

The Elkhart Echo



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VILLAGE BOARD NEWS

Mayor Lyle Fout called the meeting to order on January 6, 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, Matt Fights, John Galassi, and Ernie Shaw. Dave Barker was virtual. Travis Moore was absent. Clerk Ann Curry and Treasurer Theresa Moore were also present. Visitors present were Mona Maas and Amy Roberts.

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

- A. Approve meeting minutes from December 2, 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

Mona Maas from the Tree Advisory Committee said in order to apply for grants, they always want to know what we have spent on tree maintenance. She asked if we could do a line item for tree maintenance so she could readily see the amounts spent. Dave will work on that.

Mona also had some concerns about the Viper Mine closing and what options the Village has. She wants to know what our opportunities could be about a say in what is left out there after their clean up. The sludge ponds are a big concern.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

No report.

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

The Village Employees did a great job clearing the streets from the snow storm. Thank you for your hard work!

BUILDINGS/VILLAGE PROPERTIES/EQUIPMENT

No report.

VILLAGE PARK

Lyle and Kyle will get together to fix the electric box at the park.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

No report.

FINANCE

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Next month, we will vote on the wage increase for the Village Employees.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Kyle Farmer, second by Ernie Shaw, to approve \$2,500 to patch the streets. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

Next month we will discuss an increase in pay for the Village employees.

RESOLUTIONS

None.

ORDINANCE

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ernie Shaw, second by Matt Fights, to adjourn at 6:51 pm. Voice vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

Submitted By
Ann Curry
Village Clerk

NEWSLETTER INFO

All material for the February 2025 newsletter should be turned in before
5:00 p.m. on February 5, 2025

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 January 16, 2025, at 11:30am at The Wild Hare.

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



Elkhart Community

Senior's Bingo

(the over 55 crowd)

Sponsored by NAG

First Tuesday of each Month

2:00 pm

Village Hall



Elkhart Historical Society

The 2025 Elkhart Historical Society Calendars have arrived!

If you purchased a 2025 membership, they are available for pickup at The Country Bumpkin, located at 103 Governor Oglesby St in Elkhart. The hours are Wednesday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Sundays 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

There is still time to purchase a membership if you have yet to do so. Memberships cost \$20 for senior families and \$25 for everyone else. We will be continuing the perk of everyone with a current membership being able to place reservations for events, including the 2025 Christmas Candlelight Services, one week before non-members, giving you a better chance of getting the seats and services that you want.

**From everyone at The Elkhart Historical Society,
Best Wishes for a Happy New Year to our many friends and members and thank you for your continued support!**



*A big thank you,
from NAG!*

NAG (Needs and Goals of Elkhart) would like to thank EVERYONE for supporting our bake sale and breakfast with the Grinch, making it a huge success. The profits from our fundraisers go towards funding Lifelines for Elkhart residents and various projects around the village.



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Coming NEXT WEEK...

January is Organization Time, and that means it's time for a

Library Giveaway

We need room for more new books and DVDs, so some things just have to go.

Check out these items!

Children's Books	Adult Books
Fiction & Non Fiction	Fiction & Non Fiction
DVDs	
Adult Audio Books	Junior Fiction & Non-Fiction

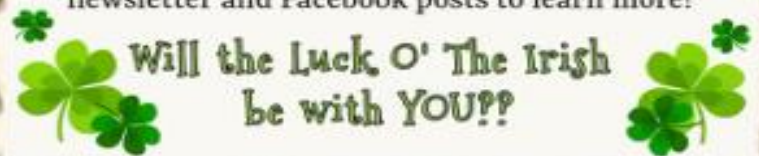
Coming NEXT MONTH...

Library Scavenger Hunt

Feeling Lucky?

Our Scavenger Hunt game for ALL AGES will begin next month and run until St. Patrick's Day, Monday March 17th.

Will your lucky ticket be drawn? The more you play, the more chances you have to win in your category, so watch for the February newsletter and Facebook posts to learn more!



