

VILLAGE OF ELMWOOD

323 W. Winter Avenue Elmwood, 54740

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

DATE & TIME: July 8, 2024 – 7:00PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Neil Boltik, Paul Unser, Jason Severson, Dawn Toth, Pam Marson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Pat Geraets, Mark Wolf

STAFF PRESENT: Holly Malaszuk, Lexi Dominik

PUBLIC PRESENT: Carl Schroder, Amy Bechel, Linda Garfield, Bill Stewart, Brooke and Brandy Blanch (Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services)

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 JUNE 10, 2024 -

Paul Unser made a motion to approve the minutes for June 10th as submitted. Seconded by Dawn Toth. Roll Call and motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT –

Amy Bechel announced that UFO Days takes place the last weekend in July, and they are still seeking volunteers for the food tent and souvenir stand. If you're interested in joining the Community Club or volunteering for any town events, please contact Amy Bechel or Dawn Toth.

Brooke and Brandy, Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services, announced that the installation will begin next week for internet, and public Wi-Fi will be available for UFO Days. Additionally, they will be hosting an "Internet 101" class in the Village Auditorium on July 30th.

Russ from WQOW, and another station, will be in town and airing UFO Days posters.

COMMUNITY GROUPS – ENRICHMENT COUNCIL/COMMUNITY CLUB/AMERICAN LEGION –

Linda Garfield mentioned that the Enrichment Council would like a closet to be built upstairs in the auditorium and that they now have two quotes for the project. She inquired if the Village would be willing to contribute funds, and the Community Club will also be asked to contribute. The Enrichment Council would like the cost to be divided three ways. This topic will be sent to a Parks & Buildings Committee Meeting.

Linda Garfield had also mentioned that they'll be working with the American Legion to consider setting up frisbee golf in Butternut Park.

UFO DAY'S FIREWORKS –

Jason Severson made a motion to approve the fireworks permit as submitted. Seconded by Pam Marson. Roll Call and motion carried.

**OPERATOR'S LICENSES – HALF THROTTLE SALOON, KERN'S KURBSIDE,
DOLLAR GENERAL – Charlotte Preston, Kevin Arnoldy, Erin Geraets, Kelly**

Retterath, Jennifer Perez

Paul Unser made a motion to approve all licenses as submitted. Seconded by Jason Severson. Roll Call and motion carried.

ELMWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT CHICKEN DINNER –

Paul Unser made a motion to approve the Street Use Permit, Temporary Class "B" License, and Temporary Operator's Licenses as submitted. Seconded by Dawn Toth. Roll Call and motion carried.

Library Board: No Report

Nursing Home: No Report

Parks & Buildings: No Report

Public Works: Paul Unser presented the Public Works Report, noting that Bryan Bechel had spoken with McCallie's Tree Service Company. They will be in town on Friday, July 12, to inspect trees that homeowners may want removed or trimmed and will provide quotes for the work to be done the following week, starting July 15th. Additionally, Gunders are scheduled to complete the park bathrooms by Tuesday, ensuring they are ready for UFO Days. A community clean-up day is planned for July 20th, from 8 AM to 12 PM.

Personnel & Finance: Holly Malaszuk announced that they will be visiting Welcome Home Assisted Living for absentee ballot applications on July 17th at 11 AM and will return on Friday, August 9th at 10 AM for absentee ballots. She reminded everyone that the second portion of property tax payments should be sent directly to the county, as she cannot process property taxes after January 31st. Election training is available in the office on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays until August 9th. Currently still looking for more poll workers in case anyone is sick or unable to attend. Public testing for election equipment will take place on August 7th at noon. Lexi Dominik informed everyone that she has identified three grants relevant to the Village: the Brownfield Cleanup Grant, the Community Development Block Grant, and the Alliant Energy Giving for Good Grant. We can proceed with these opportunities once we receive our audit results.

Police: Jason Severson presented the Police Report, noting that Chief Chris Thibado reported 28 calls within the Village, completed the monthly reporting, and is still working on recruitment. They're prepping for UFO Days and the damages done to Butternut Park has been addressed.

PAYMENT OF BILLS –

Dawn Toth made a motion to approve full payment on the bills as submitted. Seconded by Pam Marson. Roll call and motion carried.

ADJOURN –

Dawn Toth moved to adjourn. Second by Jason Severson. Roll Call and motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM

Respectfully Submitted
Holly R. Malaszuk
Clerk/Treasurer