

The Elkhart Echo



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VILLAGE BOARD NEWS

Mayor Lyle Fout called the meeting to order on June 5, 2023, 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: Dave Barker, Kyle Farmer, Matt Fights, Travis Moore, and Ernie Shaw. John Galassi was absent. Attorney Don Behle, Clerk Ann Curry, and Treasurer Theresa Moore were also present. Visitor present was Ron Macek from Rice Broadband.

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

- A. Approve meeting minutes from May 1, 2023
- 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

Ron Macek from Rice Broadband gave a presentation on Fiber Optic Network. It would be about 3 or 4 months before they would even start anything.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Anne Coers, the mayor of New Holland, set up a meeting for all of the mayors from Logan County. They will meet again on July 6, 2023.

LIQUOR

Lyle will be delivering the liquor license and collecting the fees.

ATTORNEY

We keep getting bills for the radios for the police department. Don sent them a letter and said we are not paying it.

The lease for the farm ground has been signed.

Don had contacted the Whitney Hill Wind Mill Company because we had not received our money. We have received the money now.

A TIF meeting will be held soon.

TIF REPORT

No report.

SOLID WASTE

No report.

LOCAL EVENTS LIAISON/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Summer Fling will be June 17, 2023 from 11-6.

The WWII display will be set up that day also.

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

We are mandated by EPA to have a survey done to know what type of piping material each house has for the water entering their house. A survey will be sent out with the water bills.

STREETS/ALLEYS

The IDOT permit for the repair of Main Street has been sent in. We will be getting patch mix to fix the other holes in the streets.

BUILDINGS/VILLAGE PROPERTIES/EQUIPMENT

Lyle has been looking at used mowers. We will go out for bids for one. It needs to be a 72 inch, zero turn gas mower.

VILLAGE PARK

The Port-A-Potty should be coming soon. We will need to adopt an ordinance for pond usage.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

No report.

FINANCE

Dave went over the Letter of Engagement with Phillips, Salmi & Associates, LLC.

Motion by Dave Barker, second by Matt Fights, to accept the letter of Engagement with Phillips, Salmi & Associates, LLC for 2023. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

RESOLUTIONS

None.

ORDINANCE

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Travis Moore, second by Kyle Farmer, to adjourn at 7:11pm. Voice vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

Submitted By
Ann Curry/Village Clerk

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NEWSLETTER INFO

All material for the July 2023 newsletter should be turned in before
5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 5, 2023

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 June 21, 2023, at 11:30am at The Talk of The Town.

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



We Need Volunteer Firefighters!!!



bad pay



crappy hours



tough working conditions

Come Join Us!!

GREAT SATISFACTION!!

WHO WILL ANSWER THE CALL?

ELKHART VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief: Jay Akers 217-737-6500

Assistant Chief: Paul Hayden 217-871-0121



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Mt. Pulaski High School Board Minutes – May 15, 2023

<https://www.mtpulaski.k12.il.us/o/mphs/article/1119309>

The next regular board meeting is Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at 7:00pm.

REpurpose Feed and Seed Bag Project

Hello, Elkhart..this is the final update on the successful “REpurpose Feed and Seed bags” project.

I am happy to say that project has been a big success! We have met our target goal and the Village Board has kindly matched that, as promised.

That means we have funding in place to pay for maintenance help to keep the Elkhart Pollinator Habitat looking great and productive.

THANK YOU to ALL for your help and support to supply, cut and sew, display and (your) donations for the finished bags!

It’s been a lot of work but very rewarding. See you at the Habitat!

Mona Maas

Justmona2@gmail.com

****THERE WILL BE NO BINGO IN JULY****



Elkhart Community Senior's Bingo

(the over 55 crowd)

First Tuesday of each Month

2:00 pm

Village Hall





The registration period for 2023-2024 Golf Cart/UTV/ATV renewals has begun. The permit will be valid from July 1, 2023 thru June 30, 2024.

RENEWALS: All that is required is photo or photocopy of the operator(s) Driver's License and Insurance Card with the covered vehicle listed. Text, email, or Facebook message me to make arrangements for payment and delivery of your permit. The fee is \$40. A check payable to the Village of Elkhart or an exact cash payment is accepted.

NEW MACHINES: Please print and complete the application provided on the Village website. www.elkhartillinois.com/cart-utv-atv. You must also provide a photo or photocopy of the operator(s) Driver's License and Insurance Card with the covered vehicle listed. Text, email, or Facebook message me to make arrangements for inspection per the Safety / Requirements Checklist also found on the Village's website. The Permit will only be issued once the inspection has been completed. The fee is \$40. A check payable to the Village of Elkhart or exact cash payment is accepted.

