

THE VILLAGE NEWS

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Notice that the Assessment Roll is open for Examination and Open Book Village of Elk Mound, Dunn County, Wisconsin

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to s. 70.45, Wis. Stats., the assessment roll for the 2024 assessment year will be open for examination starting September 11, 2024.

All Open Book appointments will be held in person on September 11th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Please call Bowmar Appraisal, Inc. at (715) 835-1141 to speak with the Assessor. If you would like to set up an in-person appointment at the Village Hall, please contact Bowmar Appraisal 3 days prior to the Open Book. The 2024 assessment roll, instructional information, and objection forms will be made available. These documents will assist with scheduling a hearing before the Board of Review.

Keep in mind that objection forms must be filed with the clerk of the Board of Review at least 48 hours before the Board of Review is conducted unless the Board of Review chooses to waive this requirement.



Karin Wolf
Clerk/Treasurer

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Terry Stamm

Board meetings are once per month on the 3rd Monday of each month. Next Village Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 16th at 6:00 p.m. If you have a specific item to bring to the Board please sign up under citizen's forum.

Now that school is back in session, please be mindful of children in crosswalks, reduced speed in school zones and another reminder of the no-left turn at the crossing of Juniper and University from 7am to 4pm.

Drug take back is scheduled for Saturday, October 26th from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon at the Elk Mound Police Department. Use this service and properly dispose of any unused or expired medications.

One additional reminder to please take the time to collapse your cardboard boxes. This small step saves everyone time at the solid waste & recycling station.

Board of Review is scheduled for September 18, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Village Hall.

More information is available on pages 5 and 6.

BOARD MINUTES JULY 15, 2024

The July 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, Tim Benjamin, Pat Hahn, Joyce Price and Terry Stamm present. Bob Bachman and Pat Lien were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Abraham/Benjamin moved and seconded a motion to approve the Village Board minutes of June 17, 2024. Motion carried.

CITIZEN’S FORUM – (PUBLIC INPUT)

Jon Chisholm from the Elk Mound Youth Baseball program reported that the inaugural Battle of the Mound tournament was very successful. He also asked the Board to consider the future addition of a fourth ball field at the Village Park.

Ethan Fagen from the Western Wisconsin R/C Rock Crawlers asked the Board to consider the creation of a rock crawler course in the northwest corner of the Village Park near the basketball courts. The initial work and continuing maintenance would be done by the Western Wisconsin R/C Rock Crawlers organization. This will be sent to the Property and Finance Committee for consideration.

PUBLIC APPEARANCE

Sheanne Hediger of Baker Tilly US, LLP, presented the Village Board with the 2023 Financial Statement Highlights report.

APPROVAL OF GENERAL FUND AND WATER/SEWER UTILITY VOUCHERS

Hahn/Abraham moved and seconded a motion to approve the combined checks 32906-32937 and direct deposits V3743 – V3763 for a total of \$55,953.92. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TID VOUCHERS

There were no TID vouchers.

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

Permits were issued to Mark and Chris Klein, N204 Holly Avenue, for a shed demo and to Lezlie Longanecker, 103 Kings Court, for reroofing.

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

Tim Benjamin reported that the Public Works & Streets Committee did not meet.

Public Safety: Tim Benjamin reported that the Public Safety Committee met, and that the topic would be covered later in the meeting.

Property & Finance

Cynthia Abraham reported that the Property & Finance Committee did not meet.

Employee Relations

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

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BOARD MINUTES JULY 15, 2024 CONTINUED

Plan Commission

Terry Stamm reported that the Plan Commission did not meet.

Report from Fire Board Representative

The Department responded to seven calls for service this month. The Department has 21 current members. The Board is working with our attorney on an ordinance for billing for extinguishing and cleanup of fires.

The water fountain at the Fire Department building was replaced with an entirely new unit. Repairs continue on Engine No. 5.

Chief Fuester is still working with insurance companies on premiums for replacement values of Fire Department equipment. The Board discussed payroll rates for fire personnel with Chief Fuester.

Report from Elk Mound/Colfax Solid Waste & Recycling

The RU is preparing for the DNR summer inspection of the Elk Mound Solid Waste Site. On June 28th, Tony Christopherson, John Schaefer and Terry Stamm met at the Elk Mound Site to discuss future maintenance items that need to be completed in 2024.

The RU is working with Sylvester Grinding to grind the brush pile into mulch for use by the residents.

