

THE VILLAGE NEWS

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BOARD MEETINGS

Next Board Meeting is August 7th. 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:

August 7, 2023
September 4, 2023
October 2, 2023

Solid Waste Site Update: Cooking oil cannot be disposed of at the Solid Waste Site with motor oil. It must be given to attendants in a separate container.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Ordinance Reminder: Lawns, Grasses & Noxious Weeds (Section 8-1-6)

Lawns shall be maintained to a height not to exceed eight (8) inches. Plantings shall be maintained so as not to present hazards to adjoining properties or to persons or vehicles traveling on public ways and shall be maintained so as to enhance the appearance and value of the property on which located and thereby the appearance and value of the neighborhood and the Village of Elk Mound.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Terry Stamm

Seems hard to imagine but school will be back in full session starting August 17th. Please be aware of children on sidewalks and as they cross the street. When students are on the sidewalks speed limits are 15 mph in school zones.

911 hang-up calls are increasing. Accidental calls take time and resources to investigate. You can help by checking your phone's operating system settings to learn about the 911 functions and disable the functions if not desired; Check your phone's owner's manual or research your phone settings on the internet for further details.

Additionally, ensure your phone's software or operating system is always up-to-date, remove SIM cards from phones no longer in use and dispose of old phones properly. Old phones should not be used as toys.

BOARD MINUTES JUNE 19, 2023

The June 19, 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, Pat Lien, Joyce Price, and Terry Stamm present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Hahn/Lien moved and seconded a motion to approve the Village Board Minutes of May 15, 2023 and June 5, 2023. Motion carried.

CITIZEN'S FORUM – (PUBLIC INPUT): No one was registered for Citizen's Forum.

PUBLIC APPEARANCE: There was no public appearance.

APPROVAL OF GENERAL FUND AND WATER/SEWER UTILITY VOUCHERS : Abraham/Benjamin moved and seconded a motion to approve the combined checks 32354 - 32394 and direct deposits V3440 - V3470 for a total of \$53,012.40. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TID VOUCHERS: Hahn/Abraham moved and seconded a motion to approve TID checks 1012-1013 for a total of \$1,722. Motion carried.

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

A building permit was issued to Jordan Koeppen, 500 University Street. Pool permits were issued to Tonya Marko, 304 Mound Park Drive, and Sara Steig, S213 Holly 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 Lien 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

Tim Benjamin reported that the Fire Department responded to 12 calls since the last meeting. It also participated in two fire training drills this month which included propane fire practices.

Dan Williams is the new fire inspector and training officer. The department currently has 24 firefighters. Chief Feuster continues to review ordinances and billing practices, and hopes to complete this by the end of the summer.

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BOARD MINUTES JUNE 19TH CONTINUED

The department approved the repair of engine #5 at a cost of \$90,000-\$115,000. All three entities have approved their share of the cost. Chief Feuster is also researching payment options for a wet rescue vehicle. The department also replaced external antennas for six garage doors for better reception.

Report from Elk Mound/Colfax Solid Waste & Recycling

Terry Stamm reported that the RU staff conducted a clean sweep event at the Colfax Fairgrounds on June 6. The event was operated using a \$8,100 grant.

The unit is working with the Town of Elk Mound to remove a hill of fill dirt at the Elk Mound site to improve brush and mulch operations. The unit was also involved with the DNR inspections of the Colfax and Elk Mound sites on June 15 to ensure compliance with state regulations.

Colfax Rescue Squad Monthly Report: The Colfax Rescue Squad Monthly Report was not available at the time of the meeting.

Community Center/Library Report

Terry Stamm reported that the Community Center/Library Board met on May 22. Joleen Sterk, Director of the Menomonie Library, presented a report showing the activity of the Elk Mound branch in 2022. Total checkouts were 5,690 and there were 6,031 wireless sessions, showing that many area residents are using the wireless internet.

Stamm is still working on locating an appropriate-sized cabinet for the historical item display. A grant application was submitted to Bremer Foundation to replace the board room screen with the intent that the current screen would be used at the library. Award announcements will be in by July 19.

The committee approved the Lions Club's use of the community center at a reduced rent of \$25/day during the thrift sales. They also approved for Dunn County Emergency Management to use the room at no charge for an emergency preparedness class.

