

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 April 15th at 6:00 p.m. If you have a specific item to bring to the Board please sign up under citizen's forum.

Be sure to cast your vote at the election on April 2nd. Sample ballot can be found on pages 2 & 3.

Alternate side street parking regulations are suspended as of April 1st through the summer / fall season. They will go back into effect on November 1, 2024.

The Elk Mound Library and Community Center is celebrating it's 10 year anniversary! Please visit the Library to commemorate the week of April 8th. Refreshments will be provided courtesy of the Menomonie Public Library.

The solid waste and recycling hours will remain the same throughout the year. Wednesdays from 1 pm to 5 pm and Saturdays from 8 am to 3 pm.

Drug take back is April 27th from 8:00am to 12:00 noon. Bring your unwanted or expired prescription medications to the Elk Mound Police Dept. for proper disposal.

More information on page 7.

VILLAGE WIDE PROPERTY RE-ASSESSMENT

Due to the re-assessment, the Open Book and Board of Review hearing typically held in May will now be scheduled for later in the year.

Ballot ID: 2086

Village of Elk Mound, Ward 1

**Official Ballot
 Presidential Preference Vote
 Nonpartisan Office and Referendum
 April 2, 2024**

Notice to voters: if you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initialed by two (2) election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initialed by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials (see end of ballot for initials).

General Instructions	Presidential Preference Vote	County
If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help (absentee voters: contact your municipal clerk). To vote for a name on the ballot, fill in the oval next to the name like this: ● To vote for a name that is not on the ballot, write the name on the line marked "write-in" and fill in the oval next to the name like this: ●	Choose a party in which to vote Fill in the oval next to your party choice, like this: ● Choose only ONE <input type="radio"/> Democratic <input type="radio"/> Republican	County Supervisor District 25 Vote for 1 <input type="radio"/> Sue Suechting <input type="radio"/> Tom Gilbert <input type="radio"/> write-in:
	Democratic Party Primary <i>If you vote in this party's primary, you may not vote in any other party's primary.</i>	Municipal Village Trustee Vote for not more than 3 <input type="radio"/> Cynthia Abraham <input type="radio"/> Patrick Lien <input type="radio"/> Tim Benjamin <input type="radio"/> write-in: <input type="radio"/> write-in:
Presidential Preference Vote In the Presidential Preference Vote: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may vote for only ONE candidate. You may vote in only ONE party. If you choose a party, votes cast in that party will be counted. Votes cast in any other party will not be counted. If you do not choose a party, and you vote in more than one party, no votes will be counted. 	President of the United States Vote for 1 <input type="radio"/> Joe Biden <input type="radio"/> Dean Phillips <input type="radio"/> Uninstructed Delegation <input type="radio"/> write-in:	<input type="radio"/> write-in:
Special Instructions for Presidential Preference Vote Choose the party in which you will vote. Within the party you have chosen, you will have ONE of three choices: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Vote for a candidate whose name is printed on this ballot in the party you have chosen. Vote for an uninstructed delegation from Wisconsin to the national convention of the party you have chosen. Write in the name of another person to become the presidential candidate of the party you have chosen. Fill in ONE oval in ONE party.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> End Democratic Party Primary	<input type="radio"/> write-in:
	Republican Party Primary <i>If you vote in this party's primary, you may not vote in any other party's primary.</i>	School District School District of Elk Mound School Board Member Vote for not more than 3 <input type="radio"/> Gary Bodenburg <input type="radio"/> Jen Plemon <input type="radio"/> Daren Dummer <input type="radio"/> write-in: <input type="radio"/> write-in:
	President of the United States Vote for 1 <input type="radio"/> Chris Christie <input type="radio"/> Vivek Ramaswamy <input type="radio"/> Ron DeSantis <input type="radio"/> Nikki Haley <input type="radio"/> Donald Trump <input type="radio"/> Uninstructed Delegation <input type="radio"/> write-in:	<input type="radio"/> write-in:
	<input checked="" type="radio"/> End Republican Party Primary <input checked="" type="radio"/> End Presidential Preference Vote	

Presidential Preference Vote begins at top of next column.

Nonpartisan offices begin at top of next column.

Continue voting on back of ballot.