Colfax Rescue Squad Monthly Report

The Colfax Rescue Squad Monthly Report from June was reviewed. This is available in the Village Clerk-Treasurer's Office.

Community Center/Library Report

The committee discussed a possible lease agreement for a new photocopier for the library, with the costs split 50/50 with the Menomonie Public Library.

Communications & Miscellaneous Business as Permitted by Law

Clerk/Treasurer Karin Wolf reported that she and the assessor would be working together soon to set the date for the Board of Review.

Director of Public Works Mark Levra reported that he met with Xcel Energy to determine the plan for running electricity back to the new cell phone tower. The plan is to run the lines along the south driveway and around Field #3 to reach the tower area. He is also in contact with 24/7 Telecom about internet access to the tower.

Police Chief Chad Weinberger reminded everyone to get their photos to him to obtain their emergency ID badges. He also requested a meeting of the Employee Relations Committee soon to conduct employee evaluations.

President Terry Stamm stated that he received a request from a village resident to have a porta potty at Lower Mound Hill.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion/Action Village Park Rental Policy

This agenda item was sent to the Property and Finance Committee for review.

New Business:

Discussion/Action Cigarette, Tobacco and Electronic Vaping Device Retail License Application for Azara Hookah Zone LLC

Abraham/Price moved and seconded a motion to approve the Cigarette, Tobacco and Electronic Vaping Device Retail License Application for Azara Hookah Zone LLC. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Operator License Application: Dillon McLaughlin, Elk Mound Fire District

Hahn/Abraham moved and seconded a motion to approve the Operator License Application for Dillon McLaughlin. Motion carried.

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BOARD MINUTES JULY 15, 2024 CONTINUED

Discussion/Action Proposal to Pursue November Referendum to Approve \$100,000 Annual Budget Increase to Fund One Additional Full-Time Police Officer

No motion was made on this agenda item.

Discussion/Action Zoning Code Issues for Nuisance Properties at N308 and N310 Holly Avenue

Benjamin/Hahn moved and seconded a motion to move forward with the plan to resolve the zoning code issues for the nuisance properties at N308 and N310 Holly Avenue. Motion carried.

Adjourn

Hahn/Benjamin moved and seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Karin Wolf
Village of Elk Mound Clerk

BOARD MEETINGS

Next Board Meeting is Monday, September 16th. 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.



Register to Vote!

Next election is Tuesday, November 5th, 2024. Save time at the polls by registering to vote in advance of election day. Check your voter registration status here: [Voter Registration \(wi.gov\)](http://Voter Registration (wi.gov)). You can also sign up to receive an absentee ballot by mail: [Vote Absentee By Mail \(wi.gov\)](http://Vote Absentee By Mail (wi.gov)).



PUBLIC WORKS ANNOUNCEMENT

Fall Hydrant Flushing will take place October 7th through the 11th. Low pressure and discolored water may occur.

If you experience discolored water, let the water settle out for 1/2 hour if possible, then run a pencil thin stream of water from your faucet. If the discoloration does not clear within 15 minutes of running, please contact the Public Works Department at 715-556-4566.



August 26, 2024

NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that the board of review for the Village of Elk Mound, Dunn County, Wisconsin shall hold its first meeting on September 18, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, E206 Menomonie Street, Elk Mound, Wisconsin. Please be advised of the following requirements to appear before the board of review and procedural requirements if appearing before the board:

*No person shall be allowed to appear before the board of review, to testify to the board by telephone, or to contest the amount of any assessment of real or personal property if the person has refused a reasonable written request by certified mail of the assessor to enter onto property to conduct an exterior view of such property being assessed.

After the first meeting of the board of review and before the board's final adjournment, no person who is scheduled to appear before the Board of Review may contact, or provide information, to a member of the Board about the person's objection except at a session of the board. Open book shall occur no less than 7 days prior to the board of review.

The board of review may not hear an objection to the amount or valuation of property unless, at least 48 hours before the board's first scheduled meeting, the objector provides to the board's clerk written or oral notice of an intent to file an objection, except that upon a showing of good cause and the submission of a written objection, the board shall waive that requirement during the first 2 hours of the board's first scheduled meeting, and the board may waive that requirement up to the end of the 5th day of the session or up to the end of the final day of the session if the session is less than 5 days with proof of extraordinary circumstances of failure to meet the 48-hour notice requirement and failure to appear before the board of review during the first 2 hours of the first scheduled meeting.

