



VILLAGE BOARD NEWS

Mayor Lyle Fout called the meeting to order on April 4, 2022 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: Dave Barker, Matt Fights, Abby Fletcher, John Galassi, Travis Moore, and Ernie Shaw. Attorney Don Behle, Clerk Ann Curry, and Treasurer Theresa Moore were also present. Visitors present were: Mike Patridge, Jeff Torricilli, Tony Moore, Stan Komperda, Kyle Barry, Karen Conn, Court Conn, Jana Disler, Karissa Disler, and Corinne Disler.

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

- A. Approve meeting minutes from March 7, 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

Karen Conn spoke of an upcoming Community Event on April 30, 2022. She would like to see vendors on the street and would like Main Street to be closed from Latham Street to Bogardus Street. They would like to have an alcohol open container area on the street. We will need to check with the Village’s insurance to see what needs to be done to make this happen.

Court Conn would like the Village to look into getting an electric charging station for vehicles.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

No report.

POLICE

No report.

LIQUOR

None

ATTORNEY

Don has not heard anything new from FDIC.

TIF REPORT

Jeff Torricilli has met with the superintendent of Mount Pulaski Schools about extending the TIF. He has also been working with EPA to earmark \$1,000,000.00 for the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Don has met with Steven Mahrt with Ancel Glink about becoming the new Village TIF attorney.

SOLID WASTE

The City of Lincoln will be having an electronic recycling on April 18-22, 2022

LOCAL EVENTS LIAISON/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

No Easter Egg hunt this year.

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

Mike Patridge reported that the EPA has changed its rules. In 3 previous years as water lines were repaired a note was made and a yearly inventory was done. Now by April 2023 every water line has to be inspected and noted what each line is made of.

Matt Presswood is retiring at the end of July so we will need to hire a new water superintendent. Lyle will bring information to the May meeting on a possible replacement.

There have been problems with the being able to get to some meters to read them. Water meters must be accessible to be read.

Lyle is working on getting prices on automatic read meters.

The study for the new well has been approved by the EPA. And all permits are here.

STREETS/ALLEYS

Some holes have been patched and they will continue working on holes.

BUILDINGS/VILLAGE PROPERTIES/EQUIPMENT

No report.

VILLAGE PARK

Lyle will call about getting the Port-A-Potty.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

No report.

FINANCE

Dave went over the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance.

We received an invoice from Minolta for the old copy machine that we returned last year. Don will get in touch with them.

Motion by Abby Fletcher, second by Travis Moore to authorize the purchase of a defibrillator for \$1,443.25 from the State of Illinois Contract. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Dave Barker, second by Abby Fletcher to approve the Letter of Engagement with Phillips, Salmi & Associates, LLC for the 2022 audit with a fee of \$10,200.00. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Dave Barker, second by Matt Fights to increase the village employee's wage to \$15.00 per hour and change the custodian fee to \$50.00 per cleaning. This will start on 5/1/2022. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Abby Fletcher, second by Ernie Shaw to hire Sara Moore to do the newsletter at \$75.00 per newsletter. Roll call vote. Five yeas. No nay. One abstain. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Kyle with Pike Creek Wind Farm spoke of the road use agreement the village wants in place. He suggested a fine of \$2,000.00 for unauthorized use for semi's not using the proper roads for the Wind Farm. He will follow up with Don this week to line out the agreement so the board could vote on it next month. He did say the village could use the money from the wind farm as we want. There will be no stipulation on it.

NEW BUSINESS

Tony Moore with Republic Services discussed prices for using their service. There would be no added fuel charges. If we wanted recycling that would be around \$6.00 more per month. Every resident would have to have this trash service.

Lyle has been looking into a new lighted sign for the entrance to Elkhart. The prices range from \$16,000.00 to \$19,000.00. He will have a quote for next meeting.

