

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.

##### **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**

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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.

**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.

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Karin Wolf  
Village of Elk Mound Clerk-Treasurer