

The Elkhart Echo



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VILLAGE BOARD NEWS

Mayor Lyle Fout called the meeting to order on May 1, 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, Matt Fights, Travis Moore, John Galassi, Abby Fletcher and Ernie Shaw. Attorney Don Behle and Clerk Ann Curry were also present.

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

- A. Approve meeting minutes from April 3, 2023
- 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.

Motion by Travis Moore, second by Abby Fletcher, to approve the election results. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

The board thanked Abby Fletcher for all her hard work the last few years.

Attorney Behle swore in the newly elected trustees: Dave Barker, Kyle Farmer, and John Galassi.

Motion by John Galassi, second by Ernie Shaw, to appoint Ann Curry as the Village Clerk. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

Attorney Behle swore in Ann Curry as the Village Clerk.

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

None.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Lyle has been trying to get ahold of the wind turbine people because we have not received our payment. He asked Don if he could get in touch with them.

LIQUOR

No report.

ATTORNEY

Don sent an ordinance violation letter but got no response.

Don also had the bid notice for the Prairie Point ground published in the paper. We received one bid.

Motion by Travis Moore, second by John Galassi, to accept Nathan Reinhart’s bid of \$300.00 per acre for 8.4 acres. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

Don will draw up a lease to be signed.

TIF REPORT

No report.

SOLID WASTE

No report.

LOCAL EVENTS LIAISON/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Spring Fling will be June 17, 2023.

Peggy Lee would like some money for new rock and mulch for the Shirley Temple sign and the Heritage sign.

Motion by Matt Fights, second by Travis Moore, to approve \$120.00 for rock and mulch for the Heritage sign and the Shirley Temple sign. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

No report.

STREETS/ALLEYS

John suggested that we should see if we could get the old concrete from the overhead bridge work to use around the pond. Lyle will contact them. We also need to fix the dock at the pond.

BUILDINGS/VILLAGE PROPERTIES/EQUIPMENT

Lyle wants to move the rock pile that is over by the pond over by the east edge of the property.

VILLAGE PARK

Everything is done except the handicap equipment. It should be done this week or next.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

No report.

FINANCE

Dave went over the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

We did not receive the Letter of Engagement from the auditors for passage. Hopefully we will have it next meeting.

We need to get a new fuel supplier. Lyle has checked prices with a couple places.

Motion by Travis Moore, second by Ernie Shaw to switch our gas and fuel service to FS. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

Lyle has checked on prices for a new mower. He will have more information next month.

RESOLUTIONS

Motion by John Galassi, second by Matt Fights to pass Resolution 2023-02, Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code for the use of Motor Fuel Tax funds. Roll call vote. Those voting yea: Dave Barker, Kyle Farmer, Matt Fights, John Galassi, Travis Moore, and Ernie Shaw. Those voting nay: none. Those absent: none. Resolution adopted.

ORDINANCE

Motion by Travis Moore, second by Dave Barker to pass Ordinance 2023-04, An Ordinance adopting Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2023 Ending April 30, 2024. Roll call vote. Those voting yea: Dave Barker, Kyle Farmer, Matt Fights, John Galassi, Travis Moore, and Ernie Shaw. Those voting nay: none. Those absent: none. Ordinance adopted.

Motion by Travis Moore, second by Matt Fights to pass Ordinance 2023-05, An Ordinance Authorizing the Appointment of Village Attorney and Authorizing a Fee Arrangement in Connection Therewith. Roll call vote. Those voting yea: Dave Barker, Kyle Farmer, Matt Fights, 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 John Galassi, to adjourn at 7:11pm. Voice vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

Submitted By
Ann Curry/Village Clerk

NEWSLETTER INFO

All material for the June 2023 newsletter should be turned in before

5:00 p.m. on *Wednesday, June 7, 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.

