

THE VILLAGE NEWS

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BOARD MEETINGS

Next Board Meeting June 21, 2017

Village Board Meetings are typically held the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, starting at 7pm at the Village Hall.

Meetings are open to the public. For current agendas see the posting locations: Elk Mound Village Hall, Elk Mound Post Office and Independence State Bank, as well as www.elkmound.org and click on board / committee agendas.

SCORE is the Elk Mound High School's in-house alternative education program, and stands for Student Credit Option & Resource Education.

It consists of the at-risk program, the online education platform, and the GED02 program (graduation equivalency diploma).



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ELK MOUND POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Elk Mound Police Department is in transition. If you have an emergency, please call 911.

For non-emergency issues please contact the Dunn County Sheriff's Department at 715-232-1348.

The SCORE Community Clean Up Day started at the Elk Mound Area Solid Waste & Recycling Facility. Students cleared out the areas where the tires are thrown and stacked them up again neatly, along with picking up garbage along the perimeter.

From there they proceeded to Mound Hill and picked up trash along the roadside from the bottom of the hill to the turn-around up top. A couple students refilled the trails at the park on Lower Mound Hill with fresh wood chips, and also picked up the garbage along those trails.

Next on the list was the Lion's Park, all the wind-blown trash was collected from under the pines near the playground, and along the perimeter of the park.

The day ended back at the schools where the students walked the perimeter of the high school athletic complex as well as the elementary school fence lines.

Thank you for your Help!

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.

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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.

BUILDING PERMITS

If you have a building project this summer, please contact the Village Hall to see if a building permit is required, phone 715-879-5011.

In addition to new construction, some other items requiring a permit are decks, driveways, fences, HVAC, electric circuits & panels, retaining walls, siding, roofing, signs, swimming pools, water heater or furnace replacement. For a full listing of items requiring a permit, see our website www.elkmound.org, code of ordinances 15-1-2.

Call diggers hotline at 1-800-242-8511 if your project involves any type of digging. Permit records are kept on properties since 1980 at the Village Hall offices.

COMMUNITY CENTER RENTAL INFORMATION

The community center room is available for small groups and parties up to 48 people.

Check the calendar of availability on the website at www.elkmound.org/content/calendar. The community center will show in green. Karate America is currently holding classes Tuesday and Friday afternoons / evenings.

Rental rates are as follows:

- \$25.00 up to 2 hours or 15 guests
- \$50.00 up to 4 hours or 15 guests
- \$75.00 up to 6 hours or 25 guests
- \$100.00 up to 8 hours or 45 guests

A discounted rate of \$15.00 will be available for senior citizen events not to exceed two hours.

Confirmation of your event date will be made after receipt of rental fees. Please contact the Village Hall at 715-879-5011 or email info@elkmound.org to reserve your date.

Please understand you are renting the community center portion only. As this building is combined with the Library, there may be other activity at the Library during their open hours.

Facility provides restrooms, tables and seating up to 45 people, garbage and recycling receptacles, TV with hookups for presentations. Kitchen facilities include refrigerator, sink and counter area and electrical outlets.

For a complete rental policy, check the attachment under www.elkmound.org under the community center / library tab.

Elk Mound Community Library Hours

Monday: 10am-4pm
 Tuesday: 10am-12pm, 12:30pm-6pm
 Wednesday: 10am to 4pm
 Thursday: 12pm-12:30pm, 3:00pm-7pm
 Friday: 10am-1pm



Streetlight Outage

If you notice a street light that is not functioning properly, please call the Public Works Department at 715-879-5805 with the following information:

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

Dunn County Recycle Center Hours of Operation

Wednesdays: 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 April 1st to October 31st
 Saturdays: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 All Year Long

For further information, please call the Dunn County Solid Waste Division at
 715-232-4017



BOARD MINUTES APRIL 19, 2017

The April 19, 2017 meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Elk Mound was called to order by Steve Abraham, Village President at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Patricia Hahn, Clerk-Treasurer, verified that proper notice of the meeting had been posted.

Roll call showed Steve Abraham, Montana Boettcher, Greg Kipp, Rebecca Livingston, Tony Schrantz and Terry Stamm present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Stamm/Kipp moved and seconded a motion to approve the Minutes of March 22, April 5 and April 11, 2017 as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC APPEARANCE:

There were no public appearances.

CITIZEN'S FORUM – (PUBLIC INPUT)

Gene Caron presented the Board with another Phase in the development south of Independence Drive. He will be submitting a CSM and Re-zoning application for the May 10 Plan Commission and Village Board Meeting.

