

THE VILLAGE NEWS

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LOCATION & HOURS OF POLLING PLACE

At the General Election to be held on November 5, 2024 in the Village of Elk Mound, County of Dunn, the following polling location will be used for the wards indicated:

LOCATION: Elk Mound Village Hall
E206 Menomonie Street
Elk Mound, WI 54739

WARD: 1

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 - 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

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

A reminder that alternate side of the street parking regulations are in effect beginning November 1st and ending April 1st. More information on page 4.

November 5th is election day, polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. You can check your registration status on www.MyVote.wi.gov.

Winter will be here before we know it. There is salt/sand behind the Public Works Building at E204 Menomonie Street. Village Residents are welcome to bring a bucket and help yourself for your sidewalk and drive approaches. Be sure to re-cover the pile with the tarp when finished. Thanks for your part in keeping our sidewalks safe for pedestrians.

The 2025 Solid Waste & Recycling permits will be sent by mail to arrive by mid-December. If you do not receive a permit by mid-December, please stop by the Village Hall to obtain one. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Solid Waste Site hours are changing in January 2025 to be Wednesdays 11am-5pm and Saturdays 7am to Noon.

BOARD MINUTES SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

The September 16, 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.

Mark Levra, Director of Public Works, 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 August 19, 2024. Motion carried.

CITIZEN’S FORUM – (PUBLIC INPUT)

Fire Chief Colin Fuester asked the Village Board to consider amending its ordinances regarding fines for multiple false alarms. There have been several false alarms at the apartment buildings in Settlers Ridge. The current ordinances read that fines should be issued for multiple false alarms per building, but he would like to see it per property owner.

Tom Gilbert expressed continued concerns regarding the addition of fluoride to the Village’s water supply. He asked the Village to consider stopping this process.

PUBLIC APPEARANCE

There was no public appearance.

APPROVAL OF GENERAL FUND AND WATER/SEWER UTILITY VOUCHERS

Abraham/Hahn moved and seconded a motion to approve the combined checks 32979-33016 and direct deposits V3783 – V3805 for a total of \$54,311.91. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TID VOUCHERS

There were no TID vouchers.

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

A right of way permit was issued to Xcel Energy for 204 Wapiti Lane and a building permit was issued to Aaron Munsinger, 205 Mound Park Drive, for an egress window.

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.

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BOARD MINUTES SEPTEMBER 16TH CONTINUED

Plan Commission

Terry Stamm reported that the Plan Commission did not meet.

Report from Fire Board Representative

The Department responded to three calls for service this month. The Department membership increased by one to 23 members. Repairs continue on Engine No. 5. The furnace and air conditioner have been replaced.

The second half assessments and 2% dues are being paid by the three municipalities. The annual fundraiser held at the Village Park was very successful.

Report from Elk Mound/Colfax Solid Waste & Recycling

The nine municipalities that make up the Responsible Unit with two sites at Colfax and Elk Mound met on August 27, 2024. Several items were discussed, including employee compensation. Further updates from this meeting will be reported in the future.

The RU worked with Brent Wachsmuth to clean up and improve safety issues at the entrance to the Elk Mound site. They are also working with residents of the RU to use the ground up mulch now available at the Elk Mound site.

Colfax Rescue Squad Monthly Report

The Colfax Rescue Squad Monthly Report from August was unavailable at the time of the meeting.

Community Center/Library Report

Terry Stamm reported that the Community Center/Library Board did not meet.

Communications & Miscellaneous Business as

Permitted by Law: Chief Weinberger reported that the state has announced a radio grant that requires a Board resolution committing to a 20% match from the Village. He asked for this topic to be placed on the October meeting agenda. Chief Weinberger also mentioned that there has been an increase in thefts in the Village and reminded everyone to lock their homes and vehicles.

Trustee Cynthia Abraham reported that she is attending the National Incident Management System Training for Senior Officials on September 17.

President Terry Stamm reported that Apex Dental is now operating in the old Marshfield Clinic building, making dentures. He also mentioned that the Board of Review will be held September 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion/Action Scheduling of Employee Performance Reviews

The Employee Relations Committee will work with the department heads to schedule a date for employee performance reviews and wage negotiations.

Discussion/Action Review of Ordinance Sec. 6-4-5:

Abatement of Tree Disease Nuisances

Abraham/Benjamin moved and seconded a motion to table the review of Ordinance Sec. 6-4-5: Abatement of Tree Disease Nuisances until the October meeting. Motion carried.

New Business:

Discussion/Action Set Dates for 2025 Budget Meetings

All committee chairs will consult with their fellow committee members and the department heads to schedule budget meetings. No action taken.

Discussion/Action Approval of Dunn County Economic Development Corporation Board Representative for the term of January 2024 to December 2026

Hahn/Abraham moved and seconded a motion to appoint Tim Benjamin as the Village's Dunn County Economic Development Corporation Board Representative for the term of January 2024 to December 2026. Motion carried. Benjamin abstained.

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BOARD MINUTES SEPTEMBER 16TH CONTINUED

Discussion/Action Consideration of Amendment to Ordinance Sections 13-1-42 and 13-1-200(c)

Lien/Price moved and seconded a motion to table consideration of Ordinance Sections 13-1-42 and 13-1-200(c) until the October meeting. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Revision to Ordinance Section 1-3-1, Fee Schedule for Police/Fire False Alarms

Benjamin/Abraham moved and seconded a motion to send the revision to Ordinance Section 1-3-1, Fee Schedule for Police/Fire False Alarms to the Public Safety Committee for further review. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Selection of Alternate Members for the Board of Review

Benjamin/Lien moved and seconded a motion to appoint Cynthia Abraham and Joyce Price as alternate members for the Board of Review. Motion carried.