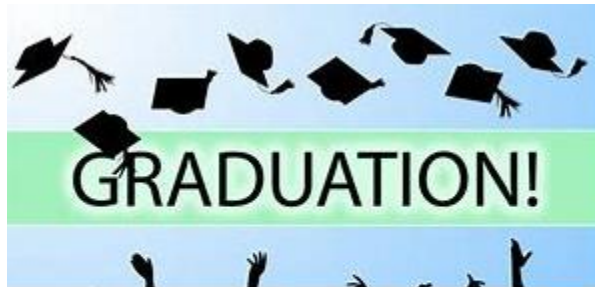
Senior Citizen Luncheon

The Elkhart Senior's Lunch will be on May 17, 2023, at 11:30am at The Wild Hare.

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



The Disler family will be hosting an open house to celebrate the high school graduation of their daughter, Karissa, and the college graduation of their son David. The open house will be on Saturday, **June 3rd** from 1-4p.m. Address: 117 Buttell, Elkhart, IL.



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



<https://www.mtpulaski.k12.il.us/o/mphs/article/1080979>

The next regular board meeting is Monday, May 15, 2023, at 7:00pm.

Please contact Anderson's Lawn Care if you are needing your
lawn mowed -
Chris & Keigan Anderson
217-737-9607



Please do not burn on or near Water Meter pits. Doing so can destroy the exposed reader electronics.



Elkhart Community Senior's Bingo

(the over 55 crowd)

First Tuesday of each Month

2:00 pm

Village Hall





The registration period for 2023-2024 Golf Cart/UTV/ATV renewals has begun. The permit will be valid from July 1, 2023 thru June 30, 2024.

RENEWALS: All that is required is photo or photocopy of the operator(s) Driver's License and Insurance Card with the covered vehicle listed. Text, email, or Facebook message me to make arrangements for payment and delivery of your permit. The fee is \$40. A check payable to the Village of Elkhart or an exact cash payment is accepted.

NEW MACHINES: Please print and complete the application provided on the Village website. www.elkhartillinois.com/cart-utv-atv. You must also provide a photo or photocopy of the operator(s) Driver's License and Insurance Card with the covered vehicle listed. Text, email, or Facebook message me to make arrangements for inspection per the Safety / Requirements Checklist also found on the Village's website. The Permit will only be issued once the inspection has been completed. The fee is \$40. A check payable to the Village of Elkhart or exact cash payment is accepted.

Permits are non-transferable.

Contact Ernie Shaw by text at 217-314-9103, email at erndog_66@yahoo.com, or on [Facebook](#) messenger

Deadline for renewals is June 30th

This VBS is something worth roaring about!

Join us in Babylon, where we'll explore what life was like for Daniel and his friends, captives in a strange land. You'll craft cool projects in the Marketplace, laugh as you play Bible-times games, visit with Daniel, and eat some interesting food. Plus, you'll meet lots of new friends!

Location: Elkhart Christian Church

The adventure will last: June 5 - 9

Celebration begins at: 9:00 AM

The day's adventure ends at: 11:30 AM

For more information, call: Kay Faucon 217-947-2747

For Children Ages 4-Years Old to Entering 6th Grade

Babylon
Daniel's Courage in Captivity



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On behalf of Habitat for Humanity of Logan County, we'd like to thank our community for the support we have enjoyed for over 30 years. We believe that Habitat is a great way to give back to a community that has been so generous in many different ways. Habitat's worldwide mission is to help provide decent affordable housing to people who work hard. Our recipients work hard on the home that they help build and work hard to pay for it through a no interest loan provided by our local Habitat affiliate. The stability provided to a family through homeownership benefits that family in many ways but also the neighborhoods in which they live.

We celebrated 30 years of service to Logan County last November as we are building and have rehabbed our 26th and 27th homes. The goal is to continue building/rehabbing at least one home each year. A partnership with Lincoln Community High School's building trades program has also been a great benefit to both parties and made it possible to do two houses this year. Homes have been built in Lincoln, Mt. Pulaski, Atlanta, and Emden.