APPROVAL OF GENERAL FUND AND WATER/SEWER UTILITY JOINT VOUCHERS

Kipp/Schrantz moved and seconded a motion to approve the payroll direct deposit numbering V1777-V1796 for a total of \$17,501.97 and Combined Checks 28902- 28950 for a total of \$43,329.28. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TID VOUCHERS: There were no TID vouchers.

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

Building permits were issued to:

Vong Xiong, 201 Mound Park Drive: Reroof Residence;
Tom Spagnoletti, 2013 University Street: Reroof small 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 Public Works office.

In addition Mark reported: The effluent sample pump is acting up and they are currently working correcting the issue. They may have to order a refurbished one. They will be bringing the motor to Schneider Electric to see if it can be rebuilt.

Director of Public Work's Report

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

In addition, Mark reported: The new Kubota mower is in the shop and they have used it two times so far.

POLICE CHIEFS REPORT

The Dunn County Sheriff's Report was viewed on the overhead.

Standing Committee Reports:

Public Works & Streets

Terry Stamm reported that the Public Works & Street's Committee did not meet.

Public Safety

The Public Safety Committee did not meet.

Property & Finance

Terry Stamm reported that the Property and Finance Committee did not meet.

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BOARD MINUTES APRIL 19, 2017, CONTINUED

Employee Relations

The Employee Relations Committee did not meet.

Special Committee Reports

Plan Commission

The Plan Commission did not meet.

Patricia Hahn reported that the Plan Commission will be meeting May 10 at 6:00 p.m. regarding the Gene Caron development.

Report from Fire Board Representative

Greg Kipp Fire Board Representative reported:

There were 5 runs this past month. There were 3 bids on the new roof. A fit tester for masks on SCBA were purchased. New tires will be purchased for Engine No. 5. There is \$51,000.00 in savings and \$51,000.00 in checking.

Report from Dunn County Solid Waste Recycling Board Representative

Terry Stamm, Representative reported:

1. During 2016, 27,000 tons of garbage were sent to landfill for a cost of approximately one million dollars.
2. The 2017 budget, current tonnage report, and market outlook were discussed.
3. The new cargo van for transporting items from sites has arrived and been put to use.
4. There was discussion on the purchase of land adjacent to the transfer station. This land will be used for future expansion of the facility.
5. The board looked at options for additional storage of recyclables to include possibly a clean span building.
6. "The Resource" will be a new pamphlet to be sent to County residents with detailed information on solid waste disposal and recycling items.

7. Hazardous Waste Collection Event is to be held on April 26, 2017 at Boyceville Highway Shop and April 27th at the Dunn County Transfer Station and Recycling Center.
8. The Committee approved the purchase of a pickup truck for use by solid waste and recycling personnel.
9. One of the main goals of the Board and Staff is to find markets for more items that can be recycled, therefore reducing items sent to the landfill.

Colfax Rescue Squad Monthly Report

The Board viewed Don Knutson's Report on the power point. The report is on file in the Village Clerk office.

Community Center/Library Report

Terry Stamm, Community Center/Library Chairman reported: that the Village Public Works personnel were helping with maintenance and cleaning of the building.

COMMUNICATIONS & MISCELLANIOUS BUSINESS AS PERMITTED BY LAW

Patricia Hahn presented the Budget Comparison Report, the sequential checks listing, and the Water/Sewer Work Orders and Balance Adjustment Report.

Unfinished Business:

There was no Unfinished Business.

New Business:

Appointment of Village Board Member

Stamm/Kipp moved and seconded a motion to appoint Deb Creaser-Kipp to the Village Board to fill the vacancy caused by the April Election. Motion carried.

Approval of 2017 Committee Listing

Stamm/Livingston moved and seconded a motion to approve the 2017 Village Committee Listing as presented. Motion carried.

BOARD MINUTES APRIL 19, 2017, CONTINUED

Appointment of Village Board Member to serve on the Board of Review to be held May 15, 2017 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Livingston/Stamm moved and seconded a motion to appoint Greg Kipp to serve on the Board of Review to be held May 15, 2017. Motion carried

Approval of Extraterritorial CSM – Alex DeCook Applicant, David Gilbertson – Owner

Stamm/Kipp moved and seconded a motion to approve the CSM as recommended by the Plan Commission. Motion carried.

Public Works Building Inspections

Mark Levra reported: Eric Velin will only be conducting inspections that fall under The Uniform Dwelling Code effective immediately.

