

VILLAGE OF ELMWOOD

323 W. Winter Avenue Elmwood, 54740

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

DATE & TIME: January 13, 2025 – 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, Chief Chris Thibado, Darren Ekholm, Steven Halvorson, Lexi Dominik, 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 7:12PM

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 DECEMBER 9, 2024 -

Dawn Toth made a motion to approve the minutes for December 9th as submitted. Seconded by Pat Geraets. Roll Call and motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT –

Neil Boltik announced that, following a committee meeting, the Village will begin enforcing the requirement for cats to be licensed due to an ongoing nuisance issue. Although the ordinance book already states that cats must be licensed, this has not been actively enforced until now. Please note that within Village limits, cats should not be outside unless they are on a leash or in a secure enclosure to ensure they remain on your property. We ask all residents to be responsible pet owners.

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

Amy Bechel reported that the Community Club will be hosting Euchre tournaments on February 15th and March 23rd.

**OPERATOR’S LICENSE – LOGAN THIRY – KERN’S KURBSIDE –
OPERATOR’S LICENSE – SARAH WENDT & JORDANN NYGAARD – HALF
THROTTLE**

OPERATOR’S LICENSE – MADELYN LITTLE – CONSUMER’S COOPERATIVE

Pam Marson made a motion to approve all Operator’s Licenses as submitted. Seconded by Jason Severson. Roll Call and motion carried.

HERITAGE NURSING HOME OFFERS –

Paul Unser made a motion to postpone discussion of this topic until the meeting held on Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 6PM. Seconded by Dawn Toth. Roll Call and motion carried.

Library Board: Nick Andrews reported that the library's year-end numbers show a slight increase. He has also been conducting more school visits. The Elmwood Library Friends (ELF) will now be accepting donations for the library and will have the ability to apply for grants to support library initiatives. Summer programs are currently being scheduled, with events in July featuring music, jugglers, and snakes.

Nursing Home: None

Parks & Buildings: None

Public Works: Steven Halvorson reported that they met with Hartung Electric to get additional streetlights working. They also worked on updating sewer reports as requested by the DNR and took down the Christmas decorations. There were two snow events—one in December and the recent one. They borrowed a lift from Pierce County to clean and repair the broken fan in the auditorium. Regarding the furnaces upstairs, one was fixed, and Isaac from T&S was called in to inspect the other. They are also preparing to take water and sewer tests in Eau Claire tomorrow.

Personnel & Finance: Holly Malaszuk explained that one of the furnaces in the Village auditorium has stopped working, and replacement parts are no longer available for it. The other furnace is the same year and model, meaning it likely won't be far behind. If it fails, it will also need to be replaced. Paul Unser made a motion to purchase two furnaces and to get the one replaced as soon as possible. Dawn Toth seconded. Roll Call and motion carried. Animal Control: It was agreed to postpone and have a deeper discussion on animal control until the meeting scheduled for tomorrow, January 14th, at 6 p.m.

Police Report: Darren Ekholm reported that he met with Citizens State Bank to discuss their policies. He also held multiple meetings with the School District to review safety drills and conduct debriefings. The department's rifle was updated through C&R Guns in River Falls, and an account was established to handle annual inspections and maintenance of department firearms. Department Onboarding is continuing. Additionally, the department hosted a Christmas event for kids and community members. Pierce County Sheriff's Office responded to 18 calls for service in the Village, and Elmwood PD responded to 14 calls for service.

Clerk Report by: Holly Malaszuk reported that the January 2025 settlement included \$103,654 to the County, \$19,111 to CVTC, \$201,853 to Elmwood School, and \$106,587 retained by the Village. She is preparing for the Village's audit, with CLA scheduled to begin the 2024 audit on February 10th, which is earlier than last year, with the hope that it will be completed more quickly. Due to her mother's surgery, Holly will be out of town until late next week but will be working remotely to assist as much as possible. Lexi will be available in the office during regular hours. The office will be closed on Monday, January 20th, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

PAYMENT OF BILLS –

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

ADJOURN –

Paul Unser moved to adjourn. Second by Dawn Toth. Roll Call and motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Holly R. Malaszuk
Clerk/Treasurer