These homes are funded through the mortgage payments of recipients, proceeds from our secondhand store located at 909 Woodlawn Road, and generous donations from local businesses, churches, charities, and individuals. Your donations to the store and shopping for items such as furniture, appliances, home improvement supplies, etc. help us to continue with our mission. As with most things, costs for construction have increased considerably so we appreciate cash donations as well. If you are able, we would very much appreciate donations directed to Habitat at PO Box 704, 909 Woodlawn, Lincoln, IL 62656.

With your help and that of our tremendous volunteers, we hope to continue creating an avenue for homeownership for many years to come.

God's Blessings to all,
Jane Ryan

Elkhart Historical Society
For Immediate Release
April 14, 2023



The Elkhart Historical Society is excited to welcome Guy Sternberg to the podium for the Friday May 19, 2023, 5:30 p.m. dinner lecture at Horsefeathers Wild Hare Café. This lecture is for everyone who spends time outdoors appreciating all the elements that come together to create the world we live in. The devastation caused by the emerald ash borer (EAB) in most ash trees is the subject of the talk. According to the U of I, after being infested with the borer, less than 1 tree in 1,000 will survive. The impact to both urban and forested areas is staggering from loss of property value to the cost of dead tree removal. Over 35 states are reeling from the damage, which in this country had no natural enemies or biological controls to counter the infestations.

In 2021 a team of determined fighters, led in part by Guy Sternberg, took on the challenge to end the reign of the deadly EAB. Come and hear his story, which is the subject of the dinner lecture, “The Borer Wars.” 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 the discovery of a tree here in Elkhart and central Illinois that shows promise, as well as new techniques in the on-going fight. A silent auction will be held during the lecture to allow two of these trees to find new homes among our attendees. Opening bid will be \$25 for each of the 2 year old Elkhart blue ash trees, so be prepared to make your bid, and take home one of the trees on May 19th.

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 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 should be made by calling 217-947-2238 no later than May 12. Once confirmed a reservation form must be submitted with payment to The Elkhart Historical Society PO Box 255 Elkhart IL 62634. The cost of \$45 covers the meal and lecture. The entrees are Roast Pork or Chicken Cordon Bleu, for full menu details and the reservation form to download, please go to www.elkharthistoricalsociety.org website.



**NAG
ANNUAL PLANT
SALE**

**Elkhart Village Hall
Elkhart, IL**

**Friday May 5
10am-6pm**


&

**Saturday May 6
8am-12pm**

Proceeds to benefit Lifelines



May 2023



Summer
Reading
Program

Elkhart Public Library District

121 Bohan St., Elkhart, IL
elkhartlibrary.lib.il.us

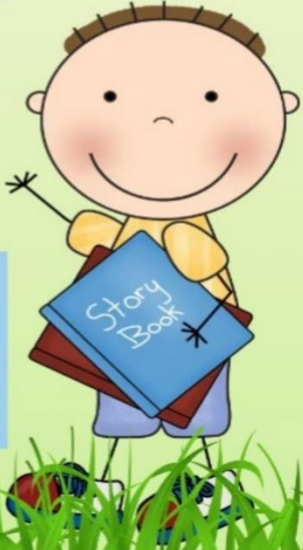
FREE Preschool - 5th Grade

June 21	1pm
June 28	1pm
July 5	1pm
July 12	1pm

THREE PLACES TO SIGN UP

1. Facebook: pinned on our page.
2. Website: under the 'Events' tab.
3. Stop by the library and fill out a form.

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!



Mon 4-8pm
Tues 9-11am;
 12-4pm
Wed 9-11am;
 12-8pm
Thurs 9-11am;
 12-8pm
Fri 9-11am;
 12-4pm
Sat 9am - 1pm

New to computers?

Have questions? Feel confused?

Whether it's you or someone you know, contact the library and let us guide you step by step.


We can help!



SATURDAY MAY 20TH 10AM - 11AM

JOIN US FOR **STORY HOUR**

It's story TIME



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