

**Village of Elmira Heights
215 Elmwood Ave., Elmira Heights, NY
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2026
7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM at the Elmira Heights Village Hall. **Those Village Board members in attendance and constituting a quorum were:** Mayor Smith; Trustee Patelunas joined us via Zoom from 28326 Loft Mountain Drive, Leesburg, FL; and Trustees Aiosa & Churches.

Board Members Absent: Trustee Fuhlhage

Others Present: Street Superintendent Vanderhoff, CEO Mein, Clerk Martone, & Police Sergeant Gooshaw, Fire Chief Sabatini

Public Present: Sarah Welch, Emily Hoffman, Jessica Fierro, Mason Vanderhoff, & Barb Day

PROCEEDINGS:

1. Trustee Churches made a motion to add to the agenda to amend both motions from the May 5th meeting minutes regarding an earmarked amount for road repairs on 13th St. to instead read as the earmarked \$30,000.00 to be utilized for additional road improvements.

Second by Trustee Aiosa

Roll Call Vote:	Trustee Patelunas	Aye	
	Trustee Aiosa	Aye	
	Trustee Fuhlhage	Absent	
	Trustee Churches	Aye	
	Mayor Smith	Aye	Motion Carried.

2. Trustee Churches made a motion to amend both motions from the May 5th meeting minutes regarding an earmarked amount for road repairs on 13th St. to instead read as the earmarked \$30,000.00 to be utilized for additional road improvements.

Second by Trustee Aiosa

Roll Call Vote:	Trustee Patelunas	Aye	
	Trustee Aiosa	Aye	
	Trustee Fuhlhage	Absent	
	Trustee Churches	Aye	
	Mayor Smith	Aye	Motion Carried.

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3. Trustee Churches made a motion to resolve to accept the minutes of the May 5th Board Meeting, as amended.

Second by Trustee Patelunas

Roll Call Vote:	Trustee Patelunas	Aye	
	Trustee Aiosa	Aye	
	Trustee Fuhlhage	Absent	
	Trustee Churches	Aye	
	Mayor Smith	Aye	Motion Carried.

4. Trustee Aiosa made a motion to approve audit # 1 in the amount of \$403,669.25 claim numbers 1 - 40, check numbers 24255 - 24291.

Second by Trustee Churches

Roll Call Vote:	Trustee Patelunas	Aye	
	Trustee Aiosa	Aye	
	Trustee Fuhlhage	Absent	
	Trustee Churches	Aye	
	Mayor Smith	Aye	Motion Carried.

5. Department Official Remarks

Police Sergeant Gooshow read his report.

Street Superintendent Vanderhoff read his report, which is on file.

Code Enforcement Officer Mein read his report.

6. Trustee Aiosa made a motion to put the following reports on file for the month of May, 2026.

Police & Summary

Street Department

Code Enforcement

Gas and Diesel Consumption

Village Justice and Acting Justice Reports

Second by Trustee Churches

Roll Call Vote:	Trustee Patelunas	Aye	
	Trustee Aiosa	Aye	
	Trustee Fuhlhage	Absent	
	Trustee Churches	Aye	
	Mayor Smith	Aye	Motion Carried.

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7. A presentation was given by Sarah Welch and Emily Hoffman of the Southern Tier Tobacco Awareness Coalition (STAAC), Jessica Fierro of CASA-Trinity, and local Thomas A. Edison student, Mason Vanderhoff
8. Trustee Churches made a motion to rescind Item # 9 from the March 3, 2026 Board Meeting regarding the 2019 Tahoe, to be put on Govdeals instead.
Second by Trustee Aiosa
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| Roll Call Vote: | Trustee Patelunas | Aye | |
| | Trustee Aiosa | Aye | |
| | Trustee Fuhlhage | Absent | |
| | Trustee Churches | Aye | |
| | Mayor Smith | Aye | Motion Carried. |
9. Trustee Churches made a motion to set a date of July 7, 2026 at 7:00 PM for a public hearing on the Code Enforcement Fee Schedule
Second by Trustee Aiosa
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| Roll Call Vote: | Trustee Patelunas | Aye | |
| | Trustee Aiosa | Aye | |
| | Trustee Fuhlhage | Absent | |
| | Trustee Churches | Aye | |
| | Mayor Smith | Aye | Motion Carried. |
10. Trustee Patelunas made a motion to accept the memberships of Matthew Cook and Morgan Sterling into the Fire Department
Second by Trustee Aiosa
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| Roll Call Vote: | Trustee Patelunas | Aye | |
| | Trustee Aiosa | Aye | |
| | Trustee Fuhlhage | Absent | |
| | Trustee Churches | Aye | |
| | Mayor Smith | Aye | Motion Carried. |

Fire Chief Sabatini arrived to the meeting late. He gave the Fire Department's monthly report, and explained the various grants he wished to apply for with the Board's approval. The AFG grant would be used to purchase a pumper tanker to replace two trucks, 761 & 732, whereas the SAFER grant moneys would be used to purchase necessary gear.

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11. Trustee Patelunas made a motion to authorize the Fire Department to apply for the AFG, SAFER, and Fire Prevention Grants.

Second by Trustee Aiosa

Roll Call Vote:	Trustee Patelunas	Aye	
	Trustee Aiosa	Aye	
	Trustee Fuhlhage	Absent	
	Trustee Churches	Aye	
	Mayor Smith	Aye	Motion Carried.

12. There was discussion regarding a piece of land owned by the Village located at 317 Owens Ave. There is a general consensus to sell the property to an interested buyer, but no decisions or motions were made.

13. **PERSONS RECOGNIZING THE BOARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS.**

14. **REMARKS: MAYOR, TRUSTEES**

Mayor Smith mentioned that she would be speaking at a Career Day event at her granddaughter's school in Corning, and will be at the Regional Leadership Conference held at Corning Community College as a Keynote Speaker to represent the position of Mayor in Chemung County. Steuben and Schuyler Counties will be represented by Town Supervisors.

Trustee Churches had an update on the feral cat control: we have two traps; things are being finalized with the Mayor for the free spay/neuter program and the hold harmless agreement.

Trustee Patelunas mentioned that he and Mayor Smith obtained a 26-week CDARS with an interest rate of 3.5% using the monies in the Building and Infrastructure Reserve to make money for the Village. Trustee Paleunas also asked Fire Chief Sabatini when the Elmira Heights Fire Company was incorporated, and stated that he was interested in getting a windshield plaque for 731 & 751 to celebrate the Village's 130th anniversary.

Trustee Churches shared with the Board that he received an email from NYCOM stating that the NYS Budget was finalized: a total of 100 million in Temporary Municipal Assistance was approved, increasing the total of unrestricted aid to 150 million. An additional 50 million in CHIPS funding was also approved.

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Heights Events

Elmira Heights PBA 5k Run on June 13th

Elmira Heights Fire Department Car Show on June 14th

Celebrations Committee to have another meeting on Monday, June 8

250th National Anniversary Celebration on July 18th – parade and park activities

130th Village Anniversary Celebration on Sept. 18th & 19th – plans in progress

ADJOURNMENT

15. Motion by Trustee Aiosa to adjourn the June 2nd regular board meeting at 9:00 PM.

Second by Trustee Churches

Roll Call Vote:	Trustee Patelunas	Aye
	Trustee Aiosa	Aye
	Trustee Fuhlhage	Absent
	Trustee Churches	Aye
	Mayor Smith	Aye

Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Amanda Martone
Village Clerk