

Village of Elmira Heights
215 Elmwood Ave., Elmira Heights, NY
Special Meeting Minutes – Feral Cat Workshop
January 6, 2026
5:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE:

Trustee Churches opened the meeting at 5:30 PM at the Elmira Heights Village Hall. **Those Village Board members in attendance and constituting a quorum were:** Mayor Smith; Deputy Mayor Patelunas via Zoom from 28326 Loft Mountain Drive in Leesburg, Florida; and Trustees Aiosa, Churches, and Fuhlhage.

Others Present: Code Enforcement Officer Mein

Public Present: None

PROCEEDINGS:

1. Trustee Churches explained the hurdles of the feral cat issue in Elmira Heights and suggested public education.
2. No ideas on new local law other than to limit cats similarly to dogs, and possibly require identification for domestic cats similar to identification for dogs.
3. Trustee Fuhlhage and Code Enforcement Officer Mein will reach out to someone at Cornell University for possible advice and assistance. Attorney Pautz would also need to be consulted about the legality of loaning traps to residents.
4. Deputy Mayor Patelunas suggested that the Village could purchase traps and donate to the ASPCA.
5. Trustee Churches made a motion to adjourn the special meeting / feral cat workshop at 6:33 PM.

Second by Trustee Aiosa

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

Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Amanda Martone
Village Clerk