

THE VILLAGE NEWS

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ORDINANCE REMINDER

Sec. 6-2-8 Snow and Ice Removal.

- (a) **Removal From Sidewalks.** Within twenty-four (24) hours after the cessation of any fall of sleet or snow, it shall be the duty of the owners and/or the occupants of any lot or parcel of land in the Village of Elk Mound to remove, or cause to be removed, the snow or sleet from any and all sidewalks and the nearest cross-side-walks adjacent to the premises of such owner or occupant, and to keep the same free and clear of snow and ice for the full width of the sidewalk.
- (b) **Failure to Remove.** In case of failure or neglect of any owner or occupant of any land or parcel of land to remove the snow from sidewalks as specified in subsection (a) within the time set forth in said Subsection and, after twenty-four (24) hours after the cessation of any fall of snow, the owner or occupant has failed to remove such snow from sidewalks as specified in Subsection (a), the Public Works Department shall remove or cause the snow to be removed from any and all sidewalks and cross-sidewalks that may be so neglected by the owner or occupant, and a fee established by the Village Board shall be assessed against the owner or occupant for the cost and expense of moving such snow. The fee will be charged against the respective lots and parcels of land adjacent to which said work shall be done, as a special charge, and such sum or sums shall be collected in the same manner as other special taxes.

For a copy of the entire ordinance call
715-879-5011.

Solid Waste Site News:

Christmas paper wrapping is considered garbage for disposal purposes. Please dispose accordingly.

Thank You!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Greg Kipp

Greetings, Village Residents!

“Oh Baby, it's cold outside”. Well, winter is off to a great start here in the North Woods, having plenty of snow and cold temperatures. Please remember to stay safe and warm while traveling this season, as stalled cars or encounters with snow banks may cause you to be stranded in your vehicle. A little preparation may keep you and your loved ones alive! One website that may assist you is the following: <https://www.weather.gov/safety/winter>.

As a friendly reminder from the December newsletter, I am asking for anyone who is interested in contributing to their community to run for the Village Board. Elections will be held on April 4, 2023. If you are interested, please stop by the Village Hall and pick up the required paper work. You will need to collect 20 signatures from Village residents to get on the Ballot, and you must have your paper work back to the Village Hall by January 3rd. If you have any questions, please contact Karin or Julie, who will be happy to assist you.

As a point of interest, we received an anonymous comment written to the Village concerning our Christmas decorations. This person feels that we should have better (and probably newer) decorations. We discussed this at the last board meeting and wish to share with you that two issues which influence this issue. First, the power company limits how many poles we can decorate based on hook-ups. Additionally, our very tight budget guides us to spend your tax dollars only on essentials (i.e. areas where serious, overdue improvements are needed including roads and our water system). I encourage you to review our budget for 2023 and you will see what I'm referring to.

For those of you who enjoy snowmobiling, the trails are open and accessible! I noticed several of you taking advantage of the snow and stopping in to support some of our local businesses! We certainly appreciate you and hope that you continue to take advantage of this popular winter sport. In keeping with the joy of the season, I wish you all a very happy New Year!

Greg

Board Minutes November 21, 2022

The November 21, 2022 meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Elk Mound was called to order by Village President Greg Kipp at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building and ZOOM.

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

Roll call showed Cynthia Abraham, Bob Bachman, Tim Benjamin, Jesse Jenson, Greg Kipp, Pat Lien, and Terry Stamm present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jenson/Benjamin moved and seconded a motion to approve the Village Board Minutes of October 17, 2022 and November 7, 2022. Motion carried.

CITIZEN'S FORUM – (PUBLIC INPUT)

Eric Felton, W215 Menomonie St, expressed concerns he had about a parking ticket he received for odd/even parking.

PUBLIC APPEARANCE

There was no Public Appearance.

APPROVAL OF GENERAL FUND, WATER/SEWER UTILITY AND DIRECT DEPOSIT PAYROLL CHECKS

Kipp/Jenson moved and seconded a motion to approve the combined checks 32037 - 32098 and direct deposits V3277 - V3300 for a total of \$104,669.85. Motion carried. Stamm abstained.

APPROVAL OF TID VOUCHERS

Benjamin/Stamm moved and seconded a motion to approve TID check 1007 in the amount of \$525.25. Motion carried.

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

A building permit was issued to Tim Benjamin for an addition to his garage.

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

Standing Committee Reports:

Public Works & Streets

Terry Stamm 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

Jesse Jenson reported that the Employee Relations Committee did not meet.

Special Committee Reports:

Plan Commission

Greg Kipp reported that the Plan Commission did meet to finalize the Village of Elk Mound Comprehensive Plan. A public hearing to approve the plan will take place during the first meeting in January.

