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VILLAGE BOARD NEWS

Mayor Lyle Fout called the meeting to order on March 1, 2021 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, Abby Fletcher, Travis Moore, and Ernie Shaw. Matt Fight was virtual. Attorney Don Behle, Clerk Ann Curry, and Treasurer Theresa Moore were also present. Visitors present Mike Patridge, John Galassi, Kevin Humphres, Marsha Doerr, Carrie Gave, and Wendy Meachem.

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

- A. Approve meeting minutes from February 1, 2021
- 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 Grove had some concerns about the new water system, recycling bins, police department and pot holes by the Post Office.

John Galassi and Kevin Humphres expressed interest in the vacant trustee seat.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

No report

POLICE

Lyle will be speaking with the Logan County Sheriff about the new laws that are going into effect and what we can work together on.

ATTORNEY

No report

LIQUOR

No report

TIF REPORT

No report

SOLID WASTE

No report

LOCAL EVENTS LIAISON/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

No report

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

A water meter was frozen so it was fixed.

STREETS/ALLEYS

Ernie is going to check on getting the alleys raked.

BUILDINGS/VILLAGE PROPERTIES/EQUIPMENT

No report

VILLAGE PARK

Dave suggested that the Village Park be dedicated to Nancy Moore. It would be called the Nancy Jane Moore Memorial Park. He passed out a couple of options for the new sign. He is also working on finishing up getting the handicap accessible equipment that Nancy and Peggy Lee had been working on. Don will draw up the ordinance to rename the park.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Logan County Health Department sent a letter in response to correspondence they had received from a citizen concerning a dilapidated property. They said there was nothing they could do because it is in the village limits. We could condemn the property but that is very expensive.

FINANCE

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Dave has been in contact with Konica for a bid on a new copier. He discussed the differences between their bid and a bid he got from Watts for a new copier.

Motion by Ernie Shaw, second by Travis Moore to approve the purchase of a Kyocera 2553ci copy machine from Watts. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Travis Moore, second by Ernie Shaw to apply for a debit card through United Community Bank. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

Motion by Abby Fletcher, second by Travis Moore to pass Resolution 2021-03, A Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code for 2017. Roll call vote. Those voting yea: Dave Barker, Matt Fights, Abby Fletcher, Travis Moore and Ernie Shaw. Those voting nay: none. Those absent: None