

**Village of Elmira Heights
Regular Board Meeting
August 5, 2025
7:00 PM**

Members Present: Mayor Smith, and Trustees Patelunas, Aiosa, & Fuhlhage

Members Absent: Trustee Churches

Others Present: Police Sergeant Morrell, Clerk Martone, Wendy DeBucci, Elizabeth Farnham, & Ric Bidwell

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Mayor Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM

1. Trustee Patelunas made a motion to table the approval of the July 10th Special Board Meeting minutes until there is a quorum present to accept them.

Second by Trustee Aiosa

Roll call vote:	Trustee Patelunas	Aye	
	Trustee Aiosa	Aye	
	Trustee Fuhlhage	Aye	
	Trustee Churches	Absent	
	Mayor Smith	Aye	Motion Carried.

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

Second by Trustee Fuhlhage

Roll call vote:	Trustee Patelunas	Aye	
	Trustee Aiosa	Aye	
	Trustee Fuhlhage	Aye	
	Trustee Churches	Absent	
	Mayor Smith	Aye	Motion Carried.

3. Trustee Fuhlhage made a motion to approve audit #3 in the amount of \$150,575.05, claim numbers 115 – 168 (voiding 127 and 128 due to errors), and checks numbered 23653 - 23696.

Second by Trustee Aiosa

Roll call vote:	Trustee Patelunas	Aye	
	Trustee Aiosa	Aye	
	Trustee Fuhlhage	Aye	
	Trustee Churches	Absent	
	Mayor Smith	Aye	Motion Carried.

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4. Department Official Remarks

Sergeant Morrell read Chief Noonan's report, which is on file.

Trustee Fuhlhage read Street Superintendent Vanderhoff's report, which is on file.

There were no other Department Heads or representatives present.

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

Police & Summary

Street Department

Gas and Diesel Consumption

Village Justice and Acting Justice Reports

Second by Trustee Fuhlhage

Roll call vote:	Trustee Patelunas	Aye
	Trustee Aiosa	Aye
	Trustee Fuhlhage	Aye
	Trustee Churches	Absent
	Mayor Smith	Aye

Motion Carried.

At this time, Mayor Smith did wish to add to Street Superintendent Vanderhoff's report that he has been diligently in contact with Norfolk Southern regarding the railroad repair issue. A statement has been prepared that will be posted on the municipal website soon.

A question was raised amongst the board regarding the progress on the old Golos building. The Village is waiting on a response from Golos' attorney.

6. Trustee Patelunas made a motion to add to the agenda the purchase of a camera & controller for traffic control at the intersection of 13th and Elmwood to manage traffic flow and allowing 13th to have a green signal unless that signal is tripped by a car on Elmwood, for a cost not to exceed \$20,000 from A202PR (CDARS) to A5110.4.

Second by Trustee Aiosa

Roll call vote:	Trustee Patelunas	Aye
	Trustee Aiosa	Aye
	Trustee Fuhlhage	Aye
	Trustee Churches	Absent
	Mayor Smith	Aye

Motion Carried.

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7. Trustee Patelunas made a motion to move forward with the purchase of a camera & controller for traffic control at the intersection of 13th and Elmwood to manage traffic flow and allowing 13th to have a green signal unless that signal is tripped by a car on elmwood, for a cost not to exceed \$20,000 from A202PR (CDARS) to A5110.4.

Second by Trustee Aiosa

Roll call vote:	Trustee Patelunas	Aye	
	Trustee Aiosa	Aye	
	Trustee Fuhlhage	Aye	
	Trustee Churches	Absent	
	Mayor Smith	Aye	Motion Carried.

8. Trustee Patelunas made a motion to add to the agenda authorization for the Mayor to hire legal counsel if needed to secure compliance with Norfolk Southern, McCann's Blvd., and Lynwood Ave.

Second by Trustee Aiosa

Roll call vote:	Trustee Patelunas	Aye	
	Trustee Aiosa	Aye	
	Trustee Fuhlhage	Aye	
	Trustee Churches	Absent	
	Mayor Smith	Aye	Motion Carried.

9. Trustee Patelunas made a motion to authorize the Mayor to hire legal counsel if needed to secure compliance with Norfolk Southern, McCann's Blvd., and Lynwood Ave.

Second by Trustee Aiosa

Roll call vote:	Trustee Patelunas	Aye	
	Trustee Aiosa	Aye	
	Trustee Fuhlhage	Aye	
	Trustee Churches	Absent	
	Mayor Smith	Aye	Motion Carried.

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10. Trustee Patelunas made a motion to approve the Intermunicipal Shared Service Agreement with the Town of Hector for Code Enforcement Services, subject to Attorney approval of any minor changes.

Second by Trustee Aiosa

Roll call vote:	Trustee Patelunas	Aye	
	Trustee Aiosa	Aye	
	Trustee Fuhlhage	Aye	
	Trustee Churches	Absent	
	Mayor Smith	Aye	Motion Carried.

11. Trustee Aiosa made a motion to deem a 2019 Chevrolet Tahoe as surplus, to be put up for auction on GovDeals as a law enforcement vehicle, with a reserve of \$15,000.00.

Second by Trustee Fuhlhage

Roll call vote:	Trustee Patelunas	Aye	
	Trustee Aiosa	Aye	
	Trustee Fuhlhage	Aye	
	Trustee Churches	Absent	
	Mayor Smith	Aye	Motion Carried.

12. Discussion of moving forward with the NYSERDA grant for the solar project.

It was stated that NYSERDA reached out to inform us that the deadline for the solar panels bid is coming up, and that we have earned a \$90,000 grant with them. A majority of the Board decided that they were in favor of moving forward with this.

13. Person recognizing the Board on non-agenda items.

Elizabeth Farnham of 204 West 11th Street and Wendy DeBucci of 202 West 11th Street had several complaints about work being done on a nearby veterinary clinic that is adding a surgical wing onto their building.

- A tall fence went to the end of the property line, making it difficult to see oncoming traffic from their shared driveway, erected on or around June 30th
- Dumpsters parked between sidewalk & curb, making it difficult to see oncoming traffic
- Shale running off from the project, clogging up drains
- Several parking issues related to access, egress, and leaf/brush pickup

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14. Remarks: Mayor, Trustees

15. Motion by Trustee Patelunas to go into executive session at 8:25 PM to discuss a personnel matter.

Second by Trustee Fuhlhage

Roll call vote:	Trustee Patelunas	Aye	
	Trustee Aiosa	Aye	
	Trustee Fuhlhage	Aye	
	Trustee Churches	Absent	
	Mayor Smith	Aye	Motion Carried.

16. Motion by Trustee Aiosa to come out of executive session at 8:36 PM.

Second by Trustee Fuhlhage

Roll call vote:	Trustee Patelunas	Aye	
	Trustee Aiosa	Aye	
	Trustee Fuhlhage	Aye	
	Trustee Churches	Absent	
	Mayor Smith	Aye	Motion Carried.

17. Motion by Trustee Patelunas to adjourn the August 5, 2025 regular board meeting at 8:50 PM.

Second by Trustee Aiosa

Roll call vote:	Trustee Patelunas	Aye	
	Trustee Aiosa	Aye	
	Trustee Fuhlhage	Aye	
	Trustee Churches	Absent	
	Mayor Smith	Aye	Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Amanda Martone
Village Clerk