

**Village of Elmira Heights
Regular Board Meeting
June 3, 2025
7:00 PM**

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

Officials Present: Clerk Martone, Custodian Hardy, Fire Chief Cadek, Police Sergeant Morrell, & Judge Pelchar

Officials Absent: Attorney Pautz, Street Superintendent Vanderhoff, & Code Enforcement Officer Sturgis

Others Present: Barbara Day

Pledge of Allegiance

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Called to order at 7:16 PM

1. Trustee Aiosa made a motion to resolve to accept the minutes of the May 6, 2025 Regular Board Meeting.

Second by Trustee Fuhlhage

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

2. Trustee Patelunas made a motion to approve audit 1 in the amount of \$235,513.23 claim numbers 001 - 057, check numbers 23540 - 23589.

Second by Trustee Aiosa

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

3. Trustee Fuhlhage made a motion to put the following reports on file for the month of May 2025.

Fire Department
Police & Summary
Street Department
Gas and Diesel Consumption

Second by Trustee Churches

Roll call vote: Trustee Patelunas	Aye
Trustee Aiosa	Aye
Trustee Fuhlhage	Aye

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Trustee Churches Aye
Mayor Smith Aye

4. Department Official Remarks

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

Custodian Hardy wished to inform everyone of the Fire Company car show from noon to 6pm on Saturday. He also has a tentative date of August 25 set for Book & Ladder Pizza which is not affiliated or associated with Fire House Subs.

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

Judge Pelchar was present to announce that work on the Court bench is complete, and to show a piece of the material used in its construction.

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

5. Motion by Trustee Patelunas to approve the following Standard Workday Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Elmira Heights, hereby establishes the following as standard work days for its employees and will report days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the time keeping system or the record of activities maintained and submitted by these members to the clerk of this body:

Title	Standard Work Day (Hrs/Day)
Village Justice	6.00
Village Clerk	8.00

Seconded by Trustee Aiosa

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

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6. Discussion and possible action on the Fire Department air packs.

Fire Chief Cadek was addressed by the Board to lead discussion on this topic. The Fire Department is in need of new air pack gear as it is outdated and if firefighters are called to assist neighboring municipalities they will not be able to sync technologies to keep firefighters safe in their duties. Community Leasing is working with the Elmira Heights Fire Department to arrange lease-to-own gear payments over a seven year timespan. In the meantime, Fire Chief Cadek is requesting to encumber monies left over this fiscal year to lessen the financial burden.

- a. Trustee Patelunas made a motion to add to the agenda to encumber \$16,923.54 from the Fire Department's accounts to be put into a special reserve account to put towards the air pack purchase.

Second by Trustee Aiosa

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

- b. Trustee Patelunas made a motion to encumber \$16,923.54 from the Fire Department's accounts to be put into a special reserve account to put towards the air pack purchase.

Second by Trustee Aiosa

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

Account	Amount		Account	Amount
A3410.1	\$2,595.75		A3411.48	\$2.52
A3410.41	\$313.35		A3411.49	\$2,399.09
A3411.2	\$773.32		A3411.5	\$1,669.43
A3411.4	\$372.39		SUBTOTAL	4,071.04
A3411.41	\$1,218.60			
A3411.43	\$139.88		GRAND TOTAL	\$16,923.54
A3411.44	\$172.22			
A3411.45	\$525.95			
A3411.46	\$6,176.94			
A3411.47	\$564.10			
SUBTOTAL	12,852.50			

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7. Discussion and possible action on liability insurance umbrella aggregate and property deductible.

Discussion was had regarding the Village's liability insurance umbrella aggregate and property deductibles. A decision was made to increase the umbrella aggregate and to leave the property deductible as it is.

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

Barbara Day of 114 Verona Street addressed the Board with questions regarding the Village Budget and her resultant tax bill for this fiscal year. She was aware that taxes would be raised some, but noticed that her bill was lower this year compared to last year. It was explained that this was likely due to the equalization rate between the two towns that assess properties in the Village, and summed up simply with an old phrase that goes, "One-third of the property taxes goes up, one-third goes down, and one-third remains unchanged".

9. Remarks: Mayor, Trustees

Trustee Churches had questions about the old Cinderella Field fencing. He also had questions about the creation of an employee handbook.

Trustee Patelunas discussed communication with LCP regarding the Golos building. There were questions about the cost of further testing and what the proposed end goal would be for the property.

10. Trustee Patelunas made a motion to add to the agenda to go into Executive Session at 9:00 PM to discuss a personnel matter.

Second by Trustee Aiosa

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

11. Trustee Patelunas made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:00 PM to discuss a personnel matter.

Second by Trustee Aiosa

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

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12. Trustee Patelunas made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:34 PM.

Second by Trustee Aiosa

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

13. Motion by Trustee Patelunas to adjourn the June 3, 2025 regular board meeting at 9:34 PM.

Second by Trustee Aiosa

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