Ernie, Travis, and Matt will look into prices for a utility vehicle and have the information at the May meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

None

ORDINANCE

Motion by Abby Fletcher, second by Travis Moore to pass Ordinance 2022-01, An Ordinance adopting Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2022 Ending April 30, 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 Travis Moore, second by Abby Fletcher to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Voice vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

Submitted By

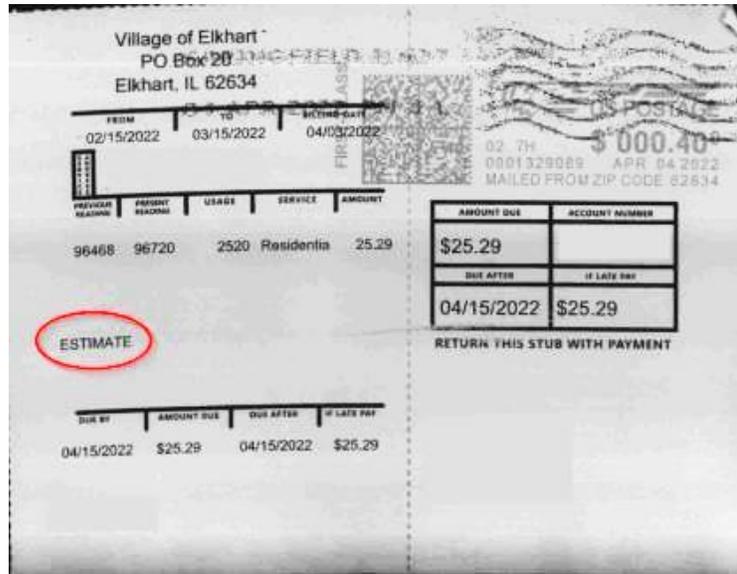
Ann Curry
Village Clerk

NEWSLETTER INFO

All material for the May 2022 newsletter should be turned in before
5:00 p.m. on *Wednesday, May 4, 2022*
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.

For the past 2-3 months our water bills have been "estimated". This month, we have been performing actual readings. The notation "estimated" is still appearing and should not be. This will be corrected on next month's bill provided the readings are "actual".

An additional note, please be sure your meters are accessible! The meter reader must be able to enter any fenced areas that block access to the meter. Future fines may be imposed if your meter is not accessible. Typically, the meter read date is on or around the 15th of the month.



Senior Citizen Luncheon

The Elkhart Senior's Lunch will be held on April 20 at the Wild Hare Cafe at 11:30am.

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





Tuesday, May 3 – 2 pm at the Elkhart Village Hall

We Need Volunteer Firefighters!!!

Come Join Us!!



🔥 bad pay 🔥 crappy hours 🔥 tough working conditions



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 HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS



The Elkhart Historical Society is delighted to announce its April events, starting with the much-anticipated Wildflower Nature Walks, each Saturday in April. (16th, 23rd, and 30th). This includes a 10a or 2p walk each Saturday, weather permitting, by reservation only. It is exciting to see the progression of the various flowering species as spring casts off the winter drabs and comes alive again. The final day, April 30th, is a combination wildflower and bird event celebrating the returning birds as they migrate thru the flowering woodlands on Elkhart Hill. The bloom time

is short, and space is limited, so get your reservations in as soon as possible. Private tours can be arranged for groups of 10 or more on Wednesday-Friday. An optional lunch at Horsefeather's Wild Hare Café can be added to the reservation. The cost of the walk is \$15 per adult and \$10 for children ages 8-12; and lunch is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. All reservations must be made by calling 217.947.2238. Just follow the instructions. You will receive a confirmation before sending your check. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope for your tickets to be returned to you. If too late for mailing, tickets can be picked up at the Country Bumpkin Shop on Gov. Oglesby Street in Elkhart. Reservation forms can be downloaded from the website www.elkharthistoricalsociety.org



Additionally, a Sunrise Service will be offered at the Gillett Chapel on Elkhart Hill at 7a Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022, with Dr. Robert Rea speaking. The service is approximately 45 minutes long and is open to those of all denominations at no cost. Masks are optional.

For questions, please call 217.947.2238 or The Country Bumpkin 217.947.2200.