This will require The Director of Public Works to conduct all inspections that do not fall under The Uniform Dwelling Code. Mark has started doing these inspections.

The following items fall under this category: remodels to homes built before 1980, detached garages, sheds, fences, retaining walls, and all zoning inspections.

Fees for these inspections will remain the same, \$30 for the permit and \$40 for projects that require inspections. This new process will be more work for The Clerk's Office and Public Works Department.

Eric Velin also wants Mark to start the certification process to complete all UDC Inspections. Eric will phase himself out as Mark becomes certified as Eric wishes to retire.

Public Works Work Week Schedule

Mark Levra reported that the Public Works Department is requesting a 4 day, 10 hours per day, work week. This would allow getting larger projects done in a timely manner; allow the Public Works Building an entire day without lights and/or equipment use.

PWD Employees would still alternate rounds Friday through Sunday and have representation as needed. The schedule would run approximately mid-April through Mid-October as daylight permits. Requested schedule would be 5:30 a.m. until 3:30 a.m.

It was the consensus of the Board to allow the PWD the Work Week Schedule as outlined above as needed.

Change Board Meeting Dates: May 3 to May 10, and June 21 to June 28, 2017

Livingston/Boettcher moved and seconded a motion to change the Board Meeting dates May 3 to May 10 and June 21 to June 28, 2017. Motion carried.

League of WI Municipalities Government 101 Training May 19th Eau Claire

Those going so far are: Steve Abraham, Patricia Hahn, Terry Stamm, Montana Boettcher.

Adjourn

Stamm/Kipp moved and seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Patricia Hahn

Clerk/Treasurer, WCMC, CMC, CMTW

FARMER'S MARKET

The Elk Mound Farmer's Market is held every Thursday & Friday through out the summer and fall. Located next to the Village Hall on Menomonie Street (Highway 12).

Fresh Fruits & Vegetables Seasonally.



VILLAGE PARK RENTAL INFORMATION

The park offers men's and women's restroom facilities, a lighted pavilion with 15 picnic tables, soccer fields, volleyball nets, horse-shoe pits, a basketball court and new 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.

See calendar of 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 the park playground equipment.

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

The baseball and softball schedules are 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.

ORDINANCE REMINDER

Section 8-1-6 of the Village Ordinances was adopted due to the unique nature of the problems associated with lawns, grasses, and noxious weeds being allowed to grow to excessive length in the Village of Elk Mound. Except as provided in Section 8-1-5, the owner or occupant of any lot or parcel in the Village which is three (3) acres or less in area shall install and maintain landscaping, plantings and other decorative surface treatments, including turf grass, so as to present an attractive appearance in all yard areas in accordance with generally accepted landscaping practices in Wisconsin.

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 or Elk Mound.

This is just the initial paragraph of section 8-1-6. For a complete set of ordinances on long grass, please visit www.elkmound.org under the code of ordinances tab.

NOXIOUS WEED DESTRUCTION

Every person within the Village limits shall destroy all noxious weeds as defined by Wisconsin Statute 66.0407 on all lands which they shall own, occupy, or control. If the noxious weeds are not removed, each day of non-compliance will be considered a separate offense, and be subject to the current fines and penalties in force at the time of non-compliance.

Village of Elk Mound
Patricia A. Hahn
CMTW, WCMC Clerk/Treasurer

BOARD MINUTES 4-27-2017

The April 27, 2017 Special meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Elk Mound was called to order by Steve Abraham Village President at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Patricia Hahn, Clerk-Treasurer, verified that proper notice of the meeting had been posted.

Roll call showed Steve Abraham, Deb Creaser-Kipp, Greg Kipp, Rebecca Livingston, Montana Boettcher and Tony Schrantz present. Terry Stamm absent.

Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Letter of Resignation of Part-Time Police Chief Received by the Village Board

Abraham/Kipp moved and seconded a motion to accept Officer Travis Hakes complete resignation from the Elk Mound Police Department effective May 3, 2017 at 12:00 PM CDT. Motion carried.

Creaser-Kipp/Livingston moved and seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

 Patricia Hahn
 Clerk/Treasurer, WCMC, CMC, CMTW

BOARD MINUTES 5-10-17 Continued

Roll call showed Steve Abraham, Montana Boettcher, Deb Creaser-Kipp, Gregg Kipp, Rebecca Livingston, Tony Schrantz, and Terry Stamm present. Greg Kipp arrived at 7:40.

