



# The Elkhart Echo



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## VILLAGE BOARD NEWS

Mayor Lyle Fout called the meeting to order on July 7, 2025, 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, Travis Moore, Matt Langan and Matt Olson. Clerk Mona Maas, Treasurer Amy Roberts, and attorney Don Behle were also present.

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

- A. Approve meeting minutes from June 2, 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**

No report.

## **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Lyle received the IEPA water analysis report from Rich Adams – there are some questions. They will meet again.

Liquor licenses were issued in June.

Amy Roberts reviewed the Unpaid Bills spreadsheet and how it relates to balances held – welcomes input from Trustees for edits.

## **ATTORNEY**

Don is handling a collection letter sent by the Minolta company on transactions involving a copy machine issue that was resolved 3 years ago.

Don has sent notice to resident on Elizabeth Court about an issue and hopefully that has been resolved.

## **LIQUOR**

No report.

## **TIF REPORT**

Tax Increment Finance – discussion about disbursement processed.

## **SOLID WASTE**

**Elkhart Dumpster days – 7/12 8-4pm and 7/13 8-noon.** The following are not allowed: paint cans, yard waste, tires, electronic items (Tv's radios, computers, batteries, etc.)

## **LOCAL EVENTS LIAISON/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

No report.

## **WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT**

No report.

## **STREETS/ALLEYS**

John Galassi questions if there is movement to resolve the situation of water in ditches on Kennedy Road; Lyle explained after lots of conversation with Logan County, review of maps and "history", the County has been out surveying, and he thinks it is moving forward. He does not know how soon but he will keep inquiring.

**PLEASE NOTE: July 17 & 18, the county will begin sealcoating.** They begin on Gillette Street at Gov. Oglesby and will go south of town, around to "near" Cornland. We need to be sure to **move cars off the road for those two days**, so they don't get oil on them, and to give the crews room to work.

## **BUILDINGS/VILLAGE PROPERTIES/EQUIPMENT**

No report.

## **VILLAGE PARK**

-The Village installed the new aeration system; system is up and running.  
-Travis Moore and Matt Fights have both been working to clear areas to make the pond more accessible on the banks. Conversation on what Village equipment might be used to improve access points off the steeper banks.  
-Discussion on need for shed, protection for equipment, improvements. Ideas shared and discussed.  
-Travis Moore initiated discussion on picnic table(s); There are some \$\$ left in Ameren grant from 11/24 for a table. Travis will do some research on possible sturdy table for the pond site.

## **PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY**

No report.

## **FINANCE**

Preparing/sending documents for audit.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. ETCG application has been filed, this is an initial phase. Elkhart did receive a letter of support from Sangamon County and that will be to our benefit in grant award(s). A thank you letter will be sent.
2. The Treasurer has not purchased new equipment yet but will move forward as time allows.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Lyle and Kyle Farmer will meet with the Route 66 organization to hear more about the plans for the 100-year anniversary of Route 66 in 2026.
- b. Pike Creek Wind Farm. Contract with extension reviewed; meeting with Lyle and Repsol Renewables (tentatively) scheduled this week.
- c. The soda machine outside the Village Hall has died. Discussion on whether to replace with new one, repair, etc. The Village will get a different machine.

- d. Research on Ameren's Right Tree, Right Place annual grant continues. Tree Advisory Committee moving forward on application.
- e. Kyle Farmer initiated discussion of who is responsible for the Coal Mine Road; Lyle has had many discussions with different parties but will look into organizing some more details and report back.
- f. General discussion on Elkhart properties that are unoccupied and deteriorating; if they were to be "torn down", freeing up the space, there is confidence that Veteran's or "Habitat for Humanity" home(s) could be built and that would be a plus for Elkhart.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

Illinois Municipal League mandates the adoption of a risk management Return to Work Policy. Resolution 2025-01 was reviewed and accepted.

## **ORDINANCE**

None.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Time: 6:55 p.m. Motion by Kyle Farmer, second by John Galassi, to adjourn. Voice vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried. Next meeting August 4, 2025. 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 August 2025 newsletter should be turned in before  
**5:00 p.m. on August 6, 2025**

Please email your article in Word to [sarahvball@hotmail.com](mailto: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 July 17, 2025, at 11:30am at The Wild Hare.**

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



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## **We Need Volunteer Firefighters!!!**



### **Come Join Us!!**

🔥 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

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# Elkhart Community Senior's Bingo

(the over 55 crowd)

*Sponsored by NAG*

First Tuesday of each Month

2:00 pm

Village Hall



# See what's cookin' at the Elkhart Public Library this **July!**



## Second Annual Butterfly Release

THURSDAY, JULY 31st @ 5:30  
(release @ 6:30)

MORE CRAFT OPTIONS THIS YEAR!

Craft time - 5:30 to 6:30pm

COUNTDOWN TO OFFICIAL RELEASE - 6:30pm

Event concludes - 7/7:30pm

Following the release, supplies to finish crafts  
will remain available for 30-45 minutes.

**NOTE #1:** To include as many as possible, we are  
limiting butterflies to 3 per group or family.

\*EXCEPTION: If there are more than 3 children in a  
family, each child will receive a butterfly.

BE SURE TO NOTE THAT ON THE FORM!

**NOTE #2:** Butterflies are not only for children, and not  
only for families! Adult groups and adult singles are invited  
to come enjoy the wonder too!

### TWO WAYS TO SIGN UP ONLINE:

[elkhartlibrary.lib.il.us](http://elkhartlibrary.lib.il.us) ('Events')  
[facebook.com/elkhartpubliclibrarydistrict](http://facebook.com/elkhartpubliclibrarydistrict)

Or, stop by the library for the PAPER version.

Please remember that registration is  
first come, first served. Thanks!



## Special Memorial Donation

The Elkhart Public Library District would like to publicly  
acknowledge donations we have received in memory of  
Beverly Albert. Bev was not only a long-time, active  
patron, she also dedicated time to beautifying our  
building and serving on the board as a trustee.

Together, the people listed below donated a total of \$825 in  
her memory. These funds have made it possible for us to  
add many items to our collection, including some in the  
genre she enjoyed. Additionally, we were able to bring a  
special performer for our Summer Reading Program. Our  
children will carry that memory forward because of Beverly.

Verne & Mona Maas    Elise Gleason    Virginia Van Pelt

Robert & Debra Lee    Jo Richner    Kathleen Merlo

Marsha Humphres Doerr    Croft Fertilizer Service

Wayne & Cathy Peters    Craig & Patricia Galasso

William & Patricia Scherzinger

Randall Grussing & Jeffrey McKinney

**READING  
WILL TAKE YOU  
EVERYWHERE!**

THANK YOU to our regular clerks and  
special subs for the extra help making  
Summer Reading '25 a success:

Andrew    Doris    Lydia    Carolyn  
Hite    Craner    Davis    Trout

**We couldn't do it without YOU!!!**

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