

VILLAGE BOARD NEWS

Mayor Lyle Fout called the meeting to order on December 5, 2022, at 6:30 P.M. at the Elkhart Christian Church FCC Building. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken. Answering present: Dave Barker, Matt Fights, Abby Fletcher, Travis Moore, John Galassi, and Ernie Shaw. Attorney Don Behle, Clerk Ann Curry, and Treasurer Theresa Moore were also present. Visitors present were: Kyle Farmer, Carrie Fights, Korey Davis, and Miah Bolyard.

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

- A. Approve meeting minutes from November 5, 2022
- 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

There will be a mediation meeting December 23, 2022. Travis, Dave, Don, and Lyle will be attending.

LIQUOR

Lyle will deliver the liquor license and collect the fees this week.

ATTORNEY

The House and the Senate have approved the TIF extension. We are now waiting on the Governor to sign in.

TIF REPORT

No report.

SOLID WASTE

No report.

LOCAL EVENTS LIAISON/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Tree Lighting Event had a good turnout.

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

There was a power surge due to the power outage. It affected the heat pump, relay switch, transformers, and other things. We will turn it into the insurance.

STREETS/ALLEYS

Lyle received a letter from IDOT about approving funds for street projects we want done.

BUILDINGS/VILLAGE PROPERTIES/EQUIPMENT

On the corner of the Village Hall, the roof is leaking. Lyle will have estimates at the next meeting.

VILLAGE PARK

No report.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

No report.

FINANCE

Dave discussed the Tax Levy Ordinance.

OLD BUSINESS

We will only be paying half of the bill for the water meters and installation. They need to come back and fix quite a few things.

The board decided to proceed with the new playground equipment. As of right now, this is not binding.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

RESOLUTIONS

None.

ORDINANCE

Motion by Dave Barker, second by Travis Moore, to pass Ordinance 2022-06, An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment for Taxes for The Village of Elkhart, Logan County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2023 ending April 30, 2024. Roll call vote. Those voting yea: Dave Barker, Matt Fights, Abby Fletcher, John Galassi, Travis Moore, and Ernie Shaw. Those voting nay: none. Those absent: none. Ordinance adopted.

Motion by Abby Fletcher, second by Matt Fights, to pass Ordinance 2022-07, An Ordinance Adopting a Schedule of Meetings for Calendar Year 2023. Roll call vote. Those voting yea: Dave Barker, Matt Fights, Abby Fletcher, John Galassi, Travis Moore, and Ernie Shaw. Those voting nay: none. Those absent: none. Ordinance adopted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Abby Fletcher, second by Dave Barker, to adjourn at 6:49pm. Voice vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

Submitted By
Ann Curry/Village Clerk

NEWSLETTER INFO

All material for the July 2022 newsletter should be turned in before
5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 11, 2023
Please email your article in Word or as a PDF 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

There will be no senior lunch in December.

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



<https://www.mtpulaski.k12.il.us/o/mpgs/article/918073>

The next regular board meeting is Monday, December 19, 2022 at 5pm.

Hello Elkhart Neighbors. We have made great progress on accumulating bags for the **REpurpose FEED and SEED bags** fundraising project. Over 150 bags and still growing. THANK YOU to all who have taken their time to do this! I continue to practice and experiment and *I'm getting better!*

In January we will use the Elkhart Village Hall as "Mission Control".

Don't SEW? No worries....we need folks who can CUT<FOLD<CREASE the polypropylene bags before we can send them on to the SEWING stations. This is **not** LADIES ONLY.

