

# THE VILLAGE NEWS

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## BOARD MEETINGS

**Next scheduled Board meetings are September 5th and 18th.** 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](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).

### Warning Siren

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

September 4, 2023

October 2, 2023

November 6, 2023

**Library is now open Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00p.m. See page 5 for modified schedule.**

## TRAFFIC REMINDER

Now that school is back in session, please remember the "No Left Turn" onto Juniper from westbound University Street between 7:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m. and "No Left Turn" from northbound Juniper onto University Street during the same time period.

Also, please check the Elk Mound School District website for current information on parking, drop-off and pick-up procedures: [www.elkmound.k12.wi.us](http://www.elkmound.k12.wi.us).

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Terry Stamm

Our Post Office is recruiting for area City Carrier Assistants, Rural Carrier Associates (RCAs) and Assistant Rural Carriers (ARCs). If you know of someone 18 years of age or older looking for employment, please have them apply at [usps.com/careers](https://usps.com/careers).

Most of Dunn County roads are now open to ATV/UTV traffic. Here are some safety tips from the Wisconsin DNR:

1. Always wear a helmet, seatbelt and protective clothing when riding.
2. Stop at every stop sign.
3. Look ahead for curves and trail hazards.
4. Stay to the right and use caution around curves.

For more information on ATV and UTV recreation in Wisconsin, [visit the DNR's ATV/UTV riding in Wisconsin webpage](#)

Looking ahead to next month, plan on the Homecoming Parade and Game on Friday, October 6th. Trick or Treating will be from 5pm to 7pm on Tuesday, October 31st. Be sure to stop by the Fire Station for a treat!



**BOARD MINUTES JULY 17, 2023**

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 re-roofing 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.

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## BOARD MINUTES JULY 17TH, 2023 CONTINUED

**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.

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Karin Wolf

Village of Elk Mound Clerk-Treasurer

## BOARD MINUTES AUGUST 7, 2023

The August 7, 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.

**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**

Chief of Police Chad Weinberger reported that the National Night Out held on August 3 was a success and thanked Grub Fusion Diner, the Elk Mound Travel Stop, and Dollar General for their generous donations of food and supplies. The new computers and portable radio have been ordered and should arrive in approximately two weeks.

Trustee Pat Hahn reported that she attended the League of Wisconsin Municipalities' Local Government 101 training and found the conference to be very beneficial. The league has been around for over 125 years and benefits all of the cities and villages in Wisconsin.

Trustee Tim Benjamin mentioned that Dunn County plans to work on County Road H in 2024. He wondered if the village could discuss the possibility of putting in caution strips at each entrance to the village. This item will be put on a future board agenda.

President Terry Stamm stated that there will be a community blood drive at Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church on August 22 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

### **New Business: Discussion/Action Change Date of September 4<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting (Labor Day)**

Benjamin/Hahn moved and seconded a motion to change the date of the first meeting in September to September 5 at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried.

**Discussion/Action Operator License Application – Krista Kay Thompson – The Pourhouse:** Benjamin/Hahn moved and seconded a motion to approve the Operator License application for Krista Kay Thompson. Motion carried.

### **Discussion/Action purchase of one (1) Kenwood Viking VP8000 multi-band multi-protocol mission critical portable radio from Nielson Communications for \$4,383.20, using \$3,527.85 from the Police Radio account 100-00-52100-009-006 and the remainder \$855.35 from the Police New Equipment account 100-00-52100-009-000**

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### **Discussion/Action purchase of two (2) 10-8 ARSENAL Body Worn Camera with accessories, to include shipping, from 10/8 Video for \$1,013.00 from the Police New Equipment account 100-00-52100-009-000**

Benjamin/Price moved and seconded a motion to approve the purchase of two (2) 10-8 ARSENAL Body Worn Camera with accessories, to include shipping, from 10/8 Video for \$1,013.00 from the Police New Equipment account 100-00-52100-009-000. Motion carried.

### **Discussion/Action Frequency of Employee Wage and Benefit Negotiations**

Abraham/Benjamin moved and seconded a motion to hold employee wage and benefit negotiations annually. Motion carried.

