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### **BOARD MEETINGS**

Next Board Meeting is June 5th. 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 ID: 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.

# Warning Siren

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

June 5, 2023 July 3, 2023 August 7, 2023

# Solid Waste Site Information Butane Lighters / Torches

There is typically a small amount of butane left in the lighter or torch which can be dangerous if disposed in regular trash. Please keep these items separate from your regular trash and give to the attendants for proper (and safe) disposal.

Thank You!

# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Terry Stamm

As we enter our summer season in the Village, please be sure to keep your lawns maintained under 8" in height. While some of our neighboring communities opted for a "No Mow May" here in the Village we have rodent and other wildlife control issues and shorter lawns help to keep the critters away.

On another note, if everyone can do their part by breaking down the card-board boxes prior to arriving at the solid waste site, this helps keep the lines moving more efficiently.

Don't forget about the clean sweep event being held on June 6th from 2pm to 6pm at 831 E. Railroad Ave. in Colfax. This is an opportunity for you to clean out unwanted automotive products, cleaners, aerosol cans, oil & lead based paints & adhesives and pesticides.

Speeding continues to be a problem in our Village. There will be additional traffic enforcement during the month of June to help curb this problem. Please watch your speed.

Also stop in at the Elk Mound Area Community Center this upcoming weekend for the thrift sales, the Lions Club will be serving lunch items!

Terry Stamm

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# **BOARD MINUTES APRIL 17, 2023**

The April 17, 2023, 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.

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

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

# **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Stamm/Jenson moved and seconded a motion to approve the Village Board Minutes of March 20, 2023 and April 3, 2023. Motion carried.

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

No one was registered for Citizen's Forum.

# **PUBLIC APPEARANCE**

Brian Roemer of Ehlers presented the 2023 Water Long-Range Cash Flow Analysis to the Village Board. This analysis included the estimated effect on water rates if future projects take place.

# APPROVAL OF GENERAL FUND AND WATER/SEWER UTILITY VOUCHERS

Benjamin/Bachman moved and seconded a motion to approve the combined checks 32273 - 32305 and direct deposits V3396 - V3418 for a total of \$58,890.39. Motion carried.

# **APPROVAL OF TID VOUCHERS**

Benjamin/Jenson moved and seconded a motion to approve TID check 1011 in the amount of \$194,866.62. Motion carried.

# <u>PERMITS – BUILDING; WATER/SEWER APPLICATIONS</u> FOR SERVICE/TAP PERMITS

An occupancy permit was issued to BRR, LLC for 220 Independence Drive.

# **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.

# **Director of Public Works Report**

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

# **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**

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**

Terry Stamm 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 not meet.

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# BOARD MINUTES APRIL 17TH, CONTINUED

# Report from Fire Board Representative

Greg Kipp reported that there were four runs in February. Three new firefighters joined in the last month and there are three more potential prospects. Hookups for the new apartments in Settlers Ridge have been done.

The Fire Department is ordering new gear to replace old equipment. Chief Fuester is applying for grants to cover the cost. The village has ordinances for billing residents for the cost of the Fire Department's services, but the townships do not. The department will be meeting to develop a plan to make billing uniform between all three municipalities.

# Report from Elk Mound/Colfax Solid Waste & Recycling

Terry Stamm reported that the R.U. is working to inform residents about the new summer site hours. The sites are open on Wednesdays from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. until November 1, 2023. Lynn and Terry will be reviewing the audit report for last year's operation of the R.U.

Residents are encouraged to sort recycling from garbage items before arriving at the site to allow attendants to process as quickly as possible. The attendants are also working to perform spring clean-up of the sites to meet DNR requirements.

<u>Colfax Rescue Squad Monthly Report:</u> 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 Board met on March 27. The Board is looking into options to replace the TV screen in the library. One option the Board considered was to move the screen from the village hall board room to the library and apply for a grant through the Otto Bremer Foundation to purchase a larger screen for the village hall board room. If the village does not receive this grant, the library screen will then be replaced with funds from the community center/library savings account. The next meeting will be held on May 22 at 4:30 p.m.

# Communications & Miscellaneous Business as Permitted

**by Law:** Tim Benjamin reported that Bob Bossany from the Dunn County Economic Development Corporation reached out about someone potentially interested in the Marshfield Clinic building. Tim provided contact information for Sacred Heart Hospital.

The Lions Club is interested in donating welcome signs to be placed on County Road H on the north and south entrances to the village. The Lions Club will be forming a committee on this and is working with the village to design the signs, with plans to have the school's technical education class construct the signs.

# **Unfinished Business:**

<u>Discussion/Action Board Member to serve on the Board of Review to be held May 10, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.:</u> Stamm/Benjamin moved and seconded a motion to appoint newly elected board member Patricia Hahn to serve on the Board of Review to be held May 10, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Motion carried.