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Report from Fire Board Representative

Greg Kipp reported there was four calls last month. The department received a Garage Lease Agreement from the Village of Colfax to store an ambulance. Les wants to make changes to it before approval. A shore power would have to be wired into the stall where the ambulance would sit.

Les is retiring from the position of Fire Chief. Colin Fuester has been appointed the new Fire Chief effective January 1, 2023.

Report from Elk Mound/Colfax Solid Waste & Recycling

Terry Stamm reported that they are still reminding residents that winter hours are now in effect. Deer carcasses are not allowed at the site. There are deer carcass disposal locations at 921 Brickyard Road, Menomonie, and 1300 W Clairemont Ave, Eau Claire.

Residents are also asked to be careful when disposing of brush and yard waste to make sure that they are put in the appropriate areas at the site. Incandescent screw-in light bulbs, batteries, unused medication and sharps can be disposed of at both sites at no cost.

Colfax Rescue Squad Monthly Report

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

Community Center/Library Report

Terry Stamm reported that the Community Center/Library Committee did not meet but is scheduled for its next meeting on November 28th.

Communications & Miscellaneous Business as Permitted by Law

Tim Benjamin reported that there is a session of disaster response and recovery training available in Chippewa Falls on December 7th and 8th.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion/Action Application by Anthony and Melissa Devine to Rezone Lot 9, Lincoln Street, from R-1 Single Family Residential District (Low Density) to R-2 Single Family Residential District (Medium Density)

Benjamin/Bachman moved and seconded a motion to take a roll call vote on the application by Anthony and Melissa Devine to rezone Lot 9, Lincoln Street, from R-1 Single Family Residential District (Low Density) to R-2 Single Family Residential District (Medium Density). Motion carried. Due to the petition made by the residents of neighboring properties, a roll call vote was taken. A Yes vote is to approve the application and a No vote is to deny the application. Roll call vote: Stamm: No, Benjamin: No, Abraham: No, Kipp: No, Bachman: No, Jenson: No, Lien: No. The Village Board denies the application to rezone Lot 9, Lincoln Street.

Discussion/Action 2023 General Fund Budget

Benjamin/Kipp moved and seconded a motion to approve the 2023 General Fund budget with the proposed reduction to the police budget in the amount of \$7,280. Motion carried. Stamm/Kipp moved and seconded a motion to set the date for the budget hearing for December 5th. Motion carried.

New Business:

Discussion/Action Introduction of New Elk Mound Fire District Chief

Colin Feuster was introduced as the new Fire Chief for the Elk Mound Fire District. He was sworn in by Karin Wolf, Clerk/Treasurer.

Discussion/Action Application for Mobile Home Park License for VLCL Properties-Nelson Mobile Home Park

Stamm/Jenson moved and seconded a motion to approve the application for a Mobile Home Park License for VLCL Properties-Nelson Mobile Home Park. Motion carried.

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Discussion/Action Change December 19th, 2022 and January 2nd, 2023 Meeting Dates

Jenson/Benjamin moved and seconded a motion to move the December 19, 2022 meeting date to December 21, 2022 and the January 2, 2023 meeting date to January 4, 2023. Motion carried.

Adjourn

Jenson/Benjamin moved and seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. Motion carried.

Karin Wolf
Village of Elk Mound Clerk-Treasurer

Board Minutes December 5, 2022

The December 5, 2022 Village Board Meeting was called to order by Greg Kipp, Village President, 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, Jesse Jenson, Greg Kipp, and Terry Stamm present. Pat Lien was absent.

Citizen’s Forum

No one was registered for Citizen’s Forum.

Public Appearance

Don Stuckert, representative of the Elk Mound American Legion Baseball team, asked the Village Board for permission to hang up advertising banners on the fence at Field #2 to raise funds for the baseball program. The Village Board gave its permission to hang the banners.

Board Minutes December 5th, Continued

Communications & Miscellaneous Business as Permitted by Law

Tim Benjamin reported from his Dunn County Economic Development Board meeting that the City of Menomonie closed its TID #11, which is the Stout Industrial Park. Terry Stamm reminded everyone of the Elk Mound Lions Club’s Lights of Love tree lighting ceremony on December 8th at 6:30 p.m.

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

Discussion/Action 2023 General Fund Budget

Benjamin/Abraham moved and seconded a motion to approve the 2023 General Fund Budget with the proposed \$5,100 increase to the police budget. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action 2023 Water/Sewer Budget

Stamm/Benjamin moved and seconded a motion to approve the 2023 Water/Sewer Budget as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action HydroCorp Annual Renewal for Commercial Cross Connections

Abraham/Jenson moved and seconded a motion to approve the annual renewal with HydroCorp for commercial cross connections. Motion carried.

