

The November 18, 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 Lien, Joyce Price and Terry Stamm present. Pat Hahn was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Abraham/Benjamin moved and seconded a motion to approve the Village Board minutes of October 21, 2024. Motion carried.

CITIZEN'S FORUM – (PUBLIC INPUT)

There was no one registered for Citizens Forum.

PUBLIC APPEARANCE

Director of Public Works Mark Levra spoke on behalf of Steve Lippert from JT Engineering. Lippert had done some preliminary research on the possibility of walking trails leading to the Lower Mound Hill Park and the Village Park. This topic will be placed on the agenda for the December meeting.

APPROVAL OF GENERAL FUND AND WATER/SEWER UTILITY VOUCHERS

Bachman/Abraham moved and seconded a motion to approve the combined checks 33058-33115 and direct deposits V3835 – V3854 for a total of \$105,236.19. 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: Micah Bennett, N208 Holly Avenue, for a shed demolition; Doug Franze, 113 Juniper Avenue, for a new 24'x52' single family dwelling; Trinity United Methodist Church, S105 Holly Avenue, for a new sign; and John Nikolai, W212 Menomonie Street, for a fence.

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

The Department responded to 11 calls for service this month. The Department membership is currently 23 members.

Chief Fuester is still working with the attorney on a billing ordinance to be adopted by the three municipalities. Repairs continue to be completed on Engine No. 5. The 2025 operating budget has been approved.

The second half of fire inspections for 2024 will begin soon. The Department received grants for a fire danger sign, education banner, six pails of Class A foam, and a battery-operated positive pressure ventilation fan.

A relief valve has been installed at Settlers Ridge apartments to reduce the number of false alarm calls.

Report from Elk Mound/Colfax Solid Waste & Recycling

The R.U. worked with R&R Waste Management to clean the culverts located at the Elk Mound site. They worked with the Cub Scouts to clean up the Elk Mound site to prepare for the DNR inspection, and also worked with Jenson Farms on yard waste removal at the site for proper composting as required.

The R.U. has begun selling 55-gallon clear bags at the request of R.U. residents. They are available at both the Colfax and Elk Mound sites at a cost of one dollar per bag.

The R.U. is asking residents to break down their cardboard boxes prior to coming to the sites to help the disposal process move faster.

Colfax Rescue Squad Monthly Report

The Colfax Rescue Squad Monthly Report was not available for this meeting.

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Community Center/Library Report

Terry Stamm reported that the Community Center/Library Board approved the use of the Community Center as the second alternate polling location, and also approved the annual use of the Community Center/Library parking lot for the Lions Club's Lights of Love fundraiser.

Communications & Miscellaneous Business as Permitted by Law

There were no communications or miscellaneous business.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion/Action Review of Ordinance Sec. 6-4-5: Abatement of Tree Disease Nuisances

Abraham/Price moved and seconded a motion to table this agenda item until spring. Motion carried.

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

Benjamin/Bachman moved and seconded a motion to table this agenda item until after consultation with Alan Harvey, the Village's ordinance attorney. Motion carried.

New Business:

Discussion/Action Resolution 24-4, Increase in the Elk Mound Fire District Budget

Benjamin/Abraham moved and seconded a motion to approve Resolution 24-4, Increase in the Elk Mound Fire District Budget. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Annual Dunn County Real Estate Tax Collection Agreement

Abraham/Benjamin moved and seconded a motion to approve the annual Dunn County Real Estate Tax Collection Agreement. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Bowmar Appraisal 3-Year Assessor Maintenance Agreement

Benjamin/Abraham moved and seconded a motion to approve the Bowmar Appraisal 3-Year Assessor Maintenance Agreement. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Sewer Utility Rate Increase

Benjamin/Abraham moved and seconded a motion to approve a 5% increase in rates for the Sewer Utility, effective December 15, 2024. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action 2025 General Fund Budget Review

Abraham/Lien moved and seconded a motion to approve the 2025 General Fund budget as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Water/Sewer Utility Budget Review

Price/Benjamin moved and seconded a motion to approve the Water/Sewer Utility budget with a change to a 5% increase in Sewer Utility revenues. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Change Date of December 16, 2024 Board Meeting

Bachman/Price moved and seconded a motion to move the December 16, 2024 Board meeting to Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Adjourn

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

Karin Wolf
Village of Elk Mound Clerk-Treasurer