

## ELKHART VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 4, 2025

Mayor Lyle Fout called the meeting to order on August 4, 2025, 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: Kyle Farmer, Matt Fights, John Galassi, Matt Langan, Travis Moore, Matt Olson. Attorney Don Behle, Clerk Mona Maas, and Treasurer Amy Roberts were present.

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

A. Approve meeting minutes from July 7, 2025.

B. Statements (not available as of meeting date), bill sheets and unpaid bills list will be completed and forwarded by August 8, 2025.

C. Approve employee reimbursements.

D. Approve Treasurer's report.

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

### RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

Stan Komperda, project representative Pike Creek Wind Farm.

Crystal Creswell, Elkhart Hill HOA President.

### PRESIDENTS REPORT

IEPA Source Water Assessment Plan report completed and filed.

Consumer Confidence Report Completed and Posted.

Logan County Emergency Management Plan completed and filed.

Engineering firm (new) will complete analysis of our needs and outline for proposal.

Attended Senator Turner's Mayor's Conference: Prevention, Control of Abuse & Human Trafficking.

### ATTORNEY

No report.

### LIQUOR

No report.

### *TRUSTEES report in:*

**Buildings/Properties:** Lights had to be replaced in the Village Hall garage after a smoky failure. Electrical work was completed out at the pump house after mouse damage to wiring was discovered.

**Finance:** No report.

### Local Events Liaison/ Economic Development:

Route 66 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary opportunities, Scott McCoy, business owner Route 66 Ultimate Guide, offers service of advertising, support on digital passport, stamps, etc. all to promote tourism and engage Route 66 community.

Motion by Travis Moore, second by Matt Fights to approve the \$600 fee for this Route 66 tourism promotion.

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

A new "Elkhart Logo" designed by Scott Lindley embraces the Route 66 emblem.

A Route 66 photo contest has begun and runs through August. Mark Moughan's Route 66 Model Raceway is a "stop" in the contest. <https://illinoisroute66.org/2025/07/route-66-illinois-photo-contest-this-august/>

**Parks/Hall/Pond** Matt Fights addressed need for repair of existing dock estimated at <\$1,000; He will work with Larry to accomplish and anchor the dock over to the "boat ramp" side in time.

**NOTE:** Matt urges the public to stay out and away from the SHED at the fishing pond. The "pathway" to the shed and the septic sediment bed are not for the public. **STAY on the "pathways" when driving, please. Stay away from equipment.**

**Public Health and Safety:** Addressed above.

**Solid Waste:** No report.

**Streets/Alleys:** Updated a new water line installed at a resident's cost to fix a water usage issue.

**Tax Increment Finance (TIF):** discussed need to prepare for annual audit for TIF; the potential impact of a new bill to be signed by the governor that may eliminate the requirement for that audit.

**Water/Sewer:** The starter and probes at the pump house was repaired, and this has eliminated nuisance calls. Restrictor valve repaired.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Pike Creek Wind Farm – Siting Agreement Extension, Stan Komperda, project representative; Motion by Travis Moore, second by John Galassi to approve extension to December 31, 2028, due to delays in transmission recalculations and federal government uncertainty. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

Elkhart Tree Advisory Committee application for Ameren Right Tree, Right Place Grant Update- Lyle reviewed tree inventory with Committee, toured to identify “trees of concern” to be included in grant application. Bids for removal discussed. Grant application will be filed. Committee will meet on August 11, 2025 at the Village Hall at 6:30. Public is welcome.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Logan County Wage Rates 2025- Motion by Matt Fights, second by Travis Moore to approve. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

Forklift purchase- Opportunity to purchase used machine from Lincoln Heating & Cooling for \$8,000. Motion by Travis Moore, second by John Galassi to approve purchase of forklift. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

Viper Mine request for Informal Conference with IDNR- Letter of support for request signed by Village Board, will be submitted to IDNR. VB interested to hear plans on reclamation, monitoring, bond release, etc.

Production for I.D. Badges for use in emergency situations where I.D. is needed were reviewed. Badges and lanyards will be ordered.

**ORDINANCE** - None presented

**RESOLUTION(S)** - None presented

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** (If required)- None

**ADJOURNMENT** at 7:00 p.m.

**Next meeting September 8, 2025**

Submitted By: Naomi (Mona) Maas Village Clerk