

The July 17, 2023 meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Elk Mound was called to order by Village President Terry Stamm at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Karin Wolf, Clerk-Treasurer, verified that proper notice of the meeting had been posted.

Roll call showed Cynthia Abraham, Bob Bachman, Tim Benjamin, Pat Hahn, Joyce Price, and Terry Stamm present. Pat Lien was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Benjamin/Bachman moved and seconded a motion to approve the Village Board minutes of June 19, 2023 and July 3, 2023. Motion carried.

CITIZEN'S FORUM – (PUBLIC INPUT)

Adam Blaskowski, owner of 121 Juniper Avenue, provided photos of the cleanup and rehabilitation work he is performing on that property.

PUBLIC APPEARANCE

There was no public appearance.

APPROVAL OF GENERAL FUND AND WATER/SEWER UTILITY VOUCHERS

Hahn/Benjamin moved and seconded a motion to approve the combined checks 32395 - 32427 and direct deposits V3471 - V3495 for a total of \$50,602.47. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TID VOUCHERS

There were no TID checks.

MOVEMENT OF AGENDA ITEM

Stamm/Abraham moved and seconded a motion to move agenda item 14(a) Discussion/Action Request from Building Inspector on how to proceed with Building Permit process for 121 Juniper Avenue to this point in the meeting. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion/Action Request from Building Inspector on how to proceed with Building Permit process for 121 Juniper Avenue

Benjamin/Hahn moved and seconded a motion to accept the recommendation from the village attorney stating that Adam Blaskowski, owner of 121 Juniper Avenue, needs to provide the proper licensing documentation and obtain the necessary permits for the rehabilitation work he is completing on that property. Motion carried.

PERMITS – BUILDING; WATER/SEWER APPLICATIONS FOR SERVICE/TAP PERMITS

Building permits were issued to BRR, LLC for 8-plex buildings at 216 and 218 Independence Drive, Greg Kipp for residing at S202 Holly Avenue, and Jeff Fagen for reroofing at 105 Juniper Avenue.

REPORTS BY OFFICIALS:

Water/Sewer Report

The Water/Sewer Report was presented by Mark Levra, Director of Public Works. The report is on file in the Director of Public Works office.

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Police Chief Report

The Police Chief Report was presented by Police Chief Chad Weinberger. The report is on file in the Village Clerk-Treasurer's office.

Standing Committee Reports:

Public Works & Streets

Bob Bachman reported that the Public Works & Streets Committee did not meet.

Public Safety

Tim Benjamin reported that the Public Safety Committee did not meet.

Property & Finance

Cynthia Abraham reported that the Property & Finance Committee did not meet.

Employee Relations

Pat Hahn reported that the Employee Relations Committee did not meet.

Special Committee Reports:

Plan Commission

Terry Stamm reported that the Plan Commission did not meet.

Report from Fire Board Representative

Terry Stamm reported that the department responded to four calls in the last month. There are still discussions about having an ambulance at the fire station.

The department now has 25 firefighters. Chief Feuster plans to acquire extra personal equipment such as helmets and gloves. Dan Williams is continuing with fire inspections and re-inspections.

The department is looking into the purchase of 4 or 5 cameras due to recent vandalism. They are also looking to perform driveway improvements at the Tom Kopp irrigation water supply station south of Elk Mound.

Chief Feuster is continuing to research payment options for a wet rescue vehicle. It is estimated to cost the Fire District \$25,000 per year for 10 years.

The computer belonging to the previous fire chief is available for donation to an area agency. A budget comparison report was also provided by Chief Feuster.

Report from Elk Mound/Colfax Solid Waste & Recycling

Terry Stamm reported that the Board is working with the Town of Elk Mound on fill removal at the Elk Mound site. They are also working with Sylvester Custom Grinding to grind up the brush pile and Nedland Industries for a repair program for the compactors. Jenson Farms is also assisting the unit in disposal of yard waste piles at both the Colfax and Elk Mound sites to meet DNR requirements.

Colfax Rescue Squad Monthly Report

The Colfax Rescue Squad Monthly Report from Don Knutson for May and June was reviewed. This is available in the Village Clerk-Treasurer's Office.

Community Center/Library Report

Terry Stamm reported that the Community Center/Library Board did not meet. A meeting is scheduled for July 24.

Communications & Miscellaneous Business as Permitted by Law

Karin Wolf reported that the preliminary estimates of the 2024 state shared revenue distributions show the village receiving \$272,692, which is over \$46,000 more than 2023. She also mentioned that the League of Wisconsin Municipalities was offering Local Government 101 training in Altoona, which is highly recommended for board members. Wolf also reported that the village received a mailing from Buell Consulting, asking us to complete a Business Terms Agreement if we are interested in being considered as a location for a cell phone tower. She will be submitting this for the village.

Trustee Tim Benjamin encouraged everyone to attend the Paint the Town event in Menomonie on July 22.

Communications & Miscellaneous Business as Permitted by Law (continued)

President Terry Stamm reported that the Lions Club fundraiser at the annual coach pitch tournament was a big success. He commended the Public Works department for their hard work preparing the park for the event.

New Business:

Discussion/Action Approval of Baker Tilly

Engagement Letter for 100% Audit of TID #1

Abraham/Hahn moved and seconded a motion to approve the Baker Tilly engagement letter for a 100% audit of TID #1. Motion carried.

Adjourn

Benjamin/Hahn moved and seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m. Motion carried.

Karin Wolf
Village of Elk Mound Clerk-Treasurer