Communications & Miscellaneous Business as Permitted by Law

Karin Wolf reported that the village had been contacted by LCC Telecom, who has shown interest in placing a cell phone tower in the village. They would lease a 100' x 100' section of property at a rate of \$500/month, with an increase of 5% per year for 10 years. Both Wolf and President Stamm have been in contact with the LCC Telecom representative, who is going to send more information about the application process.

Director of Public Works Mark Levra mentioned that the playground equipment at Moundview Elementary is being replaced next week. Natural Touch Landscaping, the company in charge of the project, asked if the village would like the old playground equipment, with possible placement by Field 3 in the village park.

Communications & Miscellaneous Business as Permitted by Law (continued)

Trustee Cynthia Abraham mentioned that the Grub Fusion Diner's grand opening was a success. The Hmong Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce, the Eau Claire Area Chamber of Commerce, WQOW News 18, and representatives from Derrick Van Orden's office all attended.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion/Action Purchase of three Getac Police Computers and Cradle for \$9,069, utilizing the \$7,000 Police Covid Grant and the remaining \$2,069 from the Patrol Wages Account: Benjamin/Bachman moved and seconded a motion to table this item until the July 3 meeting.

New Business:

Discussion/Action Compliance Maintenance Annual Report: Director of Public Works Mark Levra presented the 2022 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report to the Board. No action was taken.

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BOARD MINUTES JUNE 19TH CONTINUED

Discussion/Action Compliance Maintenance Annual Report Resolution 23-7

Hahn/Benjamin moved and seconded a motion to approve the Compliance Maintenance Annual Report, Resolution 23-7. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Renewal Application Class "A" Retailer's Fermented Malt Beverage License and "Class A" Intoxicating Liquor License and "Class A" – Intoxicating Liquor License – Cider Only for Consumption off Premise for Cenergy, LLC – Elk Mound Travel Stop #3773

Abraham/Bachman moved and seconded a motion to approve the Renewal Application Class "A" Retailer's Fermented Malt Beverage License and "Class A" Intoxicating Liquor License and "Class A" – Intoxicating Liquor License – Cider Only for Consumption off Premise for Cenergy, LLC – Elk Mound Travel Stop #3773. Motion carried.

Adjourn

Lien/Hahn moved and seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m. Motion carried.

Karin Wolf
Village of Elk Mound Clerk-Treasurer

Board Minutes July 3, 2023

The July 3, 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.

BOARD MINUTES JULY 3, 2023 CONTINUED

Citizen's Forum

Adam Blaskowski, owner of 121 Juniper Avenue, addressed the Village Board with concerns about permit requirements for renovations he is completing at this residence.

Public Appearance: There was no Public Appearance.

Communications & Miscellaneous Business as Permitted by Law

Director of Public Works Mark Levra reported that the sealcoating of University Street has been completed. Repaving of Fir Street and Lincoln Street is in progress.

Police Chief Chad Weinberger reported that the siren did not work during the monthly testing. A faulty battery charger is suspected and has been ordered.

Trustee Bob Bachman commended Terry Stamm and Mark Levra for keeping the brush pile at the solid waste site in order.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion/Action Purchase of three Getac Police Computers and Cradle for \$9,069, utilizing the \$7,000 Police Covid Grant and the remaining \$2,069 from the Patrol Wages Account

Police Chief Chad Weinberger reported that the computers approved for purchase from PC Doctors at the February 6, 2023 Village Board meeting are no longer available and the department needs to pursue other options.

Discussion/Action Purchase of three Getac Police Computers and Cradle for \$9,069, utilizing the \$7,000 Police Covid Grant and the remaining \$2,069 from the Patrol Wages Account (continued)

Abraham/Price moved and seconded a motion to purchase three Getac police computers and cradle from Nielson Communications, Inc., for \$9,069, utilizing the \$7,000 Police Covid Grant and the remaining \$2,069 covered with a budget transfer from the Patrol Wages account to the Police New Equipment account. Motion carried.

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BOARD MINUTES JULY 3, CONTINUED

New Business:

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

Bachman/Lien moved and seconded a motion to allow Adam Blaskowski, owner of 121 Juniper Avenue, to speak further regarding the building permit requirements for the renovations he wants to complete on this property.

