

# THE VILLAGE NEWS

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## LOCATION & HOURS OF POLLING PLACE

At the Spring Primary to be held on February 21, 2023 in the Village of Elk Mound, County of Dunn, the following polling place locations will be used for the wards indicated:

**LOCATION:** Elk Mound Village Hall  
E206 Menomonie Street  
Elk Mound, WI 54739

**WARD:** 1

**ALL POLLING PLACES WILL OPEN AT 7:00 A.M. AND WILL CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.**

If you have any questions concerning your polling place, contact the municipal clerk:

Karin Wolf  
E206 Menomonie Street/PO Box 188, Elk Mound  
Phone 715-879-5011  
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Monday through Thursday  
**All places are accessible to elderly and disabled voters.**



## Elk Mound Fire District Chili Feed Fundraiser and Open House



**Come and Support our Local Firefighters and EMTs on Sunday, February 12th from 11:00am to 2:00pm**

**ALL YOU CAN EAT – DONATIONS APPRECIATED!**

**Representatives from both the Elk Mound Fire Department and Colfax Ambulance Service will be available to give tours of the Fire Station, you can see where Colfax Rescue will soon keep their second ambulance! Positions are currently available for both firefighters and EMTs. No previous experience required.**

**WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE A SAFER COMMUNITY**

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Greg Kipp

### Friends and Neighbors:

Just getting back from a mission trip to Honduras, and drilling a well in one of the villages down there it makes me appreciate the village that I live in more.

Hopefully as a board that we have made this village the kind of place that people like to live in. I still encourage people to show up to the Board Meeting with any concerns that they have. We can't fix a problem that we do not know about. We also accept compliments on what we have done right.

I would like to encourage people to show up February 6th for the Comprehensive Plan Hearing.

For those who do not know, Les Shafer after 27 years of service to our community as a firefighter and Chief has decided to retire. I would like to welcome Colin Feuster as our new Fire Chief.

Back by popular demand, mark your calendars for February 12th, 2023. 11am-2pm Annual Chili feed.

Just a little reminder, when it snows let's try to keep those sidewalks shoveled and to obey our parking ordinances. It will help our employees clear the streets in a more fast and efficient way.

Greg

## Board Minutes December 21, 2022

The December 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, Greg Kipp, Pat Lien, and Terry Stamm present. Jesse Jenson was absent.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Stamm/Abraham moved and seconded a motion to approve the Village Board Minutes of November 21, 2022 and December 5, 2022. Motion carried.

### **CITIZEN'S FORUM – (PUBLIC INPUT)**

Tony Devine had some questions regarding his denied petition to rezone his vacant lot on Lincoln Street.

**PUBLIC APPEARANCE:** There was no Public Appearance.

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

Abraham/Kipp moved and seconded a motion to approve the combined checks 32099 - 32139 and direct deposits V3301 - V3330 for a total of \$59,214.48. Motion carried. Stamm abstained.

### **APPROVAL OF TID VOUCHERS**

Stamm/Kipp moved and seconded a motion to approve TID check 1008 in the amount of \$16,163.66. Motion carried.

### **PERMITS – BUILDING; WATER/SEWER APPLICATIONS FOR SERVICE/TAP PERMITS:**

There were no permits or applications for service.

### **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:** Cynthia Abraham reported that the Employee Relations Committee did not meet.

### **Special Committee Reports: Plan Commission:**

Greg Kipp reported that the Plan Commission did not meet.

**Report from Fire Board Representative:** Greg Kipp reported that the Fire Board had not yet met this month but was scheduled to meet after tonight's Village Board meeting.

### **Report from Elk Mound/Colfax Solid Waste & Recycling:**

Terry Stamm reported that both sites will be closed on December 24<sup>th</sup>. The Village staff has mailed out to residents the 2023 permits, fee schedules and DNR required educational materials.

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## Board Minutes December 21st, Continued

John Schafer, Tony Christopherson and Terry Stamm met to discuss payment for the completion of the 2022 improvements. Residents are reminded that Christmas present wrapping paper is not a recyclable item and should be considered trash. Unwanted strings of Christmas lights should be given to the site attendants for proper disposal.

**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 meet on November 28<sup>th</sup>. The committee approved the purchase of a new indoor mat for the west entrance door. Requests were submitted to the Town of Elk Mound and Town of Spring Brook for 2023 funding in the amounts of \$2,500 and \$1,000 respectively. Both townships have verbally approved the funding requests and invoices will be sent in January.

**Communications & Miscellaneous Business as Permitted by Law:** Terry Stamm thanked everyone that attended the Lions Club Lights of Love ceremony on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Cynthia Abraham welcomed suggestions for a location for the Christmas party. Mark Levra reported that the village office received an anonymous letter from someone unhappy with a lack of Christmas decorations in the village. Greg Kipp stated that he received an e-mail from Jim Rooney in Settlers Ridge, wondering about plans for Phase 2 of the development.

**Unfinished Business:** There was no unfinished business.

**New Business:**

**Discussion/Action Public Works Fee Schedule:**

This agenda item was referred to the Property and Finance Committee for consideration. No action taken.