Referendum	
<p>To vote in favor of a question, fill in the oval next to "Yes," like this: <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to "No," like this: <input checked="" type="radio"/></p>	
State	
<p>QUESTION 1: "Use of private funds in election administration. Shall section 7 (1) of article III of the constitution be created to provide that private donations and grants may not be applied for, accepted, expended, or used in connection with the conduct of any primary, election, or referendum?"</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>	
<p>Question 2: "Election officials. Shall section 7 (2) of article III of the constitution be created to provide that only election officials designated by law may perform tasks in the conduct of primaries, elections, and referendums?"</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>	

<p style="text-align: center;">Official Ballot Presidential Preference Vote Nonpartisan Office and Referendum April 2, 2024</p> <p style="text-align: center;">for</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Village of Elk Mound, Ward 1 Dunn County</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ballot ID: 2086</p>	<p>Ballot issued by</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Initials of election inspectors</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">For Official Use Only</p> <p>Inspectors: Identify ballots required to be remade:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Overvoted</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Damaged</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other</p>	
	<p>Absentee ballot issued by</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Initials of Municipal Clerk or Deputy Clerk</p>	<p>If issued by SVDs, both must initial</p>	
	<p>Certification of Voter Assistance</p> <p>I certify that I marked or read aloud this ballot at the request and direction of a voter who is authorized under Wis. Stat. §6.82 to receive assistance.</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Signature of assistor</p>	<p>If this is the Original Ballot, write the serial number here:</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>If this is the Duplicate Ballot, write the serial number here:</p> <p>_____</p>
	<p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Initials of inspectors who remade ballot</p>		

Page 2 of 2-sided ballot. Ballot begins on other side. →

BOARD MINUTES FEBRUARY 20, 2024

The February 20, 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

Hahn/Benjamin moved and seconded a motion to approve the Village Board minutes of January 15, 2024 and February 5, 2024. 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

Price/Hahn moved and seconded a motion to approve the combined checks 32689 - 32741 and direct deposits V3635 - V3654 for a total of \$363,264.02. 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: Kat’s Pourhouse, W305 Menomonie Street, for a kitchen expansion contractor revision; Charter Spectrum for a Right of Way Permit at 500 University Street; and Balsam Ridge for a Demo Permit at E209 Menomonie Street, Lot #4.

PERMITS – BUILDING; WATER/SEWER APPLICATIONS FOR SERVICE/TAP PERMITS (continued)

Chicken licenses were issued to the following: Jake Bolks, 209 Mound Park Drive; Christine Klein, N204 Holly Avenue; and Carol Petersen, S221 Holly Avenue.

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 met, and the topic will be discussed later in the meeting.

Public Safety

Tim Benjamin reported that the Public Safety Committee did not meet.

Property & Finance

Cynthia Abraham reported that the Property & Finance Committee met, and the topic will be discussed later in the meeting.

Employee Relations

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

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BOARD MINUTES FEBRUARY 20, 2024

Plan Commission

Terry Stamm reported that the Plan Commission did not meet.

Report from Fire Board Representative

There were three calls for service this month, with a total of 83 calls for 2023. This is an increase from 2022, when there were 63 calls.

Two members resigned from the Department, one of them was the Fire Inspector. Larry Zais will be the Interim Fire Inspector. Fire inspections and fire inspection follow-up visits are ongoing.

The Department payroll was \$6,055.91 more in 2023 compared to 2022. There were more calls and better member response.

The ambulance from Colfax EMS is expected to be in Elk Mound soon. The Board and Chief Fuester have been working on an ordinance for billing for fires. Squad No. 2 is listed for sale.

Report from Elk Mound/Colfax Solid Waste & Recycling

The unit is asking residents to bring their used cooking oil to the sites in 1-gallon containers for disposal. Residents are also asked to see the attendants onsite for proper disposal of shredded paper.

Clear bags are for sale at the Elk Mound and Colfax Village Halls and at the two solid waste/recycling disposal sites. 33-gallon (3 for \$1.00) and 13-gallon (4 for \$1.00).

The unit is still working with residents to ensure that they have the proper 2024 permits, fee schedule, and DNR required educational materials.

Colfax Rescue Squad Monthly Report

The Colfax Rescue Squad Monthly Report from January 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 met on January 22. The committee voted to install a drinking fountain at the community center at a cost not to exceed \$3,000. They also voted to purchase a cabinet for defibrillator storage, to be placed in the lobby. The committee also discussed the procedures for accepting book donations.

Bob Bachman reported on the Menomonie Library's celebration of 150 years of library service in Dunn County, including 10 years in Elk Mound.

Communications & Miscellaneous Business as Permitted by Law

President Terry Stamm mentioned that it is time for the annual review of the Village's Emergency Operations Plan. This topic will be added to the March 18 agenda.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion/Action Village Park Rental Policy

This agenda item has been tabled to allow the Board more time to review the proposed changes.