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**BOARD MINUTES AUGUST 7, 2023 CONTINUED**

**Discussion/Action Set Date for 2024 Employee Wage and Benefit Negotiations**

This was referred to the Employee Relations Committee for a date selection.

**Discussion/Action Establish Process for Employee Performance Evaluations**

This was referred to the Employee Relations Committee for consideration.

**Discussion/Action Set Dates for 2024 Budget Committee Meetings**

It was decided to wait until September to schedule the budget committee meetings. No action taken.

**Adjourn**

Lien/Benjamin moved and seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m. Motion carried.

Karin Wolf  
Village of Elk Mound Clerk/Treasurer

The Dunn County Communication Center and Emergency Services are working to help build and maintain partnerships with area businesses. Providing up to date information will help with communications in case of an emergency. Please take a moment to update your business and contact information. For questions, please call 715-231-2982 or email: emc@co.dunn.wi.us.

**BUILDING AND MAINTAINING BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS**  
**HELP BY PROVIDING YOUR KEYHOLDER INFO**



**EMERGENCY - 911**

**Non-Emergency Lines**

City: 715-232-1283 County: 715-232-1348

[www.dunncountywi.gov/emergencymanagement](http://www.dunncountywi.gov/emergencymanagement)

**HOW TO:**

Add Your Business Keyholder Information to the Dunn County Communication Center Database

**01**



Scan the above QR Code

**02**



Complete the Keyholder Form

**03**



Keep the card for future updates



Scan the above QR Code to add or update your key holder / emergency contact information with Dunn County's Emergency Services!

**PUBLIC WORKS ANNOUNCEMENT**

Fall Hydrant Flushing will take place October 9th through the 13th. Low pressure and discolored water may occur.

If you experience discolored water, let the water settle out for 1/2 hour if possible, then run a pencil thin stream of water from your faucet. If the discoloration does not clear within 15 minutes of running, please contact the Public Works Department at

715-556-4566.



**Elk Mound Community Library Hours Beginning September 6th, 2023**

**Mondays: 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**  
**Wednesdays: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**  
**Fridays: 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

## DRUG TAKE BACK DAY—OCTOBER 28, 2023

The Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) is coordinating a prescription drug take back initiative throughout Wisconsin. According to the Drug Enforcement Agency, the drug overdose epidemic in the United States is a clear and present public health, public safety, and national security threat.

It's a community responsibility to turn in unneeded medications. Removing them from homes will prevent them from being accidentally ingested, stolen, misused or abused. The Elk Mound Police Department is happy to provide a local drop site for these unneeded medications.

Proper disposal keeps our communities healthier! Outdated medications should never be flushed or poured down the drain. According to the DOJ, wastewater treatment is not designed to remove all of these medications from the water, and trace amounts of pharmaceuticals are showing up in rivers and lakes around the world.

Please take a minute to clean out your medicine cabinet and bring expired or unused medications to the Elk Mound Police Department, E206 Menomonie Street on October 28th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

### What to bring

Prescription and over-the-counter medications may be disposed of at Drug Take Back Day collection sites, including:

- Capsules
- Creams
- Inhalers
- Non-aerosol sprays
- Ointments
- Patches
- Pills
- Vials

Liquids must be in their original container.

Pet medications are accepted.

Vape pens are accepted with the batteries removed. Other e-cigarette devices are accepted with the batteries removed. These batteries are highly flammable. That's why it is important that the batteries are removed before the pen or device is placed in a collection bin.

### The following items are not accepted:

- Aerosol cans
- Anything containing blood or a bodily fluid
- Household hazardous waste (paint, pesticides, oil, gas)
- Illegal drugs
- Iodine containing medications
- Mercury thermometers
- Personal care products (shampoo, soaps, lotions, sunscreens, etc.)
- Sharps/syringes
- Vape pens/e-cigarette devices with a built-in battery that cannot be removed

More information can be found here:

[Dose of Reality: Drug Take Back Day | Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#)

[Prescription Drug Take-Back Day | Wisconsin Department of Justice \(state.wi.us\)](#)



## 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.

## 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](http://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](http://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.

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## September 2023

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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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