**Adjourn:** Benjamin/Abraham moved and seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. Motion carried.  
Karin Wolf / Village of Elk Mound Clerk—Treasurer

## Board Minutes January 4, 2023

The January 4, 2023 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, Pat Lien, and Terry Stamm present.

**Citizen's Forum:** No one was registered for Citizen's Forum.

**Public Appearance:** There was no Public Appearance.

**Communications & Miscellaneous Business as**

**Permitted by Law:** Cynthia Abraham updated the Board with her plans for the holiday party.

**Unfinished Business:** There was no unfinished business.

**New Business: Discussion/Action Pay Rate for**

**LTE Officers:** This was sent to the Employee Relations Committee for discussion.

**Discussion/Action Public Works Fee Schedule**

Benjamin/Jenson moved and seconded to approve the updated Public Works Fee Schedule as presented. Motion carried.

**Discussion/Action Options for Next Phase of Settlers**

**Ridge:** Jim Rooney from Settlers Ridge has been in touch with President Kipp about plans to move forward with Phase 2 of the development. President Kipp is going to call Jim Rooney to discuss this further and will report on it at the next meeting. No action taken.

**Adjourn**

Jenson/Benjamin moved and seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 p.m. Motion carried.

Karin Wolf—Village of Elk Mound Clerk/Treasurer

## VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may submit a request to vote an absentee ballot to their municipal clerk. A qualified elector is any U.S. citizen, who will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day, who has resided in the ward or municipality where they wish to vote for at least 28 consecutive days before the election. The elector must also be registered to vote to receive an absentee ballot. Proof of identification must be provided before an absentee ballot may be issued\*.

### **Making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail**

Contact your municipal clerk and request that an application for an absentee ballot be sent to you for the primary or election or both. You may make written application to your municipal clerk for an absentee ballot by mail, by fax, by email or at MyVote.wi.gov. Or you may apply in person at the clerk's office during the In-Person Absentee Voting period listed below.

Your written request must include:

- Your voting address within the municipality where you wish to vote
- the address where the absentee ballot should be sent, if different from the address above
- your signature
- a copy of your photo identification\*

### **The deadline for making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail is:**

5:00 p.m. on the fifth day before the election, Thursday, February 16, 2023.\*\*

\*Voters who are indefinitely confined due to age, illness, infirmity, or disability may not be required to provide photo ID. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk regarding deadlines for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot.

\*\* Special absentee voting application provisions apply to electors who are indefinitely confined, in the military, hospitalized, or serving as a sequestered juror. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk regarding deadlines for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot.

### **Voting an absentee ballot in person**

You may also request and vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office or other specified location during the days and hours specified for casting an absentee ballot in person.

Karin Wolf, Clerk/Treasurer  
 Phone: 715-879-5011  
 Email: karin@elkmound.org  
 E206 Menomonie Street, Elk Mound  
 Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day  
 Closed from Noon to 1:00 p.m. for lunch

The first day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is Tuesday, February 7th.

The last day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is Thursday, February 16th.

No in-person absentee voting may occur on the day before the election. The municipal clerk will deliver voted ballots returned on or before Election Day to the proper polling place or counting location before the polls close on February 21st. Any ballots received after the polls close will not be counted.

SAMPLE BALLOT FOR MY NEXT ELECTION

2023 Spring Primary

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

Village Of Elk Mound - Ward 1

Here's what will be on the ballot for the next election.

Sample Ballot for My Next Election

Justice Of The Supreme Court	
Vote For One	<input type="radio"/> Janet C. Protasiewicz <input type="radio"/> Daniel Kelly <input type="radio"/> Everett D. Mitchell <input type="radio"/> Jennifer R. Dorow <input type="radio"/> Write In <input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>

For more information: [www.myvote.wi.gov](http://www.myvote.wi.gov)

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](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.)

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.

REMINDER:

There is salt/sand pile—for Village Resident use only—located behind the Public Works Building at E204 Menomonie Street. You are welcome to bring a bucket and help yourself for your sidewalk and drive approaches. Please be sure to re-cover the pile with the tarp when finished.

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](http://www.elkmound.org) or visit

[www.myvote.wi.gov](http://www.myvote.wi.gov).

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](http://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. 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.

## 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!



## Warning Siren

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

- February 6, 2023
- March 6, 2023
- April 3, 2023

## 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](http://www.eauclairewi.gov/recreation/hobbs-ice-arena)

or

Fanetti Ice Arena, 17th Street SE (Dunn County Fairgrounds) Menomonie. <http://fanetticomunitycenter.com/>

**Elk Mound Community Library Hours:**

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

Ask Library Staff about Elk Mound area historic information; now available for viewing on the Library computers!



**BOARD MEETINGS**

**Next Board Meeting is February 6th.** 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](http://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](mailto: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.



**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.

## 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						Solid Waste Site 12 Noon to 4pm Library Open 2pm-6pm		Food Pantry 10-noon Village Office Closed Library Open 2-6pm	Solid Waste Hours 8am to 3pm
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### 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.

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