Permits are non-transferable.

Contact Ernie Shaw by text at 217-314-9103, email at erndog_66@yahoo.com, or on [Facebook](#) messenger

Deadline for renewals is June 30th

****The following document will be included with the water bills****

Village of Elkhart, Illinois Water Department

Village of Elkhart

209 Governor Oglesby Street PO Box 20 Elkhart, Illinois 62634

ILLINOIS EPA MANDATE

The Illinois EPA is requiring all community water supplies to maintain an inventory of the type of materials used for the service lines of residential homes as well as businesses. This is in response to the nation-wide headlines regarding the dangers of lead plumbing. A "service line" means any piping tubing and necessary appurtenances acting as a conduit from the city's water mains to the inside of the property owner's structure.

Our water department knows what type of piping material was used from our water mains to the customer's property line and this will be included in the final inventory report to the EPA. We are asking you to complete the form below describing what type of material was used on your portion of the service line. A good way to determine the type of material used is to observe your water service as it enters your basement or crawlspace. Please return the form to the Elkhart Village Hall before August 1, 2023. You can either mail or drop off in the water bill slot at the Village Hall.

Failure to provide this information will result in the property owner being required to sign a waiver form developed by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH).

We have never found any lead service line in our water system, and we do not expect to find any from the results of this inventory. However, we are mandated by the Illinois EPA and IDPH to complete and submit a final inventory report no later than August 15, 2023.

ALL FIELDS MUST BE COMPLETED

Customer Name_____

Street Address_____

The year (can be approximate) the structure was built.

Before 1983 Between 1983 and June 1988_____ After 1988_____

Type of material used in the installation of the service line to the structure. Observe what type of material your water service line is when it enters your home either before the first valve (or 18 inches, whichever is shorter).

Galvanized steel_____Lead_____Copper_____Plastic_____Unknown_____

Elkhart Historical Society
Press Release

For Immediate Release
May 19, 2023




The Elkhart Historical Society will welcome Professor Tony Rothering of LLCC to the Friday June 23, 2023, dinner lecture podium to present, “Bird Banding at the Elkhart Oasis.” Rothering will discuss the process and purpose of bird banding and the significance of a high biodiverse “island” (oasis) to migrating birds. Elkhart Hill’s Forest measures approximately 600 acres of mature hardwoods, which is surrounded primarily by monocultures of corn and soybeans fields where very few hedge rows or groves of trees remain. For the many species of migrating birds Elkhart Hill offers a much-needed rest and refueling stop. Many species of warblers that transit the hill are on their way north to breeding grounds in the upper Midwest and Canada. Rothering is a federally permitted bird bander and has just completed a successful annual banding on Elkhart Hill, where over 120 birds were recorded, banded and released.



The event will take place at Horsefeathers Wild Hare Café in Elkhart, Illinois; and the two entrees offered are Beef Bourguignon or Coq au Vin. For menu details and a reservation form please go to the website - elkharthistoricalsociety.org. The total cost is \$45 which includes the meal, tax, tip and \$15 for the lecture.

Reservations are required and can be made by calling 217 947 2238. Please leave your information when prompted, and you will be confirmed by a return call.

MPHS Class of 2023

<p>Walker Allen</p> <p>Basketball, Baseball, Track, Wrestling, National Honor Society, FFA Officer, Clay Target League, Day of Service, October Senior-of-the-Month, Logan County Farm Bureau Scholarship, FFA Alumni Scholarship, Caleb Coogan Memorial Scholarship, Deputy Scott Brown Memorial Scholarship</p>	 A portrait of a young man with short, dark, wavy hair, smiling. He is wearing a black t-shirt. The background is a mottled grey.
<p>Jayda Allspach</p> <p>Golf, Cheerleading, Prom Committee, FFA Officer, Day of Service, Prom Court, Yearbook Staff, All-Academic Tomahawk Conference, Longview Community Bank Scholarship, Spot of Sunshine Scholarship, Mt. Pulaski Hilltop Club Scholarship, Caleb Coogan Memorial Scholarship, Cabin Ridge Scholarship</p>	 A portrait of a young woman with long, dark hair, smiling. She is wearing a light blue top. The background is a mottled grey.
<p>Austin Anderson</p> <p>eSports, Day of Service</p>	 A portrait of a young man with dark hair and glasses, looking directly at the camera. He is wearing a grey t-shirt with a green logo. The background is a mottled grey.