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

Benjamin/Bachman moved and seconded a motion to approve Ordinance 24-1, An Ordinance to Amend Section 2-2-9(a) of the code of Ordinances of the Village of Elk Mound, relating to Regular Meetings of the Village Board. This amendment states that regular meetings of the Village Board will be held on the third Monday of each calendar month. Motion carried. (Continued on Page 6)

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

New Business:

Discussion/Action Police Evidence and Storage Updates

Benjamin/Lien moved and seconded a motion to approve the plan for Police Evidence and Storage Updates as presented, including Public Works constructing a secured area in the Police section of the Cold Storage Building for approximately \$4,800, Chief Weinberger purchasing two fire-resistant gun safes rated for 24 guns to secure potentially sensitive and large evidence for approximately \$1,200, and the purchase of a rolling step ladder with platform for approximately \$1,000. The total sum of the project is not to exceed \$7,000, utilizing \$6,000 from the unallocated Police Citation Forfeiture Savings Account, \$500 from the Public Works Cold Storage budget line and \$500 from the Police New Equipment budget line. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Fluoridation of the Village Water Supply

Abraham/Benjamin moved and seconded a motion to continue with the current fluoridation program for the Village’s water supply. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Operator License Application – Brandon Redwine, Kat’s Pourhouse

Lien/Benjamin moved and seconded a motion to approve the Operator License application for Brandon Redwine. Motion carried.

Adjourn

Lien/Hahn moved and seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m. Motion carried.

Karin Wolf
Village of Elk Mound Clerk-Treasurer

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 April 15th. 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.

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, broadcast radio, or "NOAA Weather Alert" 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.

"NOAA 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 April through October. Village of Elk Mound tests November through March. The Emergency Warning Siren is tested the first Monday of each month at 10:00 am and monitored by the Village of Elk Mound. 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.

Do you have a drawer or cabinet filled with prescription medication that is expired or you will never use? We can help you dispose of it properly!

**DRUG TAKE BACK EVENT
SATURDAY, APRIL 27th
FROM 8:00AM TO NOON
ELK MOUND POLICE DEPARTMENT
E206 MENOMONIE STREET, ELK MOUND
FOR MORE DETAILS CALL 715-879-4411.**

Be sure come in the side (police entrance) door.

The Environmental Protection Agency has the following information on their website:

"These take-back programs offer a safe and environmentally protective way to dispose of unwanted household medicines. In fact, pharmaceutical take-back programs offer a dual public health benefit by helping to:

- **Combat the opioid crisis** by reducing access to unwanted household medicines, which helps prevent drug abuse and accidental poisoning.
- **Protect the environment** by reducing the flushing of household medicines, which prevents their release into ground water and surface water."

Find more information: www.epa.gov and www.doj.state.wi.us/dles/prescription-drug-take-back-day

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Warning Siren

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

- April 1, 2024
- May 6, 2024
- June 3, 2024

April 2024

S U	M O N	T U E	W E D	T H	F R I	S A T
	1 Library Open 2pm-6pm	2 Spring Election 7am-8pm Pop Up Pantry 11:30-12:30 Food Pantry 4-6pm	3 Solid Waste Site Hours 1pm-5pm Library Open 9am-1pm	4	5 Food Pantry 10-noon Village Office Closed Library Open 2-6pm	6 Solid Waste Hours 8am to 3pm
7	8 Library Open 2pm-6pm	9 Food Pantry 4-6pm	10 Solid Waste Site Hours 1pm-5pm Library Open 9am-1pm	11	12 Food Pantry 10-noon Village Office Closed Library Open 2-6pm	13 Solid Waste Site Hours 8am to 3pm
14	15 Board Meeting 6pm Library Open 2pm-6pm	16 Food Pantry 4-6pm	17 Solid Waste Site Hours 1pm-5pm Library Open 9am-1pm Fire Board 7pm	18	19 Food Pantry 10-noon Village Office Closed Library Open 2-6pm	20 Solid Waste Site Hours 8am to 3pm
21	22 Library Open 2pm-6pm	23 Food Pantry 4-6pm	24 Solid Waste Site Hours 1pm-5pm Library Open 9am-1pm	25	26 Food Pantry 10-noon Village Office Closed Library Open 2-6pm	27 Solid Waste Site Hours 8am to 3pm
28	29 Library Open 2pm-6pm	30 Food Pantry 4-6pm	Village Office Hours 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Monday—Thursday			

May 2024

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			1 Solid Waste Site Hours 1pm-5pm Library Open 9am-1pm	2	3 Food Pantry 10-noon Village Office Closed Library Open 2-6pm	4 Solid Waste Hours 8am to 3pm
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26	27 MEMORIAL DAY Offices & Library Closed	28 Food Pantry 4-6pm	29 Solid Waste Site Hours 1pm-5pm Library Open 9am-1pm	30	31 Food Pantry 10-noon Village Office Closed Library Open 2-6pm	

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.

E-mail: info@elkound.org
Website: www.elkound.org

Phone: 715-879-5011
Fax: 715-879-5851

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