Public Appearance: None

Annette Knutson spoke on creating pollinator plots at the Village Park.

Citizen’s Forum - (Public Input)

No one was signed up for the Citizen’s Forum

Communications & Miscellaneous Business as Permitted by Law

Unfinished Business: None

There was no Unfinished Business.

New Business:

The Certified Survey Map & Rezone Applications from Lavern Ausman and Mark Nelson, M.R. Nelson-2, LLC are still being reviewed by the Plan Commission.

Discussion of “Traffic Tamers”

The “Traffic Tamers” was sent to the Public Safety Committee for review.

Discussion/Action to Commence Hiring Process for New Police Chief

The hiring process for the new Police Chief was sent to the Employee Relations Committee for review.

Discussion of Broadband Cell Phone Service/Fiber Optics

Eric Turner, Dunn County Economic Director reported on the Broadband cell phone service and Fiber Optics. Mr. Turner encouraged board members to attend a community discussion at Tiffany Creek Elementary School in Boyceville on May 23 at 6:00 p.m.

BOARD MINUTES 5-10-2017

The May 10, 2017 meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Elk Mound was called to order by Steve Abraham, Village President at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Patricia Hahn, Clerk-Treasurer, verified that proper notice of the meeting had been posted.

BOARD MINUTES 5-10-17 Continued

Discussion/Action to change Board Meeting Date of May 17th to May 24, 2017

Stamm/Livingston moved and seconded a motion to change the May 17, 2017 board meeting to May 24, 2017. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action of Attorney Policy

Stamm/Livingston moved and seconded a motion to have Bakken Norman Village Attorney’s Jason Brasch as primary and Terry Dunst as back up and to acquire a backup attorney from Schofield, Parent, Mayer and Huff as well.

Schrantz/Boettcher moved and seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Patricia Hahn
Clerk/Treasurer, WCMC, CMC, CMTW

**ORDINANCE REMINDER
Section 6-2-18: Grass Clippings**

All grass clippings from lawn mowing or other sources shall not be allowed to accumulate upon any public street or be dumped on a public right-of-way in such a manner in the Village of Elk Mound where such grass clippings could wash into any storm sewer drainage inlet in significant quantities.

ORDINANCE REMINDER SECTION 7-1-6

Restrictions on Keeping of Dogs, Cats, Fowl and Other Animals:

- (a) Restrictions. It shall be unlawful for any person within the Village of Elk Mound to own, harbor or keep any dog, cat or other animal which:
 - (1) Habitually pursues any vehicle upon any public street, alley or highway in the Village.
 - (2) Assaults or attacks any person or destroys property.
 - (3) Is at large within the limits of the Village.
 - (4) Habitually barks or howls to the annoyance of any person or persons. (See Section 7-1-15.)
 - (5) Kills, wounds or worries any domestic animal.
 - (6) Is known by such person to be infected with rabies or to have been bitten by an animal known to have been infected with rabies.
 - (7) In the case of a dog, is unlicensed.
 - (8) Is tied or leashed in a manner that prohibits or impairs the reading of utility meters.
 - (9) Is permitted by its owner to run in dog packs.

Thank you for being a responsible pet owner!

If you have not yet obtained your 2017 dog license, please do so soon. In addition to the licensing fees of \$8.00 for spayed/neutered dogs, or \$12.00 if they are not spayed or neutered, a \$5.00 late penalty is now in effect.

Community Food Pantry: Tuesday from 4-6pm, Friday from 10am to noon
Ruby’s Pantry, 3rd Monday of the Month: 4:30pm to 6pm Registration, 5:30 pm to 7pm Distribution
Held at Shepherd of the Hill Church, 207 University Street, Elk Mound.

July 2017

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Village Office Hours:
8:00am to 4:30pm Monday-Thursday

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Solid Waste Site Hours
8am - 4pm

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Library Open
10am-4pm

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INDEPENDENCE DAY
Village Offices /
Library Closed
Food Pantry 4pm-6pm

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7pm Village Board
Solid Waste Site Hours
9am to 7pm
Library 10am-4 pm

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Library Open
12pm-7pm

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Library 10am-1pm
Food Pantry 10-noon
Village Office Closed

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Solid Waste Site Hours
8am - 4pm

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Library Open
10am-4pm

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Library 10am-6pm
Food Pantry 4pm-6pm

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7pm Fire Board
Solid Waste Site Hours
9am to 7pm
Library 10am-4 pm

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Food Pantry 4pm-6pm

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