ELKHART HISTORICAL SOCIETY DINNER/LECTURE--THE BORER WAR

The Elkhart Historical Society invites those with horticulture and arborist interests to attend a dinner lecture on Friday evening, April 22, 2022, 5:30 p.m., at the Horsefeather's/Wild Hare Café, 104 Gov. Oglesby St., in Elkhart, with guest lecturer Guy Sternberg. He will be addressing the subject of "The Borer War," as it affects the survival of the American ash tree species.

Sternberg has cultivated and studied trees since 1952. He served on the staff of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for 32 years, receiving the Honor Award for outstanding service. He has been granted an adjunct research appointment to the Illinois State Museum Botany Department and an adjunct faculty position in Biology at Illinois College. He holds numerous other botany/horticulture and arboretum memberships and has received many lifetime achievement awards in natural resources.



He will answer the question, "Is there an American ash species that might survive the Emerald Ash Borer without perpetual help?" Come and learn about a breakthrough project that includes an investment of many thousands of dollars to bring some of the finest trees in central Illinois back to good health. Be on the front end of this effort, and learn of its success before it appears in a scientific journal in a couple of years.

Sternberg lectures frequently for various colleges, trade and professional organizations. He teaches master naturalist classes and is very active in the preservation of historic trees. He has traveled worldwide studying trees and their habitats, and has participated in educational exchanges throughout North America, Europe, Asia, and Latin America. He was the author and photographer of *Landscaping with Native Trees* in 1995, and prepared a 550-page sequel to that volume titled *Native Trees for North American Landscapes*, released in 2004. His newest book, *Native Trees of North America*, was published in 2021.

Reservations for this dinner lecture are required, and can be made by calling 217-947-2238 no later than April 15. A reservation form must be submitted with payment in advance in order to attend. The cost, including a delicious meal and the lecture, is \$45 per person. Space is limited, so make your reservations now! Please download the reservation form for more information for this and other upcoming events on the Elkhart Historical Society website: www.elkharthistoricalsociety.org.

ELKHART'S
SPRING FLING

APRIL 30 9AM TO 6PM
GOVERNOR OGLESBY STREET
DOWNTOWN ELKHART

CRAFT VENDORS • LIVE MUSIC
FLOWER BIRD WALKS • TASTY FOOD



**NAG
ANNUAL PLANT
SALE**

**220 N. Gillett St.
Elkhart, IL**

**Friday April 29
10am-6pm
&
Saturday April 30
8am-12pm**

St. John the Baptist Chapel on the Hill
Elkhart, Illinois

Community
Easter Sunrise Service



Sunday, April 17, 2022

Time: 7:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.

(doors open at 6:45 a.m.)

Speaker: Dr. Robert Rea, Pastor Elkhart Christian Church

Celebrate the Savior with music, God's Word,
Eucharist/Lord's Supper, and devotional.

Tickets not required. Casual dress. Seating limited to 80.

Hosted by Elkhart Historical Society. Questions? Call 217-947-2238 or
The Country Bumpkin 217-947-2200

Community Mosaic news

THANK YOU for saving those clean *plastic caps and lids* all sizes, all colors* to be delivered to Mt. Pulaski's project (High School and Library) to recycle plastic caps for benches. You can continue to drop them off at the Elkhart Library, the Country Bumpkin, or in the "Plastic Cap" can in front of the Elkhart Village Hall. *I have what we need* for the mosaic, but **keep collecting** and I will get them to Mt. Pulaski!

→**This month** I will *begin* the plastic cap mosaic. [In between the TONS of yard and garden work we **all** have to do!] I believe it will be easiest to start this in our garage (sorry, husband). YOU (*yes, you!*) are very welcome to join me for any part of it. I can do these tasks myself, but I do think it's really fun and you might like to see your work in the project! So, ***if you have any interest***, email me at justmona2@gmail.com, "IM" me on Facebook, in the Elkhart Residents Group or stop me when you 'see me out there'. Let me know what your availability is, and I will try to work around it.

Elkhart Monarch Flyway/Habitat news

Our SEED display is at the Elkhart Library! STOP IN, and help yourself to free Sunflowers, annuals, and herb seeds.