# **Discussion/Action Appointment of Village Trustee**

Stamm/Benjamin moved and seconded to appoint Joyce Price to fill Terry Stamm's trustee position on the Village Board for a term of two years. Stamm's trustee position is vacant as he will be taking the Village President position. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Purchase of a Philips HeartStart Automated External Defibrillator for the Village Park at a cost of \$1,898, funded by Dunn Energy Cooperative's "The Power of Change" Grant'

Jenson/Benjamin moved and seconded to approve the purchase of a Philips HeartStart Automated External Defibrillator for the Village Park at a cost of \$1,898, funded by Dunn Energy Cooperative's "The Power of Change" Grant. Motion carried.

**Adjourn:** Jenson/Benjamin moved and seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. Motion carried.

Karin Wolf, Village of Elk Mound Clerk-Treasurer

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# **BOARD MINUTES MAY 1, 2023**

The May 1, 2023 Village Board Meeting was called to order by Terry Stamm, 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, Patty Hahn, Pat Lien, Joyce Price, and Terry Stamm present.

<u>Citizen's Forum:</u> No one was registered for Citizen's Forum.

<u>Public Appearance:</u> Andrew Mercil, Dunn County Clerk, provided an overview of the Badger Books electronic poll book system, which is replacing paper poll books throughout the state. He presented a proposal where the county clerk's office would fund half of the cost of the Badger Books. The recommendation for the village is two Badger Books – one for voter registration and one for checking in voters. The cost to purchase two Badger Books would be \$2,180.48. This will be added to the next meeting's agenda.

Bernie Lenz, CBS Squared, provided another overview of the proposed water system improvement project. He outlined the need for a new reservoir and loop to help with flow issues throughout the village. The best location for a new reservoir was provided so that the village can begin the process of land acquisition.

Josh Low, Ehlers, provided potential water rate increases using different scenarios of how much of the water project would be financed with grants and loans from the Safe Drinking Water Loan Fund.

# **Communications & Miscellaneous Business as**

<u>Permitted by Law:</u> Village President Terry Stamm welcomed Patty Hahn and Joyce Price to the Village Board and thanked them for their willingness to serve their community.

Director of Public Works Mark Levra reported that the request for bids for the LRIP street projects and University Street sealcoating will be published in the Leader-Telegram on May 3 and 10. Bids are due on May 19 and

will be opened on May 22. He also mentioned that the village parks are officially open for the season.

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

# **New Business:**

# <u>Discussion/Action Land Acquisition for Construction of New Reservoir</u>

Benjamin/Abraham moved and seconded a motion to form a committee to pursue land acquisition for the reservoir for the water improvement project. The committee will consist of Director of Public Works Mark Levra, Village Engineer Bernie Lenz, Village Attorney Jason Brasch, and Property and Finance Committee Chair Cynthia Abraham. Motion carried. (Continued on Page 5)

# 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!

# ELK MOUND COMMUNITY CENTER IS AVAILABLE FOR RENT

Plan your next meeting, class or family event!
The community center is available for rent.
Check the calendar of availability online at
www.elkmound.org and click on calendars, community center reservations will show in green.
The community center will accommodate up to
45 people.

Call 715-879-5011 for availability or visit www.elkmound.org / calendar.

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# **BOARD MINUTES MAY 1, CONTINUED**

<u>Discussion/Action Review of Village Structure, Ordinances and Policies:</u> This item was tabled until the May 15 meeting.

# Discussion/Action Format of Request for Citizens Forum

This item was tabled until the May 15 meeting.

<u>Consumer Confidence Report:</u> Abraham/Benjamin moved and seconded a motion to approve the 2022 Village of Elk Mound Consumer Confidence Report as presented. Motion carried.

<u>Discussion/Action Approval of 2023-2024 Committee</u>
<u>Listing:</u> Hahn/Abraham moved and seconded a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Committee Listing as presented. Motion carried.

# <u>Discussion/Action Installation of Village Park Field</u> Name Signs and Waiver of Sign Permit Fee

Hahn/Benjamin moved and seconded a motion to approve the installation of the village park field name signs and waiver of the sign permit fee. Motion carried.

# <u>Discussion/Action Donation of Welcome Signs on</u> <u>County Road H by Lions Club</u>

Benjamin/Lien moved and seconded a motion to approve the donation of welcome signs on County Road H by the Elk Mound Lions Club. Motion carried.

# Discussion/Action Resolution 23-5, Authorizing the Issuance and Delivery of an Allonge for the Health Care Facilities Revenue Bond, Series 2015A – Grace Lutheran Foundation, Inc Project

Abraham/Benjamin moved and seconded a motion to approve Resolution 23-5, authorizing the issuance and delivery of an allonge for the Health Care Facilities Revenue Bond, Series 2015A – Grace Lutheran Foundation, Inc Project. Motion carried.

