

VILLAGE OF ELMWOOD

323 W. Winter Avenue Elmwood, 54740

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

DATE & TIME: February 10, 2025 – 7:00PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Unser, Pam Marson, Jason Severson, Mark Wolf, Pat Geraets

MEMBERS ABSENT: Neil Boltik, Dawn Toth

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Meg Ivey, Amy Bechel

PRESS PRESENT: None

NOTE: APPROVED MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Paul Unser serves as the acting President in Neil Boltik's absence. Paul Unser called the Board Meeting to order at 6:59PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NOTE COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETING LAWS

Paul Unser noted that the Village had complied with the open meeting law requirements.

OPEN REGULAR BOARD MEETING-

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JANUARY 13, 2025 -

Jason Severson made a motion to approve the minutes for January 13th as submitted. Seconded by Pam Marson. Roll Call and motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT –

None

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

Amy Bechel reported that the Community Club will be hosting a Euchre tournament on March 23rd. Lunch will be available at noon and start time at 1:00PM. All proceeds will go to the Koch family.

OPERATOR'S LICENSE – WADE PRUDLOW – CONSUMER'S COOPERATIVE –

Pam Marson made a motion to approve the operator's license as submitted. Seconded by Mark Wolf. Roll Call and motion carried.

CARPET FOR AUDITORIUM STAIRS – TOM WEBER

Holly Malaszuk stated that Tom Weber from the VFW would like to have the carpet and tread match the other staircase. The VFW is willing to cover the full cost if the Village Board approves. Pat Geraets made a motion to approve them to do the staircase. Seconded by Pam Marson. Roll Call and motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF ORDINANCE UPDATE –

Holly Malaszuk ask the Board Members when they would like to begin reviewing and updating the Village Ordinances. A meeting to discuss the revisions for Title 7, Chapter 2 is scheduled for Monday, the 24th, at 6 PM.

Library Board: None

Nursing Home: None

Parks & Buildings: None

Public Works: Bryan Bechel announced that on January 14th, they traveled to Eau Claire to take water and sewer tests, where Steve passed the General Sewer test, and Bryan passed the Distribution portion on the water side. In March, they plan to go to La Crosse for additional testing. Recently, Bardingale was brought in to repair the boiler at the Nursing Home and fix a broken water line. Additionally, water leaked onto the clinic floor, requiring Servpro to assist in water cleanup and moisture removal from the walls. However, the glue between the wallpaper and sheetrock will not dry properly unless the wallpaper is removed, with the removal being quoted at \$3,000. Over the past weekend, they managed a snow event, and today, work was done on the pin setters and bumpers at the bowling alley.

Personnel & Finance: None

Police Report: Darren Ekholm reported that the Elmwood Police Department (ELPD) handled 34 Calls for Service (CFS) in January. An ongoing investigation related to the December CPS case continues, now with assistance from Wisconsin DCI, and is expected to last up to 90 more days. Additionally, ELPD received another CPS-related call in January, which was investigated and subsequently closed. Four citations were issued throughout the month, while the Pierce County Sheriff's Department responded to 16 CFS within the Village of Elmwood. The department continues to collaborate with the school district on school safety initiatives. As part of their equipment upgrades, Axon camera equipment was received and is now in use per the department's contract. Tactical rifle-rated body armor has been researched and purchased for officer use in critical incidents, while the department continues researching ballistic-rated helmets. Lastly, Ekholm attended a two-day webinar for WIBRS training.

Clerk Report by: Holly Malaszuk announced that a letter from GFL states that there will be a rate increase within the village. She and Lexi have been busy preparing for the Spring Primary Election on February 18, 2025, and the Spring Election on April 1st. Last Friday, she began sending information to the auditors for the 2024 audit, and they have already requested additional details, which hopefully means the audit will be completed sooner this year. Additionally, March performance reviews for Lexi (1 year), Steven (6 months), Bryan (2.5 years), and herself (2 years) have been scheduled for March 17th at 6 PM. This meeting will be held in a closed session.

PAYMENT OF BILLS –

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

ADJOURN –

Jason Severson 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