

**VILLAGE OF ELMWOOD**

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

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**DATE & TIME: October 14, 2024 – 7:00PM**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT: Mark Wolf**

**STAFF PRESENT: Holly Malaszuk, Bryan Bechel, Steven Halvorson, Nick Andrews**

**PUBLIC PRESENT: Carl Schroder, Amy Bechel**

**PRESS PRESENT: None**

**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 SEPTEMBER 9, 2024 -**

Dawn Toth made a motion to approve the minutes for September 9<sup>th</sup> as submitted. Seconded by Jason Severson. Roll Call and motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT –**

None

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

Amy Bechel mentioned that Fall Family Fun Day was cold and windy, which likely contributed to the lower turnout. Additionally, the circuit breakers occasionally tripped at the park due to the number of roasters and crockpots plugged in.

Neil Boltik announced that the Elmwood Area Fire Department and EMS will hold their meeting on October 18, 2024.

**OPERATOR'S LICENSES –MATTHEW MEHRKENS, LANI JOHNSON – KERN'S KURBSIDE**

**OPERATOR'S LICENSE – AUDREY BIGAOUETTE – HALF THROTTLE SALOON**

Pam Marson approved all licenses as submitted. Seconded by Dawn Toth. Roll Call and motion carried.

**Library Board:** Nick Andrews announced that the library will participate in the Craft Sale on November 9th at the Village Auditorium. They will also be selling a limited number of raffle tickets. Additionally, the library will be present at the Thanksgiving Dinner on November 23rd at the Village Auditorium, offering crafts, puzzles, and a scavenger hunt. Nick also mentioned that the library is now part of Friends of the library, an organization that supports various fundraising events. Furthermore, he explained that Staying Put will provide rides on Election Day. This service, offered by volunteers using their personal vehicles, helps transport residents to appointments, events, shopping, and more.

**Nursing Home:** Neil Boltik shared that there has been interest in the nursing home and assured that a follow-up will be provided as soon as possible.

**Parks & Buildings:** None

**Public Works:** Bryan Bechel presented the Public Works report, highlighting recent activities and projects. The pole by the auditorium stairs was repaired and painted, streets were swept multiple times, and Hartung Electric reconnected the light pole by the laundromat. A new teeter-totter was installed at the park to replace a damaged one, and the Community Clean-Up Day on September 28th brought in several loads of miscellaneous items, including steel. The scoring machine in the bowling alley was fixed, and bids are being sought for replacing or lining the rotting culvert under HWY 72 at Omaha and Race. HK Solutions quoted \$40,000 to line the culvert, while Pierce County estimated \$2,500 to repave the road after pipe replacement. A bid is also pending from Next Level for a concrete replacement.

**Personnel & Finance:** None

**Police Report:** Jason Severson read the report from Chief Thibado and he reported that monthly state reports have been completed, updates to the camera systems are in progress, and there were 30 calls for service this month, an increase of 11 from last month. He also announced that there is a candidate for the police officer position and Chief Thibado is moving forward with the hiring process, with an interview date and time expected soon and the background check process beginning shortly.

**Clerk Report by Holly Malaszuk:** A Profession Land Surveyor is collaborating with FEMA to rezone lots classified as Flood Plains in the Nelson Development and requires a signature for the Community Acknowledgement. The Board Members it would be best to send it to the Zoning Board Committee. Meanwhile, the IRS has issued a \$20,625.32 penalty for not submitting the December 2022 941 forms, letters have been sent for Penalty Abatement. Payment is due by October 23rd, with little expectation of a refund. The office will be closed next Wednesday and Friday for the final seminar of the year and will open late at noon on Friday, November 1st, to assist with Absentee Ballots at Welcome Home. Lastly, the Village is hosting an early Thanksgiving Dinner on November 23rd from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., with proceeds from goodwill donations benefiting the library's new roof fund.

Pam Marson shared that a resident had inquired about why food trucks don't pay fees to operate or park in town. Board members responded that any changes to this would need to wait until next year. They emphasized their priority of attracting more businesses to the area rather than deterring them, as they want to ensure businesses feel welcome and encouraged to stay in town.

#### **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 –**

Paul Unser moved to adjourn. Second by Pat Geraets. Roll Call and motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Respectfully Submitted  
Holly R. Malaszuk  
Clerk/Treasurer