On **Saturday, April 30 at 10:00 a.m.** we meet at the library for a fun class on SEEDS, POLLINATION, and other science. The class is geared for children of all ages, and their adults will learn some fun things too. Rain or Shine! We plan to proceed down to the habitat and plant in the new seed bed; if the weather isn't with us, we have a backup.

Packets of Native Plant seed go home with everyone!

IF you plan to join us, please let Sarah at the Elkhart Library know; it just makes planning a little easier. IF you can't plan..COME ANYWAY!

→Native Plant Plug giveaway is

Friday, May 20, 4:30-6:30 at the Flyway. Adults, bring your kids...grandkids, neighbor kids! We want to take photos of a good turnout with the "Wild Ones Lori Otto 'grant for kids'". Adults with no kids handy? Come through anyway, *let's get more pollinators in Elkhart!*





Elkhart Public Library District

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

April 2022

Celebrating 130 Years in 2023

10am APRIL 30th:

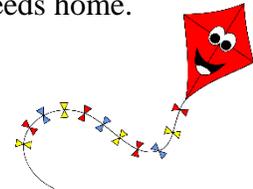
Remember to wear your gardening clothes and join us for a short class on SEEDS, POLLINATION, and more! Mona Maas will be leading this class for children and adults. Be a part of the fun and check out Mona's page for more information. We hope to see you here!

All month long:

Pick up FREE flower seed packets (sunflowers + annual/perennial mixed flowers) to help expand the Elkhart monarch butterfly population. A specially-crafted display makes it EASY to take seeds home.

Special drawing EVERY WEEK in April:

“Let’s go fly a kite...”



Don't have one? No problem! These aren't just ANY kites. They're plastic, they're from the 1970s, and they're LOCAL. The Hi-Flyer Manufacturing Co. in Decatur, IL is no more, but we'll be giving away TWO KITES EACH WEEK up through the 30th. Stop by once a week to enter, and snag a fun piece of local history as part of our monthly celebration leading up to our 130th birthday!

A note about our Summer Reading Program:

We will be starting a little later this year, going from mid-July into August. Watch for more details in future Echoes...

Special Rotating Exhibits

This Case tractor is 92 years old (!), one of several from our 1930s – 1960s March tractor display.

That display is gone but April's is here, it's UNIQUE, and possibly something you'll NEVER see again.

What do these things have in common??

HORSE PIG ROOSTER SWEDEN

Come by the library to see what's in the case now!



Did you make it in to see the 125-year old flag in person? It has only **45 stars**, and went from near the ceiling all the way down past the book ledge!



MPGS QUARTER 3 HONOR ROLL

6th grade

Straight A's

Alexis Bishop, Wesley Bobell, Nolan Couve, Skyler Durst, Josie Jones, Camrynn Killion, Eva Leonard, Elyssa Marten, Olivia Smith, Mariah Stone, Vincent Tabor, Olivia Trauner

High Honors

Kennedy Davis, Andrea Noltensmeier, Sunny Owens, Jaice Skeen, Haylee Werts

Honors

Bella Campanella, Zachary Etter, Keagan Heath, Reed Martin

Honorable Mention

Annalyse Helm, Ethan Kern, Jenssen Maschoff

7th Grade

Straight A's

Carter Clark, Dede Clay, Audrey Cooper, Claire Cyrulik, Olivian Cyrulik, Owen Cyrulik, Kian Jacobs, Dean Martin, Braden Olson, Faith Owens, Owen Pulliam, Logan Roberts, Kai Sellinger, Piper Tyson, Aaron Volle, Karsyn Wilham, Caden Wyler

High Honors

Addison Brown, Austin Kretzinger, Natalie Palmquist, Jessi Wade

Honors

Kelsey Beggs, Kevin Campanella, Keoni Charron, Mackenzie Johnston, Gracie Phillips, Kaelin Stewart, Raelynn Turner, Camden Winkelmann

