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VILLAGE BOARD NEWS

Mayor Lyle Fout called the meeting to order on October 7, 2024, 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, Matt Fights, Dave Barker, John Galassi, and Ernie Shaw. Travis Moore was absent. Attorney Don Behle, Clerk Ann Curry and Treasurer Theresa Moore were also present. Visitor present was Seth Hall.

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

- A. Approve meeting minutes from September 9, 2024
- 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

No report.

ATTORNEY

No report.

LIQUOR

No report.

TIF REPORT

No report.

SOLID WASTE

The dumpsters will be here November 2, 2024, from 7am-4pm. There will be someone to watch the dumpsters so things that are not allowed will not be put in. Elkhart and Hurlbut Townships will help with the cost of the dumpsters.

LOCAL EVENTS LIAISON/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Trick or Treat hours will be Thursday, October 31, 2024 from 5-8pm.

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

There are no updates on the sewer system.

STREETS/ALLEYS

Lyle spoke with a guy about filling holes with hot patch and rock chips and tar some streets.

Motion by Kyle Farmer, second by Ernie Shaw, to approve \$2500 to patch the streets. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

BUILDINGS/VILLAGE PROPERTIES/EQUIPMENT

No report.

VILLAGE PARK

Lyle met with the Tree Committee. The project has been funded. Mona has also received grants to help fund the project.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

No report.

FINANCE

Dave will have the Tax Levy Ordinance for review at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

An Ordinance concerning Tree Policies was discussed. Items within the ordinance need to be changed before adopting. The Ordinance will be tabled until next meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

None.

ORDINANCE

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Dave Barker, second by Matt Fights, to adjourn at 6:52pm. Voice vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

Submitted By
Ann Curry
Village Clerk

NEWSLETTER INFO

All material for the November 2024 newsletter should be turned in before
5:00 p.m. on November 6, 2024

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 October 16, 2024, 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 – *The September Minutes have not been posted.*

The next regular board meeting is Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at 6:00pm.

ANDERSON LAWN CARE

CONTACT CHRIS ANDERSON @ 217-737-9607.



****Bingo will be Wednesday, November 6th due to the election****

Elkhart Community

Senior's Bingo

(the over 55 crowd)

Sponsored by NAG

First Tuesday of each Month

2:00 pm

Village Hall



Elkhart Tree Advisory Committee UPDATE:

With the help of FUNDING from Illinois Native Plant Society, Trees Forever, Ameren 'Civic and Community' via Conn Family Community Works non-profit, and Project Wingspan we can fund TREES, native plants, seeds and materials for...

Elkhart's Community Tree Planting Day-2024!

→ **Monday November 11, 2024** *possible rain date of Thursday, November 14, 2024.*

- Much of this planting work will be at Elkhart's new Fishing Lake
- We will be planting 28 container-sized (3 gallon and a few 5 gallon) trees
- We will be in *process* of relocating small Norway Spruce and Douglas Fir trees to create a natural BORDER with I-55, and will plant some on this day
- Carter's Trees may begin planting some of our larger trees
- Master Naturalist friends will be on site to help teams of '*planters*'
- We hope to have some of the students from Mt. Pulaski helping
- Trees Forever's Erik Notz plans to assist
- We hope to have Elkhart community members assist
- *Tools will be provided. Bring your gloves if you need them!*

Specific details → we will MEET at the Village Hall at 9:30 on this day.

All volunteers are welcome to come 'for whatever time works'*** *it doesn't have to be "all day" ****

We will have the Village Hall open to share lunch, restrooms, hydration, etc.

Elkhart Community- **If you cannot help physically**, please consider sharing refreshments, treats, protein snacks, Or just your **Hello and THANKS**...this is a GIFT to our community, let's show these volunteers we appreciate them. We will schedule a "photo OP" with these grant organizations—can we gather?

Contact us at: ElkhartTreeAdvisoryCommittee@gmail.com or justmona2@gmail.com

"IM" our Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61565292692252>

Or, stop Mona when you see her outside!