

VILLAGE BOARD NEWS

Mayor Lyle Fout called the meeting to order on April 5, 2021 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: Matt Fights, Travis Moore, and Ernie Shaw. Dave Barker was virtual. Attorney Don Behle, Clerk Ann Curry, and Treasurer Theresa Moore were also present. Visitors present John Galassi, Kevin Humphres, Mona Maas, and Josh Hartke.

Motion by Lyle Fout, second by Travis Moore to appoint John Galassi to fill the vacant trustee seat. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

Attorney Behle swore John Galassi in as the new trustee.

Motion by Ernie Shaw, second by Travis Moore to approve Consent Agenda Items, A, B, C, D and E.

- A. Approve meeting minutes from March 1, 2021
- B. Approve Executive session minutes from March 1, 2021
- C. Approve submitted bills and bill sheets
- D. Approve employee reimbursements
- E. Approve Treasurer’s report

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

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

Mona Maas gave an update on the Butterfly Habitat project and Event coming in June.

Josh Hartke from Apex Clean Energy spoke about the developing of solar energy in Logan County. He passed out an Ordinance to add territory to the Enterprise Zone. The board will review it for passage next month.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

No report

POLICE

No report

ATTORNEY

Attorney Behle has received correspondence from the Prairie Point lawsuit. The defense is wanting some discovery and Don is working on that.

Also, Don has been in contact with FDIC, they are wanting information on the bonds.

LIQUOR

No report

TIF REPORT

No report

SOLID WASTE

The dumpsters will be here **June 18, 19, and 20, 2021.**

Matt will get in touch with Applegate to get the Port-A Potty for the park and also for the Habitat Event.

LOCAL EVENTS LIAISON/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

No report

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

The new copier has been installed, so the new water bills should be readable now.

STREETS/ALLEYS

No report

BUILDINGS/VILLAGE PROPERTIES/EQUIPMENT

No report

VILLAGE PARK

The Park re-dedication will be June 5, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Lyle showed a picture of the new sign for the park.

Motion by Matt Fights, second by Travis Moore to purchase the new sign for the park pending changes. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

Ernie received an email from a consulting firm concerning if it would be advisable to eliminate the train horn as it passes through town. Ernie will reach out to the elevator and see if they need that horn for safety.

FINANCE

Dave went over the preliminary budget for the fiscal year starting May 1, 2021. He will have it ready for passage at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

The sidewalk in front of the old Blue Moon will be repaired. The railroad runoff damaged it underneath.

NEW BUSINESS

None

RESOLUTIONS

Motion by Dave Barker, second by Matt Fights to pass Resolution 2021-10, A Resolution to rename the Village Park to the Nancy Jane Moore Memorial Park. Roll call vote. Those voting yea: Dave Barker, Matt Fights, John Galassi, Travis Moore and Ernie Shaw. Those voting nay: none. Those absent: Abby Fletcher. Resolution adopted.

ORDINANCE

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Travis Moore, second by Ernie Shaw to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Voice vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

Submitted By
Ann Curry
Village Clerk

Next Board Meeting will be held on May 3, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

NEWSLETTER INFO

All material for the May 2021 newsletter should be turned in before
5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 5, 2021
Please email your article in Word or as a PDF to jcikkutz@frontier.com
If there is any event that needs added to the calendar,
Please call (899-5306) or e-mail the information.

ECHO Bulletin Board

Village Park Renaming

The town board was saddened by the recent loss of long time board member, Nancy Jane Moore. She was taken away much too early. Nancy always enjoyed the village park, and she thoroughly enjoyed taking her grandchildren to the park so they could enjoy it as well. They spent many happy hours there together. Nancy Jane made the park a top priority in her role as a village trustee. She was instrumental in keeping the playground equipment in good repair and getting the play area covered with clean and safe wood chips.

Having a special needs grandchild, she initiated efforts to get ADA compliant playground equipment purchased for the park. In compliance with her wishes, the Village Board will be pursuing the purchase and installation of that equipment. In addition, the park will be renamed the Nancy Jane Moore park in her honor. The dedication ceremony will be held at 10:00 am on June 5, 2021. Watch the ECHO newsletter for details.

Village of Elkhart Native Plant and Pollinator **Habitat** progress this month

My partner Cassidy Clark and I continue site preparation; as supply trickles in, we are getting it planted.

We will organize planting sessions *and hope for volunteers* as we receive the large "loads" of plants and plugs in MAY.

ON **Saturday, June 12**, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., the BUTTERFLY LADY is coming to Elkhart with her BUS, Miss Mariposa !

Additional fun planned for that day: a "kick off" for the Habitat with a ribbon cutting, some DIY craft tables thru town, Butterfly video, FUN food vendors, Mini "pollinator pocket" giveaway!

