

The Elkhart Echo



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VILLAGE BOARD NEWS

Mayor Lyle Fout called the meeting to order on September 11, 2023, 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, Kyle Farmer, John Galassi, Matt Fights, Travis Moore, and Ernie Shaw. Attorney Don Behle, Clerk Ann Curry, and Treasurer Theresa Moore were also present. Visitors present were Narandra Patel from Fehr Graham, Carry Gave, Kathy Freeman, and Cam McClellan.

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

- A. Approve meeting minutes from August 7, 2023
- B. Approve special meeting minutes from August 21, 2023
- 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

None.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

The new generator will be shipped November 11, 2023.

Insurance will pay for the new garage door so it will be ordered.

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

No report.

BUILDINGS/VILLAGE PROPERTIES/EQUIPMENT

No report.

VILLAGE PARK

No report.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

No report.

FINANCE

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

There was a discussion on the Right of Way Use Agreement for Broadband Internet.

Motion by David Barker, second by Kyle Farmer, to table the Right of Way Use Agreement for Broadband Internet by and between the Village of Elkhart and Essex Telcom, Inc. DBA Rise Broadband.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Travis Moore, second by Ernie Shaw, to pass an agreement with Fehr Graham to prepare the IEPA Grant of Unsewered Communities Construction Grant Program.

RESOLUTIONS

None.

ORDINANCE

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Travis Moore, second by David Barker, to adjourn at 6:58pm. Voice vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

Submitted By
Ann Curry/Village Clerk



NEWSLETTER INFO

All material for the October 2023 newsletter should be turned in before
5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 4, 2023
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 September 20, 2023, 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



Mt. Pulaski High School Board Minutes – August 21, 2023

<https://www.mtpulaski.k12.il.us/o/mphs/article/1211208>

The next regular board meeting is Monday, September 18, 2023, at 7:00pm.



Elkhart Community

Senior's Bingo

(the over 55 crowd)

First Tuesday of each Month

2:00 pm

Village Hall



For Immediate Release
Elkhart, Illinois
August 11, 2023

On Friday, September 22, 2023, the Elkhart Historical Society will welcome Carol Pelz and David Davis from the Oglesby Mansion Board in Decatur as our featured speakers for the September Dinner Lecture. They will present “The Other House that Richard Built: Oglesby's Decatur Mansion.” The talk will include the history of the house and Oglesby's family, the restoration of the house, Oglesby's place in American history, and the tours and activities that the group offers to the public.

As President of the board, Pelz enjoys sharing her knowledge of the Oglesby and Lincoln history to children as well as adults, many of whom have no idea of the extent of that friendship. Davis, who serves on the property committee, also chairs the “History Comes Alive” committee, and is very involved finding speakers and getting people excited about our Oglesby history, which, as you will discover, goes well beyond “local.”

Richard J. Oglesby, born in 1824, orphaned at age 9, was raised by an uncle in Decatur, studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1845. Everything else about Oglesby reads like a novel. He served his country politically in many venues and defended his country in many locations. He had a large family, and he had connections! This event is going to enlighten or refresh your knowledge about the Oglesby/Lincoln era and make you glad that you came, and perhaps happy to be in Illinois!

The event will take place at Horsefeather’s Wild Hare Café, 104 Gov. Oglesby St., Elkhart, IL 62634, at a cost of \$45 per person. The entrees are: Crusted Breast of Chicken topped with Alfredo sauce or Pork Medallions in a wine & mushroom sauce. Please go to www.elkharthistoricalsociety.org for the complete menu and reservation form.

Reservations are required and must be made by calling 217-947-2238 before September 11, 2023. Once confirmed, download the reservation form, fill it out, and mail it with your check to the Elkhart Historical Society, PO Box 255, Elkhart, IL 62634. Please note seats can only be held 5 business days without payment. A parking lot is available one block east of the event. Doors open at 5 p.m. and dinner service begins promptly at 5:30 p.m.

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The Elkhart Historical Society
P.O. Box 255
Elkhart, ILLINOIS 62634
<http://www.elkharthistoricalsociety.org>



September 2023

LEGO Club Is Here!

Mark your calendar for
Thursday, Sept. 21st
and plan to join us
any time between
4pm and 6pm



for this free-form play
time. A small snack will
be provided to all
children who attend, so
Come Join Us!

TODDLER TIME

Join us this
Saturday, Sept. 16th
from **10:30 - 11:15**
for more stories
and fun!



Medicare Info Class!


It's back,
with your
choice of 2
class times:

- ✓ Wednesday
Oct. 18 at 5pm
- ✓ Saturday
Oct. 21 at 10am

Solar Eclipse Party

SATURDAY Oct. 14th

Who: **EVERYONE**

We've got the
(FREE!) glasses, 

so come join us for themed
snacks and crafts as we
watch this special event!

FLU SHOT CLINIC

WEDNESDAY, October 11th
4 - 5:30pm

Registration forms can be
picked up to fill
out in advance.



Remember your
insurance/Medicare card!

Elkhart Public Library District

217-947-2313



What Makes Elkhart Unique and Special

Richard Latham

Richard Latham was 21 when he and his father first arrived in Elkhart in 1819. Being six years older than the next youngest child, he was treated as a partner and had the responsibility for helping with both building and farming. Benjamin Briggs and his wife soon followed the Latham's from Kentucky and settled at Elkhart Grove, bringing with them Emily Hubbard, the sister of Mrs. Briggs. Within two years, Emily and Richard were married, and theirs was the first marriage to be solemnized in the county. In 1823, Richard and his father James built a horse mill which was ordinary other than it required four horses to give it power. It was probably a fairly simple mill, consisting of little more than a stationary millstone, and one that revolved on top of it, powered by the horses.

Richard and Emily had one child, but tragically in 1825 both Emily and the baby died and were the first two burials in the Latham Cemetery on Elkhart Hill. Richard was remarried in 1828 to Margaret Broadwell, a widow, (whose son William laid out the town of Broadwell). Not much else is known about Richard except that he eventually moved to Springfield where he died on June 5, 1868, and his remains were brought to Latham Cemetery for burial.

