

**VILLAGE OF ELMWOOD**

**323 W. Winter Avenue Elmwood, 54740**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**DATE & TIME: April 8, 2024 – 7:00PM**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Neil Boltik, Paul Unser, Jason Severson, Meg Poquette, and Mark Wolf**

**MEMBERS ABSENT: Pat Geraets, Luke Weix**

**STAFF PRESENT: Holly Malaszuk, Lexi Dominik, Chief Chris Thibado, Nick Andrews**

**PUBLIC PRESENT: Carl Schroder, Dawn Toth, Amy Bechel, Pam Marson, Nate Betcher, Brooke Cupp, Todd Doland**

**PRESS PRESENT: Cari Cornelius**

**NOTE: APPROVED MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Neil Boltik called the Board Meeting to order at 7:00PM

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**NOTE COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETING LAWS**

President Neil Boltik noted that the Village had complied with the open meeting law requirements.

**OPEN REGULAR BOARD MEETING-**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR March 4, 2024 -**

Paul Unser made a motion to approve the minutes for March 4<sup>th</sup> as submitted. Seconded by Jason Severson and motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT –**

None

**ELECTION RESULTS –**

Holly Malaszuk announced the election results stating that there were three open seats, and they were filled by: Dawn Toth, Pam Marson, and Jason Severson.

**PIERCE PEPIN COOPERATIVE SERVICES –**

Nate Betcher announced that they have been awarded a grant through the state to provide fiber internet/phone throughout the Village of Elmwood. They are currently working on a design, hook-ups will be ready by summer, and they're wanting everything to be completed before the ground starts freezing.

They're attempting to make it so that everything is ran below ground and if residents sign up as soon as possible, then the grant will benefit residents with the connection fee. However, once the grant is closed, in approximately one year, then it will cost the residents more for a connection fee. They are currently accepting connection orders for anyone who wants it.

**OPERATOR'S LICENSES – HALF THROTTLE & SANDBAR –**

Paul Unser made a motion to approve all licenses as submitted excluding Molli Wood's until she submits a valid, up-to-date license or a certificate for taking the Wisconsin Responsible Beverage Server Training Course. Seconded by Mark Wolf. Roll Call and motion carried.

### **TID 3 & 4 TERMINATION –**

Neil Boltik explained that TIDs 3 & 4 have needed to be closed for a few years now and that the Village of Elmwood will be required to pay Pierce County, CVTC, and Elmwood School a portion of money once TIDs are closed. Our auditors and Ehlers are in the process of figuring out the amount that will be owed to each entity.

Roll Call “Yea” – Mark Wolf, Meaghan Poquette, Jason Severson, Paul Unser, and Neil Boltik

Roll Call “Nay” – None

The Board Members have all agreed to close TIDs 3 & 4.

### **ALL-CROIX INSPECTION –**

Todd Doland noted a slight increase for both commercial and residential properties. When asked about their frequency of visits to the Village of Elmwood, Todd mentioned it's about once a week. Neil Boltik voiced concerns about perceived favoritism, which Todd assured wasn't true, and he would never jeopardize his license. He offered his phone number for immediate contact regarding unauthorized building changes without permits. The Board Members and All-Croix agreed to a one-year contract, with plans for a committee meeting to update the building code.

**Library Board:** Nick Andrews mentioned that approximately 100 school children visited the library to learn about the eclipse. The relationship between the school and library is progressing. The Easter Lunch event had an excellent turnout, and numerous compliments have been received for it. Currently, Nick is focused on coordinating spring events with book connections for summer reading activities and organizing competitions for both children and adults.

**Nursing Home:** No Report

**Parks & Buildings:** No Report

**Public Works:** Paul Unser presented the Public Works report, stating that the county spent a few days addressing encroaching brush on Partridge Ave, a task we aided to reduce costs. Bryan Bechel and Royce Baier traveled to La Crosse to take their tests. Additionally, we cleared the branches that fell near the school and repaired a section at the base of the clarifier. Today, the sweeper was brought out to start street clean up.

**Personnel & Finance:** Holly announced that the auditors had been in her office for two weeks diligently aiding with last year's audit and gathering information to expedite this year's process. Prior to the April 2<sup>nd</sup> elections, herself and Deputy Clerk Lexi attended training at the county, as it was their first time overseeing the complete election process. They expressed gratitude to residents for their patience throughout. Holly also noted that the office will be closed on April 22<sup>nd</sup> for an out-of-town seminar.

**Police:** Chief Chris Thibado reported 21 calls within the Village, completed the monthly reporting, and is still working on recruitment. He stated the officers were able to run drills and different scenarios at the Heritage Nursing Home.

### **PAYMENT OF BILLS –**

Jason Severson made a motion to approve full payment on the bills as submitted. Seconded by Mark Wolf. Roll call and motion carried.

### **ADJOURN –**

Paul Unser moved to adjourn. Second by Mark Wolf. Roll Call and motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Holly R. Malaszuk

Clerk/Treasurer