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VILLAGE BOARD NEWS

Acting Mayor Dave Barker called the meeting to order on August 7, 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, John Galassi, Matt Fights, Travis Moore, and Ernie Shaw. Kyle Farmer was absent. Clerk Ann Curry was also present.

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

- A. Approve meeting minutes from July 10, 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

None.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

We will be getting a new generator and insurance will pay for it and continue to pay for the rental of the temporary generator.

We are waiting for estimates to fix the roof overhang.

The September meeting of local mayors will be held here.

ATTORNEY

No report.

LIQUOR

No report.

TIF REPORT

No report.

SOLID WASTE

No report.

LOCAL EVENTS LIAISON/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

No report.

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

No report.

STREETS/ALLEYS

No report.

BUILDINGS/VILLAGE PROPERTIES/EQUIPMENT

No report.

VILLAGE PARK

Rules and regulations for Recreational Areas was discussed.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

No report.

FINANCE

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Bids for a new mower were opened. There were 3 bids.

Motion by Travis Moore, second by Ernie Shaw, to purchase the Bad Boy Mower from 4 CL Investments from Mt. Pulaski, IL for \$11,030.00. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

The bid from PH Broughton for the repair of Main Street and part of North Gillette was over the \$70,000.00 amount that we permitted. We need to amend the resolution to increase the amount to \$80,000.00.

Motion by Matt Fights, second by Ernie Shaw, to table the resolution to increase the amount for Main Street and Gillette Street repair. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

There was a discussion on switching trash service to Carey's Disposal. We need to get clarification on the prices before we can vote on this.

Motion by Travis Moore, second by John Galassi, to table the Rise Broadband Agreement until next month. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

None.

ORDINANCE

Motion by Matt Fights, to pass Ordinance 2023-06, Right of Way Use Agreement For Broadband Internet By and Between the Village of Elkhart and Essex Telcom, Inc, dba Rise Broadband. Motion died for lack of a second.

Motion by Ernie Shaw, second by Travis Moore to pass Ordinance 2023-07, Agreement for Professional Services Village of Elkhart, Illinois Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan Amendment, Moran Economic Development, LLC. Roll call vote. Those voting yea: Matt Fights, John Galassi, Travis Moore, and Ernie Shaw. Those voting nay: none. Those absent: Kyle Farmer. Ordinance adopted.

Motion by John Galassi, second by Matt Fights to pass Ordinance 2023-08, An Ordinance Establishing Rules and Regulations for Recreational Areas in the Village of Elkhart, Illinois. Roll call vote. Those voting yea: Matt Fights, John Galassi, Travis Moore, and Ernie Shaw. Those voting nay: none. Those absent: Kyle Farmer. Ordinance adopted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Travis Moore, second by Matt Fights, to adjourn at 7:29pm. Voice vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

Submitted By
Ann Curry/Village Clerk



NEWSLETTER INFO

All material for the September 2023 newsletter should be turned in before
5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 13, 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 August 16, 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



Mt. Pulaski High School Board Minutes – July 17, 2023

<https://www.mtpulaski.k12.il.us/o/mphs/article/1173207>

The next regular board meeting is Monday, August 21, 2023, at 7:00pm.

WHAT MAKES ELKHART UNIQUE AND SPECIAL?

Elkhart is unique and special for many reasons - one, but not the only one, is the people who live and have lived in our little corner of the earth. We would like to introduce you to some of them.

James Latham

James Latham is considered the "founding father" of what will eventually become known as our town of Elkhart. James was born in Virginia in 1786, but his family moved to Union County, Kentucky, when he was a young boy. He eventually married Mary Briggs, and they had ten children. In 1818, Illinois officially became a state; and word of its very fertile soil began to spread and lure those with an adventurous spirit to come westward and settle here. James's two oldest children, Richard and his sister Elizabeth along with her husband James Chapman, decided to check it out in the fall of 1818. Soon James decided to come join them. They first staked out a claim near the Sangamon River (just south of the present current town of Sherman) but heavy snows produced a very muddy thaw in January, 1819. They soon decided to move farther north toward a higher mound of land.

The higher ground or "Hill" was known as Elkhart Grove, and after scouting around, they found the best location was on the northern slope with "fresh spring water". By April they had built the first cabin north of the Sangamon River and proceeded to plant 30 acres of corn. They expanded their "settlement" and built a double cabin. After that was accomplished, James returned back to Kentucky to bring his wife and other 8 children back to this wonderful spot in September, 1819, in what would eventually become known as Elkhart in Logan County, Illinois.

Besides planting the first corn crop here, James Latham accomplished quite a few other firsts. He and his son Richard built the first horse mill (took four horses to run it) in the area. When he finally got around to filing his land claim in 1824, he received over 620 acres (which is now Elkhart township). He was also appointed that same year by President John Quincy Adams as Indian Agent at Fort Clark (where Peoria is currently located). He moved there for two years, where he got sick and died in 1826. His remains were brought back to Elkhart Grove and buried close to where his first cabin was built, which is currently known as Latham Cemetery (the oldest cemetery in Logan County). His wife Mary lived until 1887, and she is also buried there.

Elkhart Historical Society



Elkhart Community Senior's Bingo

(the over 55 crowd)

First Tuesday of each Month

2:00 pm

Village Hall



August



TODDLER STORY TIME

MAKING READING FUN

Saturday, August 19th, 10:30 - 11:15

Come join us for 45 minutes of stories, snacks, and an activity to grow our minds and coordination.

No RSVP Required!

Coming In October...

Medicare Open Enrollment is coming, and last year's information sessions were so popular that we're bringing them back! Watch for the September Echo for dates and times.



Save The Date!

Saturday, October 14th

There's a **SOLAR ECLIPSE** coming, and we're having a party.

We're planning this event for **EVERYONE** to observe this special event, so save the **second half of your morning** to have some fun and make some memories!



LEGO Club

Beginning September 21st

Join us on Thursdays from 4pm - 6pm to flex that creative muscle(or start building it). We'll even have a little snack to hold you until suppertime.

Note: this is primarily for our youth, but parents are always welcome to participate.



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