Michele Clark *and* Dana Hudson are on board to help organize this "event". Email me (Mona Maas) at: justmona2@gmail.com if you would like to know more.

Attention: Volunteers Needed!!!



The Elkhart Fire Department is in need of more volunteers. Currently we have 10 volunteers on our roster but due to some going back to college and others moving out of the district, there is a need to seek new potential volunteers. There are no prerequisites to joining other than to be in good medical health and at least 16 years old. If you are interested in joining and serving your community, please call Chief Akers @ 217-947-2931 or email @ lf154@fdmail.sfm.illinois.gov.

Thank you, Elkhart Fire Dept.



**N.A.G. Annual
Plant Sale**

Proceeds help pay for individuals
lifelines in our community along
with other community projects.

Spring

Join Us:

April 30th 10am-6pm

May 1st 8am-12pm

@ 220 N Gillett St.

Thanks from the
Needs and Goals of
Elkhart



The Elkhart Historical Society announces the schedule for the April Wildflower walks on Elkhart Hill.

The April wildflower walks will be offered twice a day, 10a or 2p and are scheduled for every Saturday in April starting April 3rd for the very earliest of the spring ephemerals such as spring beauties and Dutchmen’s breeches, and later in the season concluding with the vast sweeps of Virginia Bluebells.

The final Saturday April 24th will offer two bird walks, 6A and 4p, with a combination bird and flower walk at 10a. Private tours for groups of 10 or more can be arranged for on other days during the spring bloom. The bird walk will once again be led by a team of fabulous birders, who helped to identify over 60 species of birds on previous walks.

Reservations for all events must be made by calling 217 947 2238, and reservation forms with times and menus can be found and downloaded at the elkharthistoricalsociety.org website, on Facebook @ElkhartIllinois, or stop by The Country Bumpkin Wed-Sun 10a-3p.

Memorial Day Service

The Memorial Day service in Elkhart will be held in the cemetery on Sunday May 30th at 2 PM.

Please plan on giving of yourself an hour of your holiday to help honor our past and present veterans of the Elkhart area.



News from NAG

Hours:
Mon 4-8 pm
Tues & Fri 9-11 12-4pm
Wed & Thurs 9-11 12-8pm
Sat 9-1pm

- *Lucky Square* numbers are still available to purchase from any NAG board member.

Marlene Lanterman	Lois Olson	Sandra Buttell	Sarah McCutcheon	Jan Funk
Theresa Moore	Ann Curry	Mel Matson	Leslie Urish	Vicki Hamm
Ann Olson	Kelly Elias	Sam Detmers		

- Tickets are \$10 per square.
- The proceeds go towards Lifelines and other NAG projects in the village.
- The number board is in the bank window.
- *April 3rd winners were Kelley Tierney and Jayde/Jessie Carter.*
- The next gift card drawings will be held on April 10, 17, and 24th.
- The \$200 drawing will be at the plant sale on May 1st
- Thank you to everyone who supports NAG projects!



**Elkhart⁶ Public
Library District**

 Know what is going on at your library

“Like” Elkhart Public Library District on Facebook and Come Check Us Out!

“Let us read, and let us dance; these two amusements will never do any harm to the world.”

— Voltaire



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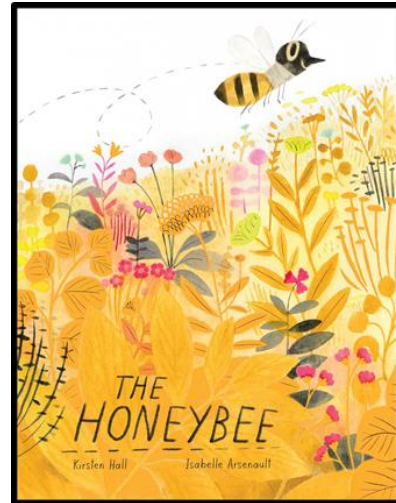
Congratulations to the winner of our ‘Celebrate National Library Week’



Diorama Contest ...

MONA MAAS!

Mona’s diorama was inspired by a favorite children’s book, **The Honeybee** by Kirsten Hall & Isabelle Arsenault.



With lyrical bounce and gorgeous illustrations, **The Honeybee** introduces us to the vital role of nature’s hardest workers, and teaches us more on how we can help to protect them.


Check out our Facebook page for pictures. Thank you Mona for your sweet-spirited participation!

Elkhart Library offers free e-books, audio books, music and more!

www.elkhartlibrary.lib.il.us

We have popular titles available to download for your Kindle, iPad and other e-readers! Please feel free to ask questions if you need help. -217-947-2313 Or stop in with your device! Sign in with your library card.

