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VILLAGE BOARD NEWS

Mayor Lyle Fout called the meeting to order on September 14, 2026, 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: Karen Conn, Kyle Farmer, Travis Moore, John Galassi, Matt Fights, and Matt Langan. Attorney Don Behle, Clerk Jacinda Noltensmeier, and Treasurer Amy Roberts were present.

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

A. Approve meeting minutes from August 3, 2026
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
Carrie Fights, Ann Curry, and Tom Moore members of the community. Brett Aukamp is the Logan County Engineer who was there to discuss the standing water solution. Cameron McClellan was there about the chicken ordinance.

PRESIDENTS REPORT
No report.

CLERK and/or TREASURER
Amy reported that all bills are up to date. Jacinda reported that she will not be there on October 5th so Amy and Lyle will help with clerk duties.

ATTORNEY
Don bid on the 5 lots and got them for $1000 each. We are waiting for the title work. The Village Board had discussion on chicken ordinance again. They are going to revisit the ordinance next meeting.

LIQUOR
No report.

TIF REPORT
The TIF report will be extended until December 25, 2026.

SOLID WASTE
No report.

LOCAL EVENTS LIAISON/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
No report.

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT
No report.

STREETS/ALLEYS
John Galassi reported that there are several potholes in the allies that need to be graded and add rock.
The Street signs are in, and the Village will be putting them up soon.

BUILDINGS/VILLAGE PROPERTIES/EQUIPMENT
The power pole at the park still needs to be set the Village will get it taken care of. Lyle was asked about getting a Pickleball court at the park, going to investigate it in using grant funds to cover it.
They will be starting on the Village Hall bathroom renovation in October.
The cash rent lease for the lot in Prairie Point has not been paid. There was a motion made to terminate the cash rent lease. Motion by Kyle Farmer Second by Travis Moore All Yay and No Nay's.

VILLAGE PARK
Travis reported maintenance continues.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY
No report.

FINANCE
No report.

OLD BUSINESS
There is a meeting on September 23, 2026, from 5:30pm - 6:30pm at the Linc Room at 102 N. Chicago St. in Lincoln, IL regarding the Bike Trail for a Community Listening Session. Some of the Village Board members will be attending.

NEW BUSINESS
Brett Auekamp with Logan County Engineer talked to the board about a solution for the water on Kennedy Road. The County is going to grade the ditch to help with the drainage. The board made a motion to give Logan County permission to grade the ditch to fix the drainage. The motion was made by John Galassi and second by Travis Moore All Yay and No Nay's.
The board discussed the Chicken Ordinance and decided to table it until October. There was a motion made by Karen Conn and second by John Galassi. All Yay and No Nay's.
Logan County Mitigation Lyle will be attending the meeting on October 13, 2026.
There will be a Caucus for the Clerk position and three Trustees (Kyle Farmer, John Galassi and Karen Conn) on December 7th, 2026, at the Village Hall.
The Board received the Logan County Animal Control Agreement and have made a motion to sign the agreement. The motion was made by Matt Fights and second by Travis Moore All Yay and No Nay's.

RESOLUTIONS
None.

ORDINANCE
No report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
None.

ADJOURNMENT
7:12p.m. Motion by Matt Fights, second by Travis Moore, to adjourn. Voice vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

Next meeting – 10/5/26
Submitted By: Jacinda Noltensmeier Village Clerk

NEWSLETTER INFO

All material for the October 2026 newsletter should be turned in before
5:00 p.m. on ***October 7, 2026***
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 16, 2026, at 11:30am at Talk of The Town.

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



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 Community Senior's Bingo

(the over 55 crowd)

Sponsored by NAG

First Tuesday of each Month

2:00 pm

Village Hall



Please contact Anderson's Lawn Care if you need your lawn mowed

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Chris & Keigan Anderson

217-737-9607



Elkhart Tree Advisory Committee update:

Hello all, Mona Maas typing to you from Fruita, CO now.
I wanted you to know it's time for the paperwork for Elkhart's "Tree City USA" status to be completed for 2026; and I am filing that soon. We fulfilled the requirements to hold that designation for 2026 by the time I moved from Elkhart.
The "Tree Advisory Committee" dissolved, and because that is one of the requirements to remain a "Tree City USA"...I guess this will be Elkhart's last year for Tree City. "Tree City" recognition was a good status to have for grant proposals, and it served the community well.
You still have the **TREES**!!
Best wishes, Mona Maas

Elkhart Historical Society

Beginning with this Newsletter, a new program of Historical Trivia will begin for the children of Elkhart thru eighth grade. This program is possible thanks to the partnership of The Elkhart Historical Society and the Elkhart Public Library. Between now and Friday September 25th you can enter the correct answer by filling out the form found at the Library. If you need help finding the answer, the library will be happy to help. The drawing will take place Saturday September 26th at 11am at the Library. Don't have to be present to win. The first question will be:

1) Who was the first schoolteacher in Elkhart?

Remember to get your answers turned in no later than Friday September 25th! The Prize this month is a $5 gift card to McDonald's. GOOD LUCK!

Mercy Walked in Pantry
Serving the Elkhart Community

Location:
Corner of Governor Oglesby and Bogardus
Elkhart, IL

Hours of Operation:
24 hours a day / 7 days a week

Who We Serve:
Open to all individuals and families in need. No questions asked.

What We Offer:
Non-perishable food items/Personal care products

How You Can Help:
Food Donations/Ideas for succeeding

Join us in making a difference in our community!



SEPTEMBER

Elkhart Public Library District

FLU SHOT CLINIC

The Logan County Health Department will be back again to administer flu shots on

MONDAY, Oct. 26th

from 4:30 - 6pm

Please note the new time and day of the week.

If you need to remain in your car, someone will be happy to assist you curbside.

As always, remember to bring your insurance and/or Medicare card. Vaccine administration forms may be picked up in advance to save time.

Next Month

Please note that the library will be closed on

MONDAY

Oct. 12th

for Columbus Day.

DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY

We lost someone special when we lost Dolly Parton.

That loss is somewhat personal for us, because many of our little ones look forward to getting a new book in the mail each month.

Dolly started her project back in 1995 - a local book-gifting program for preschool children in her home county of Sevier County, Tennessee. The goal was to inspire a love of reading by mailing high-quality, age-appropriate books directly to children's homes at no cost to families.

To celebrate her life over the next year, we invite ALL young children to stop by the library each month for activity sheets that will coordinate with a book Dolly enjoyed.

More information will be in the October newsletter. Please see our Facebook page or come by the library for more information and updates.