



The Elkhart Echo



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VILLAGE BOARD NEWS

Mayor Lyle Fout called the meeting to order on January 5, 2026, at 6:30 P.M. at the Elkhart Village Hall. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken. Answering present: Kyle Farmer, John Galassi, Matt Fights, Matt Langan, and Matt Olson. Travis Moore was absent. Attorney Don Behle, Clerk Mona Maas and Treasurer Amy Roberts were present.

Motion by Matt Fights, second by Matt Olson, to approve Consent Agenda Items A, B, C, and D.

- A. Approve meeting minutes from December 1, 2025
- B. Approve submitted bills and bill sheets
- C. Approve employee reimbursements
- D. Approve Treasurer's report

Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

Doug and Tammy Litterly and Jacinda Noltensmeier.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Reported that IEPA has issued acceptance of Elkhart's SWP plan through 2030.

CLERK and/or TREASURER

Clerk- Tree Advisory Committee saw the "Ameren Right Tree grant" trees planted on 12/23/25. Elkhart's grant writers filed our ETCG Phase 2 application before the deadline.

Treasurer – Continues working on Budget. Presented TIF payments- Elkhart Public Library \$7,608.70 and Hurlburt Township \$2,000. Motion to approve by John Galassi, second Matt Langan. Roll call vote. Those voting yea: Kyle Farmer, Matt Fights, John Galassi, Matt Langan, Matt Olson. Those voting nay: none. Those absent: Travis Moore. Motion carried.

ATTORNEY

No report.

LIQUOR

Amy introduced Doug and Tammy Litterly who are in process of purchasing the TALK restaurant and bar in Elkhart. Documents will be processed when submitted.

TIF REPORT

See above Treasurer's report. No new information on Audit.

SOLID WASTE

No report.

LOCAL EVENTS LIAISON/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

No report.

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

Discussion of practice of submitting water samples to IEPA.

Helped troubleshoot questions of a single resident's low pressure inside house.

STREETS/ALLEYS

John Galassi and Lyle Fout are both following up with organizations to see the potholes taken care of at the entrance to Elkhart off Route 66. Discussion of correspondence received regarding jurisdiction and responsibility to replace or maintain road signs.

BUILDINGS/VILLAGE PROPERTIES/EQUIPMENT

The planned renovation on Hall (ADA compliance) has been completed. In process to replace the window photo banners and purchase blinds for the windows.

VILLAGE PARK

Considering a controlled burn at the pond at the right time. Beavers are eating on the mulberry trees.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

No report.

FINANCE

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Travis Moore had submitted Proposal from **Watts** to obtain new copy machine that better suits Elkhart's needs. After discussion, Motion by Matt Langan, second by Matt Fights. Roll call vote. Those voting yea: Kyle Farmer, Matt Fights, John Galassi, Matt Langan, Matt Olson. Those voting nay: none. Those absent: Travis Moore. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

None presented.

ORDINANCE

None presented.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

6:50 p.m. Motion by Kyle Farmer, second by John Galassi to adjourn. Voice vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

Next meeting – 2/2/26

Submitted By: Naomi (Mona) Maas Village Clerk

*****Items for the newsletter MUST be turned into Sarah by 5:00 pm on the Wednesday following the Village Board Meeting. If they are not received by 5:00 pm, they will not be in the newsletter. *****

**Thank you!
Elkhart Village Board**

NEWSLETTER INFO

All material for the February 2026 newsletter should be turned in before
5:00 p.m. on February 4, 2026

Please email your article in Word to sarahvball@hotmail.com
If there is any event that needs added to the calendar,
Please call (217-494-0059) or e-mail the information.

Senior Citizen Luncheon

The Elkhart Senior's Lunch will be on January 15, 2026, at 11:30am at The Wild Hare.

For questions, please call Anita at (217) 341-0167.



We Need Volunteer Firefighters!!!



bad pay



crappy hours



tough working conditions

GREAT SATISFACTION!!

WHO WILL ANSWER THE CALL?

ELKHART VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief: Jay Akers 217-737-6500

Assistant Chief: Paul Hayden 217-871-0121



Elkhart Community Senior's Bingo

(the over 55 crowd)

Sponsored by NAG

First Tuesday of each Month

2:00 pm

Village Hall



Thank You!

NAG would like to thank everyone for supporting
our annual *bake sale* and
Breakfast with the Grinch.

We'd also like to thank the *Christian Church* for
the use of their facility.

NAG has been able to support the following this year:
Lifelines (6)

Logan County Food Pantry

Elkhart Library Summer Reading

MP Post Prom

Seasonal decorating the pots on Main Street

Monthly Bingo

Weekly Exercise Classes