

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.

##### **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 28<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**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.

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Karin Wolf  
Village of Elk Mound Clerk-Treasurer