Objections to the amount or valuation of property shall first be made in writing and filed with the clerk of the board of review within the first 2 hours of the board's first scheduled meeting, except that, upon evidence of extraordinary circumstances, the board may waive that requirement up to the end of the 5th day of the session or up to the end of the final day of the session if the session is less than 5 days. The board may require objections to the amount or valuation of property to be submitted on forms approved by the Department of Revenue, and the board shall require that any forms include stated valuations of the property in question. Persons who own land and improvements to that land may object to the aggregate valuation of that land and improvements to that land, but no person who owns land and improvements to that land may object only to the valuation of that land or only to the valuation of improvements to that land. No person may be allowed in any action or proceedings to question the amount or valuation of property unless the written objection has been filed and that person in good faith presented evidence to the board in support of the objections and made full disclosure before the board, under oath, of all that person's property liable to assessment in the district and the value of that property. The requirement that objections be in writing may be waived by express action of the board.

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Notice of Board of Review

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When appearing before the board of review, the objecting person shall specify in writing the person's estimate of the value of the land and of the improvements that are the subject of the person's objection and specify the information that the person used to arrive at that estimate.

No person may appear before the board of review, testify to the board by telephone, or object to a valuation if that valuation was made by the assessor or the objector using the income method of valuation, unless the person supplies the assessor with all the information about income and expenses, as specified in the assessor's manual under s.73.03(2a), Wis. Stats., that the assessor requests. The Village of Elk Mound has an ordinance for the confidentiality of information about income and expenses that is provided to the assessor under this paragraph that provides exceptions for persons using information in the discharge of duties imposed by law or the duties of their office or by order of a court.* The information that is provided under this paragraph, unless a court determined that it is inaccurate, is not subject to the right of inspection and copying under s.19.35(1), Wis. Stats.

The board shall hear upon oath, by telephone, all ill or disabled persons who present to the board a letter from a physician, surgeon, or osteopath that confirms their illness or disability. No other persons may testify by telephone unless the Board, in its discretion, has determined to grant a property owner's or their representative's request to testify under oath by telephone or written statement.

No person may appear before the board of review, testify to the board by telephone, to contest the amount of any assessment unless, at least 48 hours before the first meeting of the board, or at least 48 hours before the objection is heard if the objection is allowed under s.70.47(3)(a), Wis. Stats., that person provides to the clerk of the board of review notice as to whether the person will ask for the removal of a member of the board of review and, if so, which member, and provides a reasonable estimate of the length of time the hearing will take.

Notice is hereby given this 26th day of August, 2024.



Karin Wolf
Clerk/Treasurer

*The Department of Revenue recommends providing access to Board of Review.

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.

TRAFFIC REMINDER

Now that school is back in session, please remember the "No Left Turn" onto Juniper from westbound University Street between 7:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m. and "No Left Turn" from northbound Juniper onto University Street during the same time period.

Also, please check the Elk Mound School District website for current information on parking, drop-off and pick-up procedures: www.elkmound.k12.wi.us.



Warning Siren

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

- September 2, 2024
- October 7, 2024
- November 4, 2024

Elk Mound Pop Up Pantry is scheduled for the first Tuesday of each month at the Elk Mound Village Hall, E206 Menomonie Street, from 11:30am to 12:30pm.

Stepping Stones Daily Pantry Schedule Below:




Stepping Stones **FOOD PANTRY HOURS**
of Dunn County Located at 1602 Stout Rd, Menomonie -- Enter through 17th St

MONDAY <small>Inside Only</small> 1:00p to 4:00p	TUESDAY <small>Inside Only</small> 10:00a to 1:00p	WEDNESDAY <small>Curbside Only</small> 2:00p to 6:00p	FRIDAY <small>Curbside Only</small> 2:00p to 6:00p	SATURDAY <small>Inside Only</small> 9:00a to 12:00p
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Mon/Tue/Sat - **Inside Shopping Only**. No curbside available.
 Wed/Fri - **Curbside Shopping Only**. No inside shopping available.
 Check-in once a week to receive meat, dairy, dry goods, bakery, fresh fruits & vegetables (as available)



September 2024

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29	30	 Village Office Hours 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Mon-														



October 2024

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27	28	29	30	31	 Trick or Treating 5pm-7pm											

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@elkmound.org
Website: www.elkmound.org

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