Honorable Mention

Marissa Allspach, Nathan Berry, Claire Bobell, Jayde Carter, Peyton Combs, Liam Doherty, Jackson Hamilton, Adalynn Jackson, Hayden Morris, Carter Robinson, Ethan Stoddard, Zeke Wakeman, Jeremiah Woodford

8th Grade

Straight A's

Sophia Buenrostro, Eric Cooper, Tyler Cross, Conner French, Elana Marten, Addison Maus, Isabella Niccolls, Meredith Nixon, Katelyn Perek, Adison Sanchez, Brooke St. James, Franklin Wade, Charity Woodford, Lillian Woodworth

High Honors

Tyler Lowe, Kya Matson, Alyson Murphy, Keaton Roemer, Jonathan Walsh

Honors

Kayla Aylesworth, Kaylee Durchholz, Luke Martin, Griffin Skelton, Rhiah Solomon, Addisen Willams

Honorable Mention

Bailey Birdwell, Cici Clay, Preston Cowan, Brayden Dorsey, Jaeden Jackson, Aaron Kuznik, Clay Leonard, Summer Neaville, Beau Tschantz, Deegan Tschantz, Aaliyah Wayne



Cassidy Clark, daughter of Gale and Michele Clark of Elkhart, has been named **March-Senior-of-the-month** at Mount Pulaski High School. She was selected for this honor based on the criteria of scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

During her time at MPHS, Cassidy has stayed very actively involved in sports and extracurricular activities. She has been a member of FFA for 4 years, serving as Ag Ambassador, Sentinel, and President. She has served as class Vice President for 4 years and been a member of the Track and Volleyball teams for 4 years. For 2 years she has participated in NHS and Drama Club. She has also participated in Yearbook.

Cassidy has been awarded Biology, Geography, English, and Spanish student of the year and has been awarded High Honors all 4 years of high school.

Outside of school Cassidy has worked landscape jobs, worked as a lifeguard, coached club volleyball, and started her own hot chocolate bomb business. She has also helped organize Volley for the Cure and planned and was in charge of Jr. High Track Camp. She has also helped with the community garden, Zonta Luncheon, FFA food drive, student council food drive, Vonderlieth holiday cards, Christmas on Vinegar Hill, and the FFA petting zoo.

Cassidy plans to attend East Carolina University on a Track and Field scholarship and be a part of the Honors College. She plans to major in Communications with a minor in Spanish.

The Senior-of-the-Month program is sponsored by Conaway Handyman Service and Downing, Przykopanski, Clements, & May Insurance Agency, Inc. They are also in the running for the \$500 Senior-of-the-Year award sponsored by INB.

Mt. Pulaski High School Board Minutes – March 21, 2021

<https://www.mtpulaski.k12.il.us/article/693464?org=cusd23>

The next regular board meeting is Monday, April 25, 2021 at 6pm



ELECTRONIC RECYCLING

SPONSORED BY THE CITY OF LINCOLN

APRIL 18-22, 2022 | 8AM – 2PM

LINCOLN MUNICIPAL SERVICES BUILDING - 313 LIMIT ST

**OPEN TO LOGAN COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY
RESIDENTIAL USERS ONLY – NO COMMERCIAL**

Items Accepted:

Computers & Small-Scale Servers
Computer Monitors
Televisions (**Limit of 4 TVs per day**)
Printers, Fax machines & Scanners
DVD Players, DVD Recorders & VCRs
Video Game Consoles
Digital Converter Boxes, Cable Receivers & Satellite Receivers
Electronic Keyboards, Electronic Mice & Portable Digital Music Players

**NO BROKEN ITEMS OF ANY KIND WILL BE ACCEPTED
(BROKEN MEANS IN PIECES NOT INOPERABLE)**

How to drop off electronics for recycling:

Enter/Exit on Limit St.

Enter into Door 4 on the Eastside of the Lincoln Municipal Services Building
(signs will be posted).

An attendant will be on site to check ID's and addresses.

You must unload your electronics yourself.

**Please call the Lincoln Street Department at 217-732-4655 or the
Building & Safety Office at 217-732-6318 with any questions.**