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PUBLIC WORKS ANNOUNCEMENT

Skating Rink will Open—Date is Weather Dependent.
Avid skaters should check out the indoor area rinks:
Hobbs Ice Area on Menomonie Street in Eau Claire.

www.eauclairewi.gov/recreation/hobbs-ice-arena

or

Fanetti Ice Arena, 17th Street SE (Dunn County
Fairgrounds) Menomonie.

<http://fanetticommunitycenter.com/>

Board Minutes December 5th, Continued

Discussion/Action EMPD Application for the \$25,000 Coronavirus Grant to add Key Fob Entries to the Police Department

Benjamin/Bachman moved and seconded a motion to approve the Elk Mound Police Department submitting an application for the \$25,000 Coronavirus grant to add key fob entries to the police department and village hall, with overtime for the police chief as necessary and the help of the office assistant. Motion carried.

Adjourn

Jenson/Benjamin moved and seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Motion carried.

Karin Wolf

Streetlight Outage

If you notice a street light that is not functioning properly, you can report it through the Xcel Energy website:

https://www.xcelenergy.com/outages_and_emergencies/report_outage or you can call the Public Works Department at 715-556-4566 with the following information:

1. Location of Street Light (Nearest Address)
2. Nearest Cross Street
3. Issue (Blinking Light, Light Not Operating, etc.)

ADOPT-A-HYDRANT PROGRAM



The Elk Mound Water Utility is asking residents and community businesses to adopt their neighborhood fire hydrants. They can do this by clearing accumulated snow around hydrants near their homes and places of employment.

Snow removal around the system fire hydrants is the responsibility of everyone, but during the winter storms, hydrants may become buried for sometime before utility crews reach all hydrants in the system.

Not all systems require utility personnel the sole responsibility to clear snow—but rely on street departments, fire departments and citizen volunteers. Please remember safety precautions must be followed. By taking a few minutes to clear your “adopted” hydrant, you’ll be assisting both the water and fire departments. The house you save might just be your own!

For more information please contact the Public Works Department at 715-556-4566.



VOTING ABSENTEE

If you wish to continue to vote absentee in 2023, you will need to fill out a new request for absentee ballot form. These are available at the Clerk’s office at the Village Hall. If you are unable to come by during office hours, the form is also available on our website: www.elkmound.org. Once complete, please return to the clerk’s office with a copy of your photo identification.

WARNING SIREN

When severe weather occurs, you will hear a steady tone for three minutes. Upon early warning, volunteers will attempt to set the Warning Siren to a STEADY TONE. This warning is to inform you to seek information from TV or RADIO. For residents that do not have adequate shelter, the Lutheran Church, 207 University Street, has offered the use of the church basement. Every effort will be made to get the rear (south) doors opened on alarm. **YOU SHOULD MAKE ALTERNATE PLANS IN THE EVENT THE CHURCH IS NOT OPEN!!**

Having a plan in place will minimize confusion when time is of the essence. Preplanning to bring flashlights, possibly a blanket, as well as making other arrangements for pets will make for quick access to shelter. (Please do not bring pets to the Church).

This plan will be in effect immediately and until further notice.

“Weather Alert” radios are available for purchase at local electronics or major department stores. These units can be used in addition to the local warning siren for early severe storm alerts.

According to Dunn County Emergency Management, the siren is intended to alert people outdoors that severe weather conditions are nearby. The sounding of these sirens is your cue to access local detailed weather information from radio or television and discover if there is an need to take further action. More information can be found on their site: www.dunn.wi.co.us, click on Departments, Emergency Management & Outdoor Warning Sirens.

Dunn County Communications Center is responsible for testing the emergency siren system. The Emergency Warning Siren is tested the first Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m. from April through October. Standard emergency warning siren electro-mechanical tones are as follows:

- ALERT— Steady Tone, 3 minutes
- ATTACK—Wailing Tone, 6 sec. Hi/6 sec. Low, 3 min
- FIRE— Wailing Tone, 16 sec. Hi/8 Sec. Low, 4 Cycles
- GROWL— Short Burst, 2 Sec. Used for testing of siren only.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS VILLAGE OF ELK MOUND

The Dunn County Treasurer, 3001 US Hwy 12 East, Suite 102A, Menomonie WI 54751 will collect personal property and real estate taxes for the 2022 tax year. **THE DUNN COUNTY TREASURER OFFICES ARE OPEN MON-FRI (8:00-4:30), HOWEVER PAYMENTS BY MAIL OR DROPBOX ARE ENCOURAGED.** Please make checks payable to Dunn County Treasurer. First installment of real estate tax is due January 31, 2023. Second installment of real estate tax is due July 31, 2023. All personal property taxes are due in full by January 31, 2023.

