

THE VILLAGE NEWS

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NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION VILLAGE OF ELK MOUND APRIL 1, 2025

Election Details

An election to be held in the Village of Elk Mound, on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed.

Office Incumbent

Village President Terry Stamm
 Village Trustee Bob Bachman
 Village Trustee Patricia Hahn
 Village Trustee Joyce Price

Office Terms

The term for village president and village trustee begins on April 15, 2025. The term for all other offices begins on May 5, 2025. All terms are for two years unless otherwise indicated.

For Candidates

The first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2024 and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 7, 2025 in the office of the village clerk.


Primary Election

If a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

Additional Information

Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo I.D., you may obtain a free I.D. for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Done in the Village Elk Mound on November 25, 2024.



Karin Wolf
Clerk/Treasurer

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Terry Stamm

Next Village Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 20th at 6:00 p.m. If you have a specific item to bring to the Board please sign up under citizen's forum.

New Solid Waste Site hours are now in effect: Wednesdays 11am-5pm and Saturdays 7am to Noon. Christmas tree lights should be recycled, Christmas wrapping paper and tissue are garbage.

If you have not yet received your 2025 solid waste and recycling pass please contact the Village Hall at 715-879-5011.

A reminder that winter parking regulations are in effect through April 1st. When starting your car in the winter, please give yourself extra time to be sure the windows are fully defrosted and vision is clear.

DOG LICENSES ARE NOW DUE FOR 2025

License fees are \$18.00 if intact, \$13.00 if spayed or neutered. Also required is a current rabies vaccination certificate. For more information call 715-879-5011.

BOARD MINUTES NOVEMBER 18, 2024

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 Hahn, Pat Lien, Joyce Price and Terry Stamm present.

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.

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BOARD MINUTES NOVEMBER 18, 2024

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.

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.

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BOARD MINUTES NOVEMBER 18TH

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

NEW HOURS AT SOLID WASTE SITE
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 4, 2025

The new hours at the solid waste & recycling center are as follows:

Wednesday, January 1st = CLOSED

Beginning Saturday, January 4th:
Saturdays 7 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Wednesdays 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Continued use of clear bags for garbage is mandatory. If you have questions on what is or what is not currently recyclable, please separate and ask your attendant.

THANK YOU!

EELK MOUND WATER & SEWER UTILITIES

WATER RATES:

Monthly Service Charge:

			Current	New
5/8	Inch meter	-	\$10.79	\$11.23
3/4	Inch meter	-	\$10.79	\$11.23
1	Inch meter	-	\$16.34	\$17.01
1 ½	Inch meter	-	\$28.36	\$29.52
2	Inch meter	-	\$51.81	\$53.93
3	Inch meter	-	\$83.85	\$87.29

Plus Volume Charge – All Meter Sizes:

				Current	New		
First	10,000	gallons	-	\$5.25	\$5.47	per	1,000 gallons
Next	56,000	gallons	-	\$4.16	\$4.33	per	1,000 gallons
Over	66,000	gallons	-	\$2.72	\$2.83	per	1,000 gallons

Water rates effective December 15, 2024

SEWER RATES:

Monthly Service Charge:

			Current	New
5/8	Inch meter	-	\$28.70	\$30.14
3/4	Inch meter	-	\$28.70	\$30.14
1	Inch meter	-	\$37.53	\$39.41
1 ½	Inch meter	-	\$54.62	\$57.35
2	Inch meter	-	\$64.85	\$68.09
3	Inch meter	-	\$95.58	\$100.36

Plus Volume Charge – All Meter Sizes: Current flat rate of \$8.27 per thousand gallons of water use, increases to **\$8.68** per thousand gallons of water use.

Sewer rates effective December 15, 2024

**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.



**NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS
VILLAGE OF ELK MOUND**

The Dunn County Treasurer, 3001 US Hwy 12 East, Suite 102A, Menomonie WI 54751 will collect real estate taxes for the 2024 tax year on behalf of the Village of Elk Mound. Please make checks payable to Dunn County Treasurer. First installment of real estate tax is due January 31, 2025. Second installment of real estate tax is due July 31, 2025.

Note: Your dog licenses should be purchased from the Elk Mound Village Clerk/Treasurer, and you must provide proof of rabies vaccinations for the dogs.

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

The 2025 Solid Waste & Recycling permits were sent by mail mid-December. If you do not receive a permit, 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.

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.

Warning Siren

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

- January 6, 2025
- February 3, 2025
- March 3, 2025

Elk Mound Community Library Hours:

E101 Menomonie Street, Elk Mound, WI

Monday: 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Friday: 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Library will be closed on January 1st for the New Year Holiday.



If you have a public announcement or other notification you would like added to the lobby screen, please email julie@elkmound.org.

Absentee Ballot Requests

If you wish to continue to receive a ballot by mail, please fill out a new request for 2025. Requests need to be renewed annually. If you are not able to come by the Village Hall during office hours, the form is available on our website: www.elkmound.org.

January 2025

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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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