It's January. It's cold. There's snow on the ground.

This is a great time to get lost in a story, relax with a movie, explore a hobby, or hunker down and finally binge-watch that TV series you've been hearing about.

We offer even more than just the items on our shelves.

Whether you're new to the area or it's just been a while, look below find more of what we can offer and how we can help you...

...right here in Elkhart. We'd love to see you.

Wireless printing from your phone or laptop

eBooks & eAudio books, and assistance loading it on your device

Notary Public Photocopies Fax Free WiFi Computers

Easy access to over **1 MILLION** items among our 500+ libraries

and...two soft chairs, a coffeemaker, and a fireplace.

Elkhart Public Library District

Find us on Facebook

217-947-2313

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A Midwinter Night's Dream

A Dessert Musical Cabaret

featuring music from previous
and upcoming LCT shows as well
as other great theatre standards!

Come and enjoy an evening of
great music and delicious desserts.

Feb. 14th 7pm

Feb. 15th 2pm & 7pm

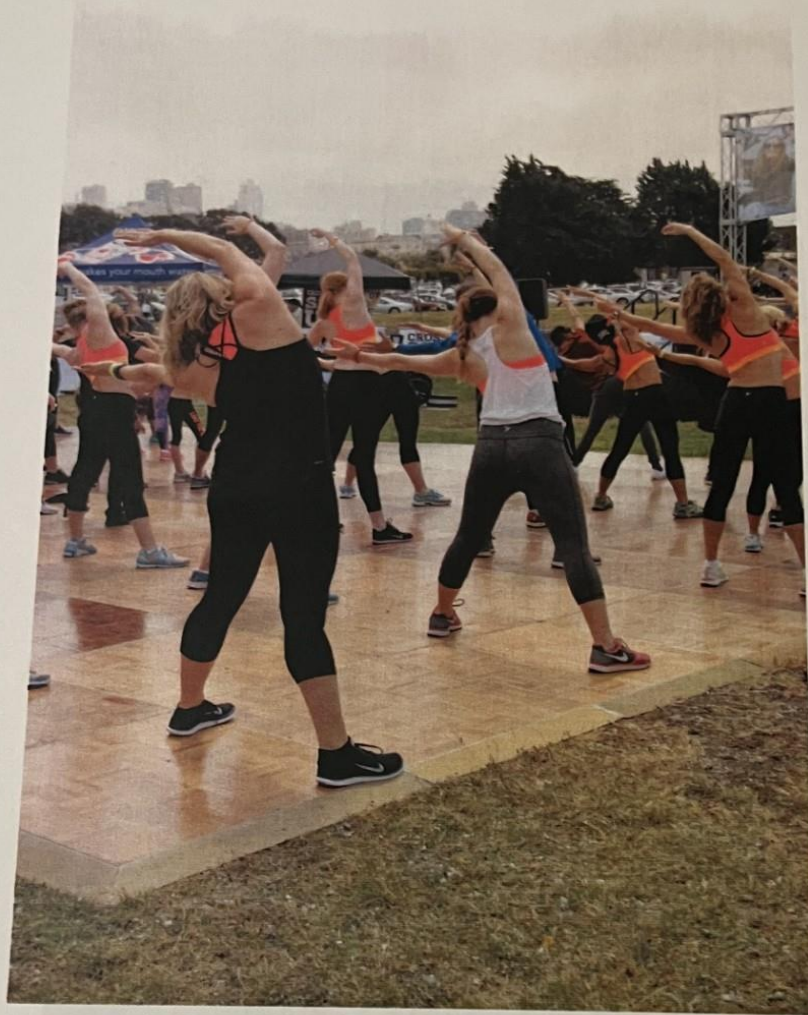
St. John's United Church of Christ

204 7th St. Lincoln, IL 62656

Tickets \$15

Purchase online: lincolncommunitytheatre.org

COME JOIN THE EXERCISE CLASS



When: Wednesday and Friday

Time: 9:30 AM

Where: ECC Fellowship Hall