# <u>Discussion/Action Approval of Memorandum of Under-</u> standing between the Elk Mound Police Department and the Elk Mound Area School District

Benjamin/Bachman moved and seconded a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Elk Mound Police Department and the Elk Mound Area School District, Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Commitment of Financial Capability to pay for the non-federal share of project costs for the U.S. Department of Justice's Fiscal Year 2023 COPS Hiring Program Grant: Bachman/Lien moved and seconded a motion to approve the commitment of financial capability to pay for the non-federal share of project costs for the U.S. Department of Justice's Fiscal Year 2023 COPS Hiring Program Grant. Motion carried.

# **Discussion/Action Offer of Land Donation from**

Ausman Estate to the Village, Parcel ID 17121-2-281135-210-0024: Abraham/Benjamin moved and seconded a motion to decline the offer of the land donation from the Ausman Estate to the village, Parcel ID 17121-2-281135-210-0024. Motion carried.

# Adjourn to Closed Session per Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c), to consider the end of a temporary Light Duty Work Assignment for Police Chief Chad

<u>Weinberger:</u> Bachman/Benjamin moved and seconded a motion to adjourn to closed session per Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c), to consider the end of a temporary Light Duty Work Assignment for Police Chief Chad Weinberger. Roll call vote: Abraham: yes, Bachman: yes, Benjamin: yes, Hahn: yes, Lien: yes, Price: yes, Stamm: yes. Motion carried.

<u>Reconvene to Open Session:</u> Hahn/Lien moved and seconded a motion to reconvene to open session. Motion carried.

# <u>Discussion/Action Consideration of the end of a tem-</u> <u>porary Light Duty Work Assignment for Police Chief</u> <u>Chad Weinberger</u>

Benjamin/Abraham moved and seconded a motion to approve the end of a temporary Light Duty Work Assignment for Police Chief Chad Weinberger. Motion carried.

### Adjourn

Lien/Benjamin moved and seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried.

Karin Wolf, Village of Elk Mound Clerk/Treasurer

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# CLEAN SWEEP EVENT FOR MEMBERS OF COLFAX & ELK MOUND SITES TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2023 2 PM TO 6 PM

# **ACCEPTABLE ITEMS**

# AUTOMOTIVE

- Antifreeze
- · Brake Fluid
- Degreasers
- Gasoline

# CLEANERS

- Concrete Cleaners
- Polish & Spot Removers
- · Pool Chemicals

# OTHER MATERIALS

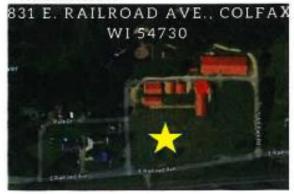
- Aerosol Cans (not empty)
- · Acids/Bases
- Rodent Bait
- Mercury

# PAINTS/SOLVENTS

- Oil & Lead Paint (No latex paint)
- · Oil Based Stains & Polyurethanes
- Adhesives
- Turpentine, Strippers and Thinners

# PESTICIDES

- Insecticides
- Fertilizer w/ Weed Killer
- Herbicides
- Fungicides
- Rodenticides



# UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Appliances
- Batteries
- Bulbs
- Gas Tanks (propane, helium, spray foam, etc)
- Electronics
- Explosives (ammunition,

# fireworks)

- Latex Paint
- Medical Waste & Medications
- Sharps
- Smoke Detectors
- Tires
- Used Oil
- Fire extinguishers
- Electronics

# NO COST WITH PERMIT DISPLAYED

FEE FOR NON-MEMBERS \$100 + USE OF SITES UNTIL 12/31/2023

# FOR QUESTIONS

CALL: 715-962-3311

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# 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. 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.

# VILLAGE PARK RENTAL INFORMATION

The park located at S405 Holly Avenue (Highway H) offers men's and women's restroom facilities, a lighted pavilion with 15 picnic tables, soccer fields, a 9-hole disc golf course, volleyball nets, horse-shoe pits, a basketball court and playground equipment. The park pavilion is a perfect place for food preparation; offering kitchen utilities including stove, refrigerators and chest coolers, 4 grills and a large serving counter.

Check pavilion availability at <a href="https://www.elkmound.org">www.elkmound.org</a> and click on calendar. Booked dates will show up with Pavilion Reserved

The Village park is available for rent for \$100.00 per day for Elk Mound Village Residents, and \$150.00 per day for Non-Residents. These fees go toward the cost of continuous park maintenance, along with cleanup and garbage removal for your specific event. Any proceeds from park rentals will go toward park improvements.

Keep in mind there may be other activity on the ball fields as they are rented separately. We have very active baseball & softball youth groups in the area.

The baseball and softball schedules are also available on our website: <a href="www.elkmound.org">www.elkmound.org</a>. Click on calendar to see various events. If the pavilion is already reserved it will be noted on the calendar.

Park pavilion and ball field reservations can be made by contacting the clerk's office at 715-879-5011.

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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.

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

Phone: 715-879-5851

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