Note: Your dog licenses should be purchased from the Elk Mound Village Clerk/Treasurer, and you must provide proof of rabies vaccinations for the dogs.

Warning Siren

The Warning Siren will be Tested the first Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m., dates are as follows:

- January 2, 2023
- February 7, 2023
- March 6, 2023

Parks are now closed for the season.

If you wish to reserve the park pavilion for a special future event, please call 715-879-5011 to check availability, or visit our website: www.elkmound.org and select the calendar tab to see if your date is available.

Elk Mound Community Library Hours:

Monday 2pm to 6pm
Wednesday 2pm to 6pm
Friday 2pm to 6pm

Library will be closed on January 2nd for the New Year Holiday.



BOARD MEETINGS

Next Board Meeting is January 4th. Board Meetings are typically held the first and third Mondays of each month at 6:00 p.m. Meetings are open to the public in person, via Zoom or phone call. Instructions on how to access the meeting by phone are listed below.

The Zoom meeting IDs are 889 679 0258,
Password 619735

For current agendas see the posting locations: Elk Mound Village Hall, Post Office, Independence State Bank, as well as on the website: www.elkmound.org, click on board/ committee agendas. Village Residents are encouraged to participate under citizen’s forum, if you have a topic for discussion please email to karin@elkmound.org.

**ORDINANCE REMINDER
WINTER PARKING**

Per Sec. 10-1-29 (b) Winter Parking Restricted:

- (1) No person shall park a vehicle on streets or portions of streets within the Village of Elk Mound, between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., from November 1 through April 1, the snow removal season, except as follows:
 - a) On odd-numbered calendar days, on that side of the street with odd-numbered house numerals; and
 - b) On even-numbered calendar days, on that side of the street with even numbered house numerals.
- (2) In addition to the penalties of Section 10-1-50, Village officials may remove any such vehicle parked in violation of this Section to a place of storage and may charge the cost of towing and storage to the owner of such vehicle.



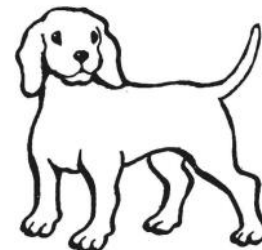
2023 DOG LICENSES DUE

Dog licenses are now due for 2023. Fees are \$18.00 for non-spayed or non-neutered and \$13.00 for spayed or neutered pets. All dogs over the age of 5 months residing in the Village of Elk Mound require a license.

You can drop your payment and a copy of the rabies vaccination certificate in the utility payment box at the front of the Village Hall, E206 Menomonie Street, Elk Mound. If you have questions, please call the clerk/treasurer’s office 8:00am to 4:30pm, at 715-879-5011.

Licenses cannot be issued without proof of rabies vaccination.

Late fees and other penalties apply after March 31st!



January 2023						
S	U	M	T	W	T	F
1	2 Village Offices Closed Library Closed New Years Observed	3 Pop Up Pantry 11:30am-12:30pm Food Pantry 4-6pm	4 Board Meeting 6pm Solid Waste Site 12 Noon to 4pm Library Open 2pm-	5	6 Food Pantry 10-noon Village Office Closed Library Open 2-6pm	7 Solid Waste Hours 8am to 3pm
8	9 Library Open 2pm-6pm	10 Food Pantry 4-6pm	11 Fire Board 7pm Solid Waste Site 12 Noon to 4pm Library Open 2-6pm	12	13 Food Pantry 10-noon Village Office Closed Library Open 2-6pm	14 Solid Waste Site Hours 8am to 3pm
15	16 Board Meeting 6pm Library Open 2pm-6pm	17 Food Pantry 4-6pm	18 Solid Waste Site Hours 12 Noon to 4pm Library Open 2-6pm	19	20 Food Pantry 10-noon Village Office Closed	21 Solid Waste Site Hours 8am to 3pm
22	23 Library Open 2pm-6pm	24 Food Pantry 4-6pm	25 Solid Waste Site Hours 12 Noon to 4pm Library Open 2-6pm	26	27 Food Pantry 10-noon Village Office Closed Library Open 2-6pm	28 Solid Waste Site Hours 8am to 3pm
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February 2023						
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Village Office Hours:
Mon-Thurs 8:00a.m.—4:30 p.m.
Closed noon to 1:00 p.m. each day

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Community Food Pantry is located at Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church, 207 University Street (Entrance from the Parking Lot).

Call 715-879-5115 with any questions.

E-mail: info@elkound.org
Website: www.elkound.org

Phone: 715-879-5011
Fax: 715-879-5851

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