SUMMER READING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER...

What will you do to Dig Deeper this summer? Keep an eye out for information coming soon! 

--Dig Deeper: Read, Investigate, Discover--



ELKHART HISTORICAL SOCIETY

P.O. Box 255 • Elkhart, Illinois 62634

Dear EHS Members and Friends,

To say the past year has been challenging is, of course, an understatement. The Elkhart Historical Society took a pause, along with most of the world, to stay safe and reflect on where we are and where we will go in the future. We are regrouping and evaluating what plans can be made while maintaining the utmost care for the public and our membership. With that in mind, and within public health guidelines, we have plans to continue many of our favorite annual events like our Flower and Bird Walks, Dinner Lectures and, hopefully, some surprises for 2021.

We will hit the ground running this year with a St. Patrick’s concert at the chapel and a corresponding Corn Beef & Cabbage Dinner at the Wild Hare Café on 3/21. April will bring the Flower & Bird Walks each Saturday beginning April 3. Our very popular dinner lectures are being finalized and information regarding reservations will be available to you shortly.

Members and friends of our society are the heart and soul of our mission and allow us to implement continuing objectives that will highlight our village through education, business development strategies and cultural activities. We hope you will continue to join our efforts through EHS 2021 membership. We have attached a membership form that you can fill out and mail to: Elkhart Historical Society, P. O. Box 255, Elkhart, IL 62634.

Please frequently check our website (www.elkharthistoricalsociety.org) and Facebook page for updates on events, reservations and EHS updates.

Your support of our organization has been invaluable and deeply appreciated. Thank you.

EHS Board Members,

Ann Anderson	Gillette Ransom	Court and Karen Conn
Bob and Bev Albert	Ken Lazar	Victoria Ringer

ELKHART HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

Annual Dues 2021

\$15 Seniors (65+) _____

\$20 general _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Please send check or money order made out to Elkhart Historical Society, P. O. Box 255, Elkhart, IL 62634

MPHS ALUMNI WHO HAVE SERVED

We are looking to update and upgrade the Military Recognition Board at Mount Pulaski High School. We are seeking the names of MPHS graduates who have served in any branch of the armed forces. This includes graduates of former high schools in the communities we now serve. Please email the following information to: service@mtpulaski.k12.il.us

Name

Branch of Service

High School Graduation Year (specify the high school if not MPHS)



**Mount Pulaski Grade School
Quarter 3 Honor Roll**

Straight A Students

8th Grade: Tanner Bishop, Cecilia Davis, Maggie Doherty, Nathan Golden, Abigail Jones, Aiden Kern, Sydney Lowe, Chance Payne, Liam Smith

7th Grade: Sophia Buenrostro, Eric Cooper, Elayna Marten, Katelyn Perek, Brooke St James, Franklin Wade, Addisen Williams, Lillian Woodworth

6th Grade: Keoni Charron, Dede Clay, Audrey Cooper, Owen Cyrulik, Braden Olson, Kai Selinger, Aaron Volle

High Honors

8th Grade: Trenton Heath, Kalei Kuznik, Max McClellan

7th Grade: Addison Maus, Alyson Murphy, Keaton Roemer, Charity Woodford

6th Grade: Addison Brown, Austin Kretzinger, Dean Martin, Natalie Palmquist, Kaelin Stewart, Caden Wyler

Honors

8th Grade: Summer Eskew, Kirsten Lindzy, Evy Maas, Isaac Pulliam

7th Grade: Tyler Cross, Conner French, Aaron Kuznik, Tyler Lowe, Luke Martin, Kya Matson

6th Grade: Kevin Brown, Carter Clark, Peyton Combs, Claire Cyrulik, Olivia Cyrulik, Seth Durbin, Kian Jacobs, Mackenzie Johnston, Owen Pulliam, Logan Roberts, Carter Robinson, Piper Tyson, Jeremiah Woodford

Honorable Mention

8th Grade: Karter Hild, Jaiden Jacobs, Emmalee Kelly, Joselyn Kiper

7th Grade: Kayla Aylesworth, Bailey Birdwell, Cici Clay, Jaeden Jackson, Adison Sanchez, Griffin Skelton, Rhiah Solomon, Deegan Tschantz

6th Grade: Kelsey Beggs, Claire Bobell, Jayde Carter, Liam Doherty, Kyle Halsey, Jackson Hamilton, Adalynn Jackson, Gracie Phillips, Ethan Stoddard, Raelynn Turner, Jessi Wade, Karsyn Wilham, Brennon Wilkins, Camden Winkelmann

Mt. Pulaski High School Board Minutes

March 15, 2021

<https://www.mtpulaski.k12.il.us/article/421592?org=mphs>

The next regular board meeting is Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 6pm