

VILLAGE OF ELMWOOD

323 W. Winter Avenue Elmwood, 54740

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

DATE & TIME: December 9, 2024 – 7:00PM

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Holly Malaszuk, Bryan Bechel, Chief Chris Thibado, Darren Ekholm, Nick Andrews

PUBLIC PRESENT: Carl Schroder, Amy Bechel, Darren's Family

PRESS PRESENT: None

NOTE: APPROVED MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

President Neil Boltik called the Board Meeting to order at 7:06PM

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 NOVEMBER 11, 2024 -

Dawn Toth made a motion to approve the minutes for November 11th as submitted. Seconded by Paul Unser. Roll Call and motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT –

None

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

Amy Bechel reported that the Community Club hosted their Santa Day on December 7th, with approximately 65 children in attendance. The snowball fight was a big success.

OPERATOR'S LICENSE – JORDANNE NYGAARD – SANDBAR –

Pam Marson made a motion to approve the Operator's License as submitted. Seconded by Dawn Toth. Roll Call and motion carried.

Library Board: Nick Andrews announced that the Elmwood Library will now be publishing a quarterly newsletter. The library is also hosting winter programs and reading challenges. Additionally, he is collaborating with the Spring Valley Library Director to launch a speaker series planned for 2025.

Nursing Home: Neil Boltik announced that we have been in contact with our realtor who has informed us that the showings have been going well. The prospective buyers have made progress in moving forward and are waiting for an estimate from their contractor. Hopefully, we'll be receiving a counteroffer soon.

Parks & Buildings: None

Public Works: Bryan Bechel shared that they have been collaborating with Next Level and Tony Maas to connect two more residents to city water and sewer services. The community Thanksgiving lunch was held on November 23rd to raise funds for the library roof replacement. A heartfelt thank-you goes to everyone who volunteered their time, prepared food, and to Sailer's for donating the ham. The Christmas decorations have also been put up. Additionally, two bids have been received for replacing the culvert under HWY 72 at the intersection of Omaha Avenue and Race Avenue. The existing metal culvert is planned to be replaced with a concrete one.

Personnel & Finance: None

Police Report: Darren Ekholm introduced himself, sharing that he served with the Ellsworth Police Department for 25 years and plans to focus on enforcing more ordinances in Elmwood, including addressing unregistered vehicles and ensuring garbage and debris are cleaned up. He reported completing department orientation, updating forms, and conducting community patrols for familiarization. He also coordinated with the Pierce County Sheriff's Office on equipment programming and records systems, as well as with Turning Point for victim resources. Additionally, he participated in phone conferences with the Clerk of Courts and District Attorney's Office, performed general patrol duties, addressed ordinances, organized the office, and took part in the Pierce County Shop with a Cop program.

Chief Christ Thibado reported there were 17 calls this month and highlighted the snowmobile safety orientation. He also requested that all presents be dropped off at the Village Office by December 20th so he can either deliver them to the intended recipients or arrange for them to be picked up.

Clerk Report by: Holly Malaszuk shared that property tax bills have been mailed, and payments are already being received. Residents can leave payments in the mailbox outside the Auditorium along with their tax stub. Payments made after January 31st must be sent to the county and will incur a daily late fee. She also announced that the annual TID meeting with Ehlers, Public Financial Advisors, is scheduled for December 16th at 6:00 p.m. Additionally, Holly is working with Yvette from CLA to ensure all accounts are accurately reconciled to streamline next year's audit process. She noted that the office will be closed on December 24th and 25th for Christmas, January 1st for New Year's Day, and January 20th for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Finally, she reminded everyone that the deadline for filing nomination papers is Monday, January 6th, and candidacy forms for those interested in joining the Village Board are available in the basket by the office door.

PAYMENT OF BILLS –

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

ADJOURN –

Mark Wolf moved to adjourn. Second by Pat Geraets. Roll Call and motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Holly R. Malaszuk
Clerk/Treasurer