Adjourn

Lien/Hahn moved and seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. Motion carried.

Karin Wolf
Village of Elk Mound Clerk-Treasurer

ATTENTION HUNTERS

Dumpsters are available for deer carcass disposal at the following locations:

WDNR Field Station
921 Brickyard Road, Menomonie
and
Eau Claire DNR Service Center
1300 W. Clairemont Ave., Eau Claire

Carcasses are no longer accepted at the Solid Waste Sites.

BOARD MEETINGS

Next Board Meeting is Monday, November 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.

**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.



Elk Mound Community Tree Lighting Event

Organized by the Elk Mound Area Lions



Sunday, December 1st at 6:30 P.M.
Elk Mound Library/Community Center Parking Lot



Enjoy holiday music performed by the Elk Mound School Music Departments and beverages provided by Trinity United Methodist Church.

All proceeds from the event go back into the community to fund local Lions initiatives.

This holiday season honor or remember the special people in your life by sponsoring colored bulbs on the community *Lights of Love* tree.

Participate as an event sponsor at the following donation levels:

Partners receive...

- Up to 3 colored bulb dedications on tree
- Name/Logo on signage near tree
- Acknowledgement on Elk Mound Lions Facebook page
- Acknowledgement in Thank You mailing to event supporters



Santa Partner
\$500 or more

Elf Partner
\$250 - \$499

Reindeer Partner
\$100 - \$249

Snowman Partner
\$50 - \$99

Or, participate with individual dedications for a donation of \$10 per bulb:

- BLUE** - In Memory of someone who has passed
- YELLOW** - In Honor of someone living
- GREEN** - In Honor or Memory of a member of the US Armed Forces
- ORANGE** - In Honor of Child's First Christmas
- RED** - Wishes of Season's Greetings from you to the community

Names of those remembered or honored and the event sponsors are displayed on a sign near the tree.

DEADLINE: Form(s)/payment must be received by **November 13, 2024** to be recognized on display.

SPONSOR/DEDICATION FORMS: Available by emailing ElkMoundLions@gmail.com; picked up at Independence State Bank (401 E Mainmonie St), the Offices of the Elk Mound Schools or at QR Code >>>

QUESTIONS: Contact us for more information at ElkMoundLions@gmail.com; Message us via Facebook at Elk Mound Area Lions Club; or Call Scott Johnson (715-440-0217) or Kathy Kopp (715-704-0299).



ORDINANCE REMINDER

Sec. 6-2-8 Snow and Ice Removal.

- (a) **Removal From Sidewalks.** Within twenty-four (24) hours after the cessation of any fall of sleet or snow, it shall be the duty of the owners and/or the occupants of any lot or parcel of land in the Village of Elk Mound to remove, or cause to be removed, the snow or sleet from any and all sidewalks and the nearest cross-side-walks adjacent to the premises of such owner or occupant, and to keep the same free and clear of snow and ice for the full width of the sidewalk.
- (b) **Failure to Remove.** In case of failure or neglect of any owner or occupant of any land or parcel of land to remove the snow from sidewalks as specified in subsection (a) within the time set forth in said Subsection and, after twenty-four (24) hours after the cessation of any fall of snow, the owner or occupant has failed to remove such snow from sidewalks as specified in Subsection (a), the Public Works Department shall remove or cause the snow to be removed from any and all sidewalks and cross-sidewalks that may be so neglected by the owner or occupant, and a fee established by the Village Board shall be assessed against the owner or occupant for the cost and expense of moving such snow. The fee will be charged against the respective lots and parcels of land adjacent to which said work shall be done, as a special charge, and such sum or sums shall be collected in the same manner as other special taxes.

For a copy of the entire ordinance call 715-879-5011 or visit www.elkmound.org



ADOPT-A-HYDRANT PROGRAM

The Elk Mound Water Utility is asking residents and community businesses to adopt their neighborhood fire hydrants. They can do this by clearing accumulated snow around hydrants near their homes and places of employment.

Snow removal around the system fire hydrants is the responsibility of everyone, but during the winter storms, hydrants may become buried for sometime before utility crews reach all hydrants in the system.

Not all systems require utility personnel the sole responsibility to clear snow—but rely on street departments, fire departments and citizen volunteers. Please remember safety precautions must be followed. By taking a few minutes to clear your “adopted” hydrant, you’ll be assisting both the water and fire departments. The house you save might just be your own!

For more information please contact the Public Works Department at 715-556-4566.

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.)

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:

- November 4, 2024
- December 2, 2024
- January 6, 2024

BOW HUNTING IN THE VILLAGE LIMITS

Reminder that bow hunting is only allowed in the Village with permission of landowners within 100 yards of any stand.

Landowner permission must be obtained. Elevated stand hunting only. When shooting, arrows must be pointed toward the ground.

For complete information reference ordinance 11-2-1 on the Village website: www.elkmound.org.

November 2024

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3	4 Library Open 2pm-6pm	5 ELECTION DAY Polls Open 7am to 8pm Pop Up Pantry 11:30-12:30	6 Solid Waste Site Hours 1pm—5pm Library Open 9am-1pm	7 Fire Board Meeting 10:30am	8 Food Pantry 10-noon Village Office Closed Library Open 2-6pm	9 Solid Waste Site Hours 8am to 3pm													
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24	25 Library Open 2pm-6pm	26 Food Pantry 4-6pm	27 Solid Waste Site Hours 1pm—5pm Library Open 9am-1pm	28 Thanksgiving Holiday	29 Food Pantry 10-noon Village Office Closed Library Open 2-6pm	30 Solid Waste Site Hours 8am to 3pm													

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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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