

**Village of Elmira Heights
Regular Board Meeting
April 7, 2025
7:00 P.M.**

Members Present: Mayor Smith and Trustees Patelunas, Aiosa, Fuhlhage, & Churches

Officials Present: Clerk Martone, Judge Pelchar, CEO Sturgis, Street Superintendent Vanderhoff, Police Sergeant Morrell

Officials Absent: Attorney Pautz, Fire Chief Cadek

Others Present: Jean Nichols, Frank Nichols

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Called to order at 7:44 PM

1. Trustee Patelunas made a motion to resolve to accept the minutes of the March 4, 2025 Regular Board Meeting, and the minutes of the March 27, 2025 Special Board Meeting.

Second by Aiosa

Roll call vote:	Trustee Patelunas	Aye
	Trustee Aiosa	Aye
	Trustee Fuhlhage	Aye
	Trustee Churches	Aye
	Mayor Smith	Aye

2. Trustee Fuhlhage made a motion to approve audit #11 in the amount of \$416,399.13 claim numbers 573-639, check numbers 23398-23461.

Second by Trustee Aiosa

Roll call vote:	Trustee Patelunas	Aye
	Trustee Aiosa	Aye
	Trustee Fuhlhage	Aye
	Trustee Churches	Aye
	Mayor Smith	Aye

3. Trustee Aiosa made a motion to put the following reports on file for the month of February 2025.

- Police & Summary
- Fire Department
- Village Justice and Acting Justice Reports
- Gas and Diesel Consumption
- Street Department

Second by Trustee Churches

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	Trustee Aiosa	Aye
	Trustee Fuhlhage	Aye
	Trustee Churches	Aye
	Mayor Smith	Aye

4. Department Official Remarks

Sergeant Morrell read Chief Noonan's report, which is on file.

Judge Pelchar summarized his report, which is on file.

Street Superintendent Vanderhoff read his report, which is on file.

CEO Sturgis read his report, which is one file.

One of the items on CEO Sturgis' report involved the demolition contract with LCP Inc. for the demolition of The Flower Cart. Trustee Aiosa asked if there was any acknowledgement on Sindelar's behalf. CEO Sturgis said that he has spoken with Mr. Sindelar on several occasions and Mr. Sindelar has been made aware. Mayor Smith stated that Attorney Pautz has also spoken with Mr. Sindelar about the matter.

4a. Trustee Patelunas made a motion to add to the agenda to authorize the Mayor to enter into a demolition contract with LCP Inc, the price for which is not to exceed \$51,000, to demolish The Flower Cart as it has been deemed an unsafe building and an imminent danger to the public.

Second by Trustee Aiosa

Roll call vote:	Trustee Patelunas	Aye
	Trustee Aiosa	Aye
	Trustee Fuhlhage	Aye
	Trustee Churches	Aye
	Mayor Smith	Aye

4b. Trustee Patelunas made a motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into a demolition contract with LCP Inc, the price for which is not to exceed \$51,000, to demolish The Flower Cart as it has been deemed an unsafe building and an imminent danger to the public.

Second by Trustee Aiosa

Roll call vote:	Trustee Patelunas	Aye
	Trustee Aiosa	Aye
	Trustee Fuhlhage	Aye
	Trustee Churches	Aye
	Mayor Smith	Aye

5. Trustee Aiosa made a motion to approve Trustee Rick Churches to apply for the STEG grant for Parks & Recreation.

Second by Trustee Patelunas

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	Trustee Aiosa	Aye
	Trustee Fuhlhage	Aye
	Trustee Churches	Aye
	Mayor Smith	Aye

6. Trustee Fuhlhage made a motion to authorize the clerk to move the following monies:

- Move \$80.00 from A1990.4 (Contingency) to A1620.42 (Building – Insurance no health) to cover the increase to the Crime/Fidelity coverage.
- Move \$500.00 from A3411.46 (Truck Repair) to A3411.48 (School – Fire Prevention) to send 4 firefighters to training in Painted Post.
- Move \$1,000 from A5182.44 (Electrician) to A5182.4 (Street Lighting) to cover NYSEG costs for the remainder of the fiscal year.
- Move \$1,605 from A1990.4 (Contingency) to A3410.43 (Fire Department: Hydrants) to cover the remaining cost for this fiscal year.
- Move \$4,000 from A3120.14 (Police – Personal Services) to A3120.15 to cover Police Department overtime
- Move \$6,000 from A1990.4 (Contingency) to A3120.15 to cover Police Department overtime
- Move \$4,000 from A1640.49 (Garage: Fuel) to A1640.46 (Garage: Vehicle/Equipment Repair

Second by Trustee Aiosa

Roll call vote:	Trustee Patelunas	Aye
	Trustee Aiosa	Aye
	Trustee Fuhlhage	Aye
	Trustee Churches	Aye
	Mayor Smith	Aye

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7. Trustee Patelunas made a motion to approve the membership of Hayley Scarborough into the Elmira Heights Fire Department.

Second by Trustee Aiosa

Roll call vote:	Trustee Patelunas	Aye
	Trustee Aiosa	Aye
	Trustee Fuhlhage	Aye
	Trustee Churches	Aye
	Mayor Smith	Aye

8. Persons recognizing the Board on non-agenda items.
Neither resident in the audience wished to address the Board at this time.

9. Remarks: Mayor, Trustees
Mayor Smith stated that she is impressed with how the Village is moving things forward and the positive feedback from the County.

Trustee Patelunas stated that he and Mayor Smith met with Fire Chief Cadek and Assistant Chief Mitchell regarding their budget and in particular with regard to needed air packs. The Fire Department is in dire need of 20 air packs, and the salesman from a lease to buy company they spoke with inflated the price as the salesman wasn't sure when the grant funds would arrive for the purchase of said air packs. Fire Chief Cadek was told that it looked like neither of the grants they applied for would come to fruition to be available. The Board thought they would have to come up with funds for this purchase. Trustee Patelunas provided estimates which are on file that break down the cost of the air packs over time, with more information to follow, and submitted for consideration the idea that the Board could create a reserve account to fund the air pack expenses.

Trustee Churches stated that he came down 17th Street on a windy day when a recycling bin tipped over. He tried to collect the recycling to return to the bin when another vehicle came down the same street and broke a glass item that shattered all over the road. Trustee Churches called Ben Hager and told him about the incident; Mr. Hager's response time to the issue was swift. Trustee Churches was pleased with the on-the-spot service from Ben.

Trustee Churches also remarked that one motor vehicle accident in the Village is almost unheard of, but believes that we have the safest streets in the County and that this is due to the visible active patrol of the Police Department.

Mayor Smith commented regarding the 17th Street Basin project. It was put out to bid and GeoTech Company has been chosen for the project.

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10. Trustee Churches made a motion to adjourn the April 7, 2025 regular board meeting at 8:40 PM.

Second by Trustee Fuhlhage

Roll call vote:	Trustee Patelunas	Aye
	Trustee Aiosa	Aye
	Trustee Fuhlhage	Aye
	Trustee Churches	Aye
	Mayor Smith	Aye

Respectfully Submitted By,

Amanda Martone
Village Clerk
Village of Elmira Heights