

**Village of Elmira Heights
215 Elmwood Ave., Elmira Heights, NY
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 1, 2025
7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM at the Elmira Heights Village Hall. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

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

Others Present: Clerk Martone, Superintendent Vanderhoff, CEO Sturgis, Police Chief Noonan, Fire Chief Cadek

Public Present: Helen Benedict, Steve Benedict, Mark Benedict, Angela Higley, Matthew Thomas

PROCEEDINGS:

1. Trustee Aiosa made a motion to resolve to accept the minutes of the June 3, 2025 Regular Board Meeting.

Second by Trustee Patelunas

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

2. Trustee Fuhlhage made a motion to approve Audit 2 in the amount of \$360,076.79 claim numbers 58 - 114, check numbers 23593 – 23646.

Second by Trustee Aiosa

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

3. DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL REMARKS

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

Fire Chief Cadek read his report, which is on file.

Police Chief Noonan read his report, which is on file.

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CEO Sturgis read his report. The bulk of this month's activity involved grass violations, and 5 lawns were mowed. Dollar General intends to follow up with him next week.

4. Trustee Aisoa made a motion to put the following reports on file for the month of June 2025:

Police & Summary
Fire Department
Street Department
Gas & Diesel Consumption

Second by Trustee Patelunas

Roll call vote: Trustee Patelunas	Aye
Trustee Aisoa	Aye
Trustee Fuhlhage	Aye
Trustee Churches	Aye
Mayor Smith	Aye

5. Trustee Fuhlhage made a motion to resolve to authorize Mayor Smith to enter into a purchase agreement with Thomas Corp of Golos Printing Corporation to purchase 110 E. 9th Street.

**Resolution No. 12 of 2025
Purchase of 110 E. 9th Street**

WHEREAS, the Village of Elmira Heights desires to purchase the Golos building located at 110 East 9th Street, tax map # 79.06-2-39 in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor Smith be hereby authorized to sign a purchase agreement with Golos Printing Corporation President Thomas Corp not to exceed \$50,000.

Second by Trustee Patelunas

Roll call vote: Trustee Patelunas	Aye
Trustee Aisoa	Aye
Trustee Fuhlhage	Aye
Trustee Churches	Aye
Mayor Smith	Aye

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6. Trustee Patelunas made a motion to resolve to authorize Mayor Smith to enter into a contract to demolish the building located at 110 E. 9th Street.

**Resolution No. 13 of 2025
Demolition and Purpose for 110 E. 9th Street**

WHEREAS, the Village of Elmira Heights intends to demolish the building located 110 E. 9th Street through LCP Group, Inc. Certified Asbestos Removal Company in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 and;

WHEREAS, an additional amount not to exceed \$5,000 may possibly be used to install a sidewalk at the Village Garage and;

WHEREAS, obtaining this said property is for the future expansion of the Village Garage located at 104 East 9th Street and the possibility of a parking lot for the Cinderella Softball Field at Thurston Park and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor Smith be hereby authorized to sign a contract with LCP Group, Inc. Certified Asbestos Removal Company not to exceed \$40,000, and a sidewalk to be installed if desired by the Village Board for an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

Second by Trustee Aiosa

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

7. Trustee Aiosa made a motion to deem the following impounded vehicles as surplus to be put up for auction on the GovDeals website:
- 2016 Ford (Black)
 - 2001 Cadillac (Gray)
 - 2010 Ford E 250 Van (White)
 - 2011 BMW (Gray)

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Second by Trustee Fuhlhage

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

8. Trustee Patelunas made a motion to approve the membership of Emily Clark and Michael Mower into the Elmira Heights Fire Department.

Second by Trustee Aiosa

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

9. PERSON RECOGNIZING THE BOARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS.

Steve Benedict of 132 Horseheads Blvd. has been having a junk and debris problem with a neighbor for a considerable amount of time, and would like it resolved.

Matthew of 319 Owens inquired about an empty lot that is next to his property that he would like to purchase. Said lot is not for sale at this time.

Angela Higley of 2096 College Ave. and Helen Benedict of 132 Horseheads Blvd. had complaints about a defunct gas station's grass and trash being dumped at said location.

10. REMARKS: MAYOR, TRUSTEES

Mayor Smith stated that while circumstances are frustrating, there are processes that must be followed and adhered to.

Mayor Smith also wished to announce that Monday Night Concerts in the Park begin next week on July 7th.

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ADJOURNMENT:

11. Trustee Patelunas made a motion to adjourn the July 1, 2025 Regular Board Meeting at 7:40 PM.

Second by Trustee Fuhlhage

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

Respectfully Submitted By,

Amanda Martone
Village Clerk