voting period listed below.

Your written request must include:

1. Your voting address within the municipality where you wish to vote.
2. the address where the absentee ballot should be sent, if different from the address above
3. your signature
4. a copy of your photo identification*

The deadline for making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail is:

5:00 p.m. on the fifth day before the election, Thursday, March 28th, 2024.**

*Voters who are indefinitely confined due to age, illness, infirmity, or disability may not be required to provide photo ID. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk regarding deadlines for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot.

** Special absentee voting application provisions apply to electors who are indefinitely confined, in the military, hospitalized, or serving as a sequestered juror. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk regarding deadlines for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot.

Voting an absentee ballot in person

You may also request and vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office or other specified location during the days and hours specified for casting an absentee ballot in person.

Karin Wolf, Clerk/Treasurer

Phone: 715-879-5011, Email: karin@elkmound.org

E206 Menomonie Street, Elk Mound

Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day. Closed from Noon to 1:00 p.m. for lunch.

The first day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is Tuesday, March 19th.

The last day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is Friday, March 29th.

No in-person absentee voting may occur on the day before the election. The municipal clerk will deliver voted ballots returned on or before Election Day to the proper polling place or counting location before the polls close on April 2, 2024. Any ballots received after the polls close will not be counted.

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 a 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.

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:

- March 4, 2024
- April 1, 2024
- May 6, 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.

March 2024

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April 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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