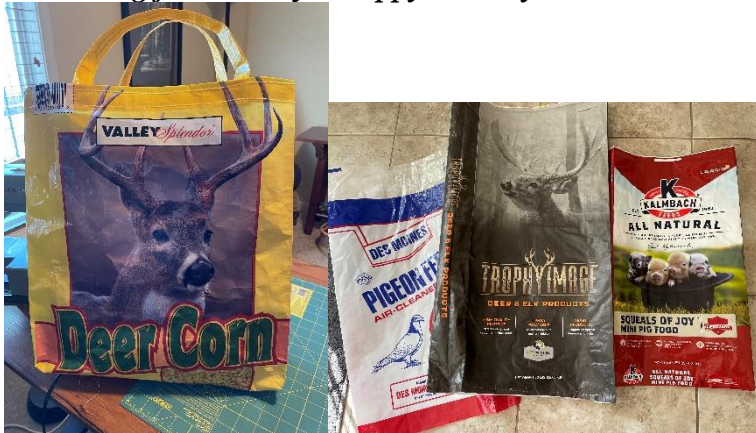
You can come and go as you please, and we will organize days/times both daytime and evenings. **More information will follow as we get closer...**please stay tuned! **You WILL** leave with your own REpurposed bag!

Here are photos of

1) Practice Deer Corn bag **I(!)** just made for my son...*he promises a donation!* and

2) Bags gathered from Wildlife Prairie Park in Peoria.

I'm having fun already! Happy Holidays to all!





Elkhart Community Senior's Bingo

(the over 55 crowd)

First Tuesday of each Month

2:00 pm

Village Hall





Elkhart Public Library District

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

December 2022
Celebrating 130 Years in 2023



Happy New Year!



We have LOTS of things planned for the New Year, so keep an eye on Facebook,
[the Elkhart Echo](#), and our website to see what's coming!

Book Sale

Toddler Story Hour

Intro To Using The Computer
(the basics you want to know but are too afraid to ask)

More celebration fun as we finally reach our 130th birthday!!!

Please Note!

Toddler Story Hour
will take a break in December.

Please join us when we
resume in 2023 on

Saturday, Jan. 21st
10:30 – 11:30am

As always, we will read a story,
[do something crafty](#), have a little
snack, and have some fun.

In the meantime, if you have
questions please call 217-947-2313 or
email us at:
elkhartlibrary@mchsi.com





Elkhart Branch Annual Holiday Open House

**Come join us in celebrating the holidays
with great food and friends!**

**Friday, December 23rd
8:30am till 12pm**

ELKHART HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Elkhart Historical Society's Christmas Candlelight Services scheduled for December 3rd at the Chapel on the Hill were so well received that a Sunday Matinee was added for December 4th . The program was conceived by Sue Rogers, who put together a talented group of musicians, vocalists and presenters filling the historic St. John the Baptist Chapel with fabulous Christmas musical compositions and intriguing stories of the origins of that music. Wild Columbine provided both vocal and instrumental music from Springfield, and Marcy Brook- organist from Greeneville TN, Jean Tweet-violinist from Springfield, and Ken Reese- guitarist from Elkhart produced the music, while Megan Drake, of Lacon IL, and Rachel and Isabelle Hall from Elkhart rounded out the vocalists. The presenters were Jay Drake of Lacon IL, Gillette Ransom, and Ken Reese of Elkhart. Meanwhile talented artist Celistia Reese quietly created five original pieces of art (one per service) of the Nativity. All the art was offered for sale by silent auction bids, and all 5 of the high bidders have been advised. A heart felt thank you to all the cast members, and the many volunteers who helped put this special event together, one which many people say, "starts their Christmas Holiday Season- - every year!!" A big thank you as well to Horsefeather's Wild Hare Café, who prepared a proper Christmas Feast for both casts, as well as so many attendees of the services (by reservation).

If you enjoyed this year's program, or others such as the dinner lectures, the Celtic Concert in March, or the Wildflower Walks in April- - then you might want to consider becoming a member or renewing your membership in the Elkhart Historical Society. For an individual or family, the fee is \$25 a year, and for a senior citizen or family the fee is \$20. A free calendar comes with each new or renewed membership. The membership fee helps to provide the resources to ensure the continuation of such programs, as well as bigger projects which will begin in the new year. The 2023 Calendar is at the printer's and is expected to be in the Country Bumpkin shop at 103 Gov. Oglesby St. in Elkhart before Christmas. Thanks to all once again for a wonderful weekend, wishing you all a blessed Christmas and Holiday Season.