



# The Elkhart Echo



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## VILLAGE BOARD NEWS

Mayor Lyle Fout called the meeting to order on August 4, 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 Kyle Farmer, to approve Consent Agenda Items A, B, C, and D.

- A. Approve meeting minutes from July 7, 2025
- B. Statements (not available as of meeting date), bill sheets and unpaid bills list will be completed and forwarded by 8/8/25.
- C. Approve employee reimbursements
- D. Approve Treasurer's report

Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

### **RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC**

Stan Komperda, project representative Pike Creek Wind Farm. Crystal Creswell, Elkhart Hill HOA President.

### **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

IEPA **S**ource **W**ater **A**ssessment **P**lan report completed and filed.

**C**onsumer **C**onfidence **R**eport Completed and Posted.

Logan County Emergency Management Plan completed and filed. Engineering firm (new) will complete analysis of our needs and outline for proposal.

Attended Senator Turner's Mayor's Conference: Prevention, Control of Abuse & Human Trafficking.

### **ATTORNEY**

No report.

### **LIQUOR**

No report.

### **TIF REPORT**

Discussed need to prepare for annual audit for TIF; the potential impact of a new bill to be signed by the governor that may eliminate the requirement for that audit.

### **SOLID WASTE**

No report.

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

Route 66 100th Anniversary opportunities, Scott McCoy, business owner Route 66 Ultimate Guide, offers service of advertising, support on digital passport, stamps, etc. all to promote tourism and engage Route 66 community.

Motion by Travis Moore, second by Matt Fights to approve the \$600 fee for this Route 66 tourism promotion. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

A new "Elkhart Logo" designed by Scott Lindley embraces the Route 66 emblem.

A Route 66 photo contest has begun and runs through August. Mark Moughan's Route 66 Model Raceway is a "stop" in the contest. <https://illinoisroute66.org/2025/07/route-66-illinois-photo-contest-this-august/>

## **WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT**

The starter and probes at the pump house was repaired, and this has eliminated nuisance calls. Restrictor valve repaired.

## **STREETS/ALLEYS**

Updated a new water line installed at a resident's cost to fix a water usage issue.

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

Lights had to be replaced in the Village Hall garage after a smoky failure. Electrical work was completed out at the pump house after mouse damage to wiring was discovered.

## **VILLAGE PARK**

Matt Fights addressed need for repair of existing dock estimated at less than \$1000; He will work with Larry to accomplish and anchor the dock over to the boat ramp side in time.

**NOTE:** Matt urges the public to stay out and away from the SHED at the fishing pond. The "pathway" to the shed and the septic sediment bed are not for the public. STAY on the "pathways" when driving, please. Stay away from equipment.

## **PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Addressed above.

## **FINANCE**

No report.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Pike Creek Wind Farm – Siting Agreement Extension, Stan Komperda, project representative; Motion by Travis Moore, second by John Galassi to approve extension to December 31, 2028, due to delays in transmission recalculations and federal government uncertainty. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

Elkhart Tree Advisory Committee application for Ameren Right Tree, Right Place Grant Update- Lyle reviewed tree inventory with Committee, toured to identify "trees of concern" to be included in grant application. Bids for removal discussed. Grant application will be filed. Committee will meet on August 11, 2025 at the Village Hall at 6:30. Public is welcome.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Logan County Wage Rates 2025- Motion by Matt Fights, second by Travis Moore to approve. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

Forklift purchase- Opportunity to purchase used machine from Lincoln Heating & Cooling for \$8,000. Motion by Travis Moore, second by John Galassi to approve purchase of forklift. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

Viper Mine request for Informal Conference with IDNR- Letter of support for request signed by Village Board, will be submitted to IDNR. VB interested to hear plans on reclamation, monitoring, bond release, etc. Production for I.D. Badges for use in emergency situations where I.D. is needed were reviewed. Badges and lanyards will be ordered.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

None presented.

## **ORDINANCE**

None presented.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Time: 7:00 p.m.

## **Next meeting – 9/8/25**

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 September 2025 newsletter should be turned in before  
**5:00 p.m. on September 10, 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 August 20, 2025, at 11:30am at The Talk of the Town.

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



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## **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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# Elkhart Community

## Senior's Bingo

(the over 55 crowd)

*Sponsored by NAG*

**First Tuesday of each Month**

**2:00 pm**

**Village Hall**



# Elkhart Public Library District August

## National Sneak Some Zucchini on your Neighbor's Porch Day

Did you know that **Friday, August 8th** is a special day in the gardening world?  
(Neither did I.)

Do you find yourself tripping over all the zucchini in the kitchen?  
Would you swear that the zucs in the garden grew another two inches just while you walked to the shed and back? THIS is your opportunity to unload a few extras you may have laying around.

### How to Celebrate National Sneak Some Zucchini Onto Your Neighbors' Porch Day

Celebrating this day requires a blend of stealth, creativity, and a good sense of humor.

Here are some tips and tricks to make the most of this quirky holiday:

#### 1. Master the Art of Stealth

This is not just about leaving zucchini on porches; it's about how it's done. Plan the approach, map out escape routes, and maybe put on a zucchini-themed disguise. The goal is never to be seen, only whispered about in hushed, awe-struck tones.

#### 3. Zucchini Recipe Exchange

Along with your stealthily placed zucchini, leave a favorite zucchini recipe for your neighbor to discover.

Share instructions for bread, muffins, or a savory dish. This way, it's not just about leaving a vegetable but providing dinner ideas!



Houdini Zucchini

#### 2. Add a Crafty Touch to the Zucchini Before Your Adventure

Before sneaking that zucchini onto the neighbor's porch, why not give it a little personality? Paint a face on it, dress it up in a tiny outfit, or attach a funny note. Imagine your neighbor's surprise when they find a zucchini dressed like a tiny Elvis or a miniature superhero on their doorstep.

#### 4. Document Your Adventure With Video

If you're tech-savvy, consider making a fun video of your zucchini planting escapades (while still maintaining the anonymity of your neighbors, of course). Share it across social media platforms with the hashtag below to join the wider community of zucchini sneaks.

#NationalSneakSomeZucchiniOntoYourNeighborsPorchDay

## Back to School Help

Is a young reader in your house a little rusty after the summer? Come grab a comfy chair and get some help, with

### HOT DOTS

HOT DOTS is a FUN way to practice reading basics.

Touch the pen to the correct dot and be rewarded with lights and sounds. Incorrect? Different lights and sounds encourage you to keep going and keep learning.

#### You can do it and we can help!

Reading levels:  
Kindergarten  
through  
3rd Grade



## New in the Library

**CHECK OUT some of our new titles, available for you!**

*Strangers in Time* by David Baldacci

The Sing Sing Files:  
one journalist, six innocent men, and a  
twenty-year fight for justice  
by Dan Slepian

*Spices & Spuds:*  
*how plants made our world*  
by Andy Warner

Resist: a story of D-Day (fiction)  
by Alan Gratz

"When French-Algerian Samira's mother is arrested by the Nazis, Samira must go on a journey through Nazi-occupied France to save her before it's too late ... on the same day as D-Day."



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