Lien/Abraham moved and seconded a motion to send this matter to the village attorney for legal review, including information from both the village inspector and the property owner. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Tabletop Exercise of the Village of Elk Mound Emergency Operations Plan

Chief of Police Chad Weinberger presented a tabletop exercise with the scenario of a widespread fire in the village to practice utilization of the Village of Elk Mound Emergency Operations Plan. No action taken.

Adjourn

Lien/Benjamin moved and seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. Motion carried.

Karin Wolf
Village of Elk Mound Clerk/Treasurer

4 YEAR VOTER RECORD MAINTENANCE IN PROCESS

On June 15, 2023 postcards were sent to all Wisconsin registered voters who have not voted in the last 4 years. If you received a postcard identified as a NOTICE OF VOTER REGISTRATION SUSPENSION and did not return the postcard, your voter registration has likely been suspended.

You can re-register by logging into myvote.wi.gov and chose "Register to Vote". If you prefer to register in person, please stop by the Village Hall and bring with you proof of residence to complete the voter registration form.

Proof of residence can be your driver's license if it has your current address, a utility bill or bank statement. Please see page 6 for a complete list of acceptable proof of residence documents.

If you are planning a building project this summer, please contact the Village Hall.

For a full listing of projects requiring permits, please see our website: www.elkmound.org, code of ordinances section 15-1-2.



Public Safety Reminder

Please remember to lock your vehicles and homes when you are away. The Village of Elk Mound is close in proximity to Hwy 29 & I-94. Mobile transients significantly increase the danger of property theft.

-PROOF OF RESIDENCE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION-

Information provided by the Wisconsin Elections Commission

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT PROOF OF RESIDENCE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION?

- Proof of Residence and photo ID are two separate processes. A Proof of Residence document is a document that proves where you live in Wisconsin and is only used when registering to vote.
- Photo ID is separate, you only show photo ID to prove who you are when you request an absentee ballot or a ballot at your polling place.

WHEN DO I HAVE TO PROVIDE PROOF OF RESIDENCE?

All voters **MUST** provide a Proof of Residence Document when registering. If you register to vote by mail, in-person in your clerk's office, or at your polling place on Election Day, you need to provide a Proof of Residence document. If you register online at <http://myvote.wi.gov>, your valid State of Wisconsin driver license or State of Wisconsin ID card issued by the Wisconsin Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) qualifies as a valid Proof of Residence document.

*If you are an active military voter, or a permanent overseas voter (with no intent to return to the U.S.) you do not need to provide a Proof of Residence document.

WHAT DOCUMENTS CAN I USE AS PROOF OF RESIDENCE FOR REGISTERING?

All Proof of Residence documents must include the voter's name and current residential address.

- A current and valid State of Wisconsin Driver License or State ID card.
- Any other official identification card or license issued by a Wisconsin governmental body or unit.
- Any identification card issued by an employer in the normal course of business and bearing a photo of the card holder, but not including a business card.
- A real estate tax bill or receipt for the current year or the year preceding the date of the election.
- A university, college, or technical college identification card (must include photo) **ONLY** if the voter provides a fee receipt dated within the last 9 months or the institution provides a certified housing list to the municipal clerk.
- A gas, electric, or telephone service statement (utility bill) for the period commencing no earlier than 90 days before Election Day.
- Bank or credit card statement.
- Paycheck or paystub.
- A check or other document issued by a unit of government.
- A letter on public or private social service agency letterhead identifying a homeless voter and describing the individual's residence for voting purposes.
- Residential lease that is effective on date of registration. (Not valid if registering by mail.)
- An intake document from a residential care facility such as a nursing home or assisted living facility.

This is not a comprehensive list, but categories of the most common types used by voters.

WILL MY WI DRIVER LICENSE OR WI STATE ID CARD WORK AS PROOF OF RESIDENCE?

Only a current and valid (unexpired but can be suspended or revoked) Wisconsin driver license or Wisconsin state ID card with the voter's current name and address qualifies as **Proof of Residence**.



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 www.elkmound.org 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: www.elkmound.org. 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.

August 2023

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				Food Pantry 4-6pm		Library Open 2-6pm				Village Office Closed Library Open 2-6pm						
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27		28		29		30		31		Village Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 8:00a.m.—4:30 p.m. Closed noon to 1:00 p.m. each day						
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September 2023

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						Library Open 2-6pm				Village Office Closed Library Open 2-6pm						

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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