Clay Aylesworth

Basketball, Baseball, FFA Officer, Student Council, Academic Challenge, National Honor Society, Day of Service, Science Olympiad, Prom Court, September Senior-of-the-Month, All-Academic Tomahawk Conference, Logan County Farm Bureau Scholarship, Iva Mae Blaum Scholarship, Spot of Sunshine Scholarship, Doris Cates Memorial Scholarship, Menard Electric Cooperative Scholarship, FFA Alumni Scholarship, Caleb Coogan Memorial Scholarship



Andrew Bailey

Basketball, Baseball, FFA, Day of Service, All-Academic Tomahawk Conference



Kate Beckers

FFA, Yearbook Staff, Volleyball, Prom Queen, Day of Service, FFA Alumni Scholarship, Caleb Coogan Memorial Scholarship



Payton Butler

Cooperative Work Program, Day of Service



Jesse Carter

Drama Club, FCCLA, Concert Band, Pep Band, Soccer, Scholastic Bowl, Prom Committee, Day of Service, Track, All-Academic Tomahawk Conference



Evan Cooper

Basketball, Baseball, Academic Challenge Team, National Honor Society, FFA Officer, Day of Service, Science Olympiad, Prom Court, March Senior-of-the-Month, All-Academic Tomahawk Conference, Illinois State Scholar, Farm Credit Bureau Scholarship, Iva Mae Blaum Scholarship, Logan County Farm Bureau Scholarship, FCCLA Service Scholarship, United Producers, Inc. Scholarship, The John B. & Winnie Harmsen Behrends Endowment Scholarship, FFA Alumni Scholarship, Caleb Coogan Memorial Scholarship, Sydney Edwards Davis Scholar-Athlete Scholarship, Deputy Scott Brown Memorial Scholarship, The American Legion Department of Illinois Scholarship



Hailee Daigh

Volleyball, Basketball, FFA,
Yearbook Staff, Day of Service,
All-Academic Tomahawk
Conference



Allison Delatorre

Day of Service



Riley DeWitt

Clay Target League, Day of
Service



Jeromy Draper

Scholastic Bowl, FFA, Day of Service



Anayah Duke

Drama Club, Art Club, Day of Service, Liftoff Scholarship



Jackson Fricke

Golf, Basketball, Baseball, National Honor Society, FFA Officer, Student Council, Class Officer, Purple Reign, Prom Court, Day of Service, November Senior-of-the-Month, Illinois Township Officials Scholarship, All-Academic Tomahawk Conference, Irma Maxheimer Dana Scholarship, Illinois Township Officials Scholarship, FFA Alumni Scholarship, Caleb Coogan Memorial Scholarship



Mikayla Harris

Cheerleading, Cooperative Work Program, FCCLA State Officer, National Honor Society, FFA, Prom Committee, Day of Service, All-Academic Tomahawk Conference



Kaleb Hild

Wrestling, FCCLA, LTEC, Soccer, Day of Service, Track, May Senior-of-the-Month, All-Academic Tomahawk Conference



Lillian Hild

FCCLA, Yearbook Staff, Pep Band, National Honor Society, Soccer, Cheerleading, Day of Service, December Senior-of-the-Month, All-Academic Tomahawk Conference, Senior-of-the-Year



Alexis Johnson

Drama Club, Concert Band,
Pep Band, Soccer, Track,
All-Academic Tomahawk
Conference, Day of Service,
Claus Tanner Memorial
Scholarship



Oran Kuhlman

Clay Target League,
Cooperative Work Program,
FFA, Basketball, Student
Council, Day of Service



Andrew Liesman

Clay Target League, FFA,
Day of Service



Justin Maas

Day of Service, Kim Knauer
Memorial Scholarship



Chase McCormick

Cooperative Work Program,
FFA, Day of Service



Ethan Payne

Soccer, Basketball,
Baseball, Track, Academic
Challenge Team, National
Honor Society, Science
Olympiad, Soccer, Student
Council, Class Officer,
January Senior-of-the-
Month, Prom Court, Day of
Service, All-Academic
Tomahawk Conference,
DAR Good Citizen Award,
Lion's Club Tom Kennedy
Memorial Scholarship,
Shelter Insurance
Scholarship



Rhett Pharis
Clay Target League, FFA
Officer



Je'Na Rentmeister
Volleyball, Basketball, FFA,
Day of Service



Elizabeth Reynolds
Cooperative Work Program,
Day of Service, Book Club



Josef Shehorn

Cooperative Work Program,
Day of Service



Mallory Shehorn

Cheerleading, National
Honor Society, FFA,
Yearbook Staff, Prom
Committee, Prom Court,
All-Academic Tomahawk
Conference



Gavin Smith

Basketball, Baseball,
Academic Challenge Team,
FFA, Prom King, National
Honor Society, Student
Council, Class Officer, Day
of Service, All-Academic
Tomahawk Conference,
Logan County Farm Bureau
Scholarship



Keyleigh Stewart

Cooperative Work Program,
FFA, Volleyball, Softball,
Day of Service



Alexis Wade

Volleyball, Basketball,
Track, Academic Challenge
Team, National Honor
Society, Student Council,
Class Officer, Purple Reign,
Day of Service, April
Senior-of-the-Month, All-
Academic Tomahawk
Conference, Mt. Pulaski
Hilltop Club Scholarship,
Deputy Scott Brown
Memorial Scholarship



Cora Lynn Wallace

Golf, Drama Club, FCCLA,
Track, Yearbook Staff, Prom
Court, All-Academic
Tomahawk Conference, Day
of Service, Logan County
Sheriff's Association
Scholarship



Makenna Wilham

Track, Volleyball, Academic Challenge Team, Drama Club, National Honor Society, Science Olympiad, Concert Band, Pep Band, Student Council, Class Officer, Yearbook Staff, Prom Court, Day of Service, February Senior-of-the-Month, All-Academic Tomahawk Conference, Illinois State Scholar, Lester Wertz Scholarship, Zonta Club of Lincoln Melanie Schaler Memorial Nursing Scholarship



Peyton Wyss

FCCLA, National Honor Society, Basketball, Volleyball, Science Olympiad, Purple Reign, Prom Committee, Day of Service, Mt. Pulaski Education Association Scholarship, Kim Knauer Memorial Scholarship



The poster features a vibrant background with a sunburst in the top left, green leaves, and blue flowers. The text is arranged in a clear hierarchy, with the event name and date being the most prominent elements.

2023
Elkhart's
Summer Fling

June 17
11am - 6pm

GOVERNOR OGELSBY STREET
DOWNTOWN ELKHART

Craft Vendors - Live Music
Kids' Activities - Tasty Food

Elkhart's Annual Summer Fling is a day long event and will feature plenty of activities including kiddy tractor pulls, a festive costume Bike, walkers & K-9 Parade, live music and vendors.

Please join us for Elkhart's Bike & K-9 Parade, to be held on Saturday, 17th June 2023 at 12:15, during the Summer Fling event. This parade is for all ages, kids, adults, family pet. Festively decorated Bikes, skateboards, scooters, wagons, wheelchairs, people, and family pets are all welcome to participate.

Registration will begin at 11:30am at Elkhart's Public Library to be considered in the judging.

The Parade route will begin at the Elkhart Public Library across Bogardus Street to Gov. Oglesby Street, where judging will take place.

Judging will be in 3 categories with 1st & 2nd place prizes in each; Mobile, Walkers and Pet participants.

Beginning at 1:00pm, Elkhart Grain Company is offering tours and pictures inside the locomotive engine.

Kiddy Tractor Pulls, registration opens at 3:00. Tractor pulls start at 3:15. Three classes: light, medium and heavy.

Prizes for each class; 1st, 2nd, 3rd.



Elkhart Public Library District

June 2023

Celebrating 130 Years in 2023

Hours:

Mon 4-8 pm
Tues 9-11, 12-4pm
Wed 9-11, 12-8pm
Thurs 9-11, 12-8pm
Fri 9-11, 12-4pm
Sat 9-1pm

Who's coming?
Summer Reading Program
BEGINS JUNE 21 @ 1PM

Use our Facebook page or our website (Events) to sign up!

elkhartlibrary.lib.il.us

TODDLER TIME

JOIN US FOR A **SHORTENED** SESSION ON
SATURDAY JUNE 17TH 10:30 AM
TO READ A FEW BOOKS BEFORE
PARADE REGISTRATION BEGINS!

ELKHARTLIBRARY.LIB.IL.US

ROMANCE PAPERBACK GIVEAWAY

(Giveaway. Seriously. Free.)

It's time for that pool-side/lounge chair summer read, so stop by the library any time between Monday, June 12th - Saturday, June 17th to see what steamy story will match the steamy summer weather!

We have something for everyone, pick your pleasure. Just check out these scenarios and settings...

Like **HISTORICAL/NOBILITY**?



We have Captivating Counts, Dashing Dukes, Enticing Earls, Libidinous Lords, Magnetic Marquis, and Virile Viscounts.

Want something closer to home, perhaps a **COWBOY**?



No problem. Come find Romance on the Range and Romance at the Ranch, where they're Ready, Willing, & Stable.

Add some **CRIME**?



Mix some Passion & Poison with the Delicious & Deadly for some Make-outs & Mayhem, where they're In Love & In Trouble.

