

**Village of Elmira Heights
215 Elmwood Ave., Elmira Heights, NY
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2025
7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 7:22 PM at the Elmira Heights Village Hall. **Those Village Board Members in attendance and constituting a quorum were:** Mayor Smith, Trustees Aiosa & Churches, and the following via Zoom: Trustee Patelunas (from 28326 Loft Mountain Drive, Leesburg, FL) and Trustee Fuhlhage (from 59 Newbury St., Rt. 1, North Peabody, MA)

Others Present: Clerk Martone, Street Superintendent Vanderhoff, CEO Mein, & Attorney Pautz via Zoom (from One Lincoln Center, Syracuse, NY)

Public Present: Elizabeth Farnham, Wendy DiBucci, Ric Bidwell, Cheryl Montgomery, Alicia Bryan, Karen Strock, Barb Day

PROCEEDINGS:

Code Enforcement Official Jacob Mein was sworn in by Mayor Smith

1. Trustee Aiosa made a motion to resolve to accept the minutes of the September 2, 2025 Board Meeting.

Second by Trustee Fuhlhage

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

2. Trustee Patelunas made a motion to approve audit # 5 in the amount of \$157,223.59 claim numbers 211 - 258, check numbers 23739 - 23786.

Second by Trustee Aiosa

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

3. Department Official Remarks

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

CEO Mein gave an informal report of his first two days on the job.

Trustee Churches read Police Chief Noonan's report, which is on file.

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4. Trustee Aiosa made a motion to put the following reports on file for the month of September 2025.

Police & Summary
Street Department
Code Enforcement
Gas and Diesel Consumption
Village Justice and Acting Justice Reports

Second by Trustee Patelunas

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

5. Trustee Patelunas made a motion to approve the proposal for Code Enforcement Officer Jacob Mein's training with Williamson Law Book Company.

Second by Trustee Aiosa

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

6. Motion by Trustee Aiosa to move the following monies:

- \$24,450 from A1990.4 (Contingency) to A5110.22 (Feasibility Study)
- \$8.23 from A1990.4 (Contingency) to A9050.8 (Unemployment Insurance)

Second by Trustee Fuhlhage

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

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7. Trustee Fuhlhage made a motion to deem the following impounded vehicles as surplus property, to be listed for auction on govdeals.com:

- 2010 Dodge Caravan
- 2010 Chevrolet CBT
- 2014 Chevrolet BTM

Second by Trustee Patelunas

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

8. Trustee Patelunas made a motion to amend the budget to increase the SRO's annual salary from \$35,000 to \$57,500.

Second by Trustee Aiosa

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

9. Trustee Aiosa made a motion to schedule the regular November Board Meeting for Monday, November 3, 2025 as the first Tuesday is Election Day and the second Tuesday is a holiday.

Second by Trustee Churches

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

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Mayor Smith asked Attorney Pautz if he could report to the Board regarding the matter of Code Enforcement assistance from the Town of Hector. The agreement has been going back and forth between the attorneys and while most of the counter agreement markup was agreeable the one exception was the timeframe of the assistance which was limited to 90 days. Discussions are still underway to try and extend that time until Jacob finishes his trainings.

PERSONS RECOGNIZING THE BOARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS.

10. Persons Recognizing the Board on Non-Agenda Items

Elizabeth Farnham of 204 W. 11th Street, Wendy DiBucci of 202 W. 11th Street, and Ric Bidwell of 204 W. 11th Street all stood to address the Board about the ongoing issues with the nearby veterinary clinic. Issues about parking are starting to return, there are two different refuse pickup services, and there is still an issue with the shale on residents' driveway aprons.

Alicia Bryan of 119 Cleveland Street, Cheryl Montgomery of 104 E. 8th Street, and Karen Strock of 108 E. 8th Street all stood to address the Board about an increasing issue with the population of feral cats and associated problems (fecal matter/parasites in the feline fecal matter, urine, property damage) in the Heights. The situation is not helped by what appears to be a cat sanctuary behind 119 Cleveland Street that not fenced in.

REMARKS: MAYOR, TRUSTEES

11. Remarks: Mayor, Trustees

Mayor Smith wished to remind everyone that Oktoberfest is this Saturday.

Trustee Fuhlhage commented that it was difficult to hear and be heard over Zoom, and suggested looking into wireless microphones.

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ADJOURNMENT

12. Motion by Trustee Churches to adjourn the October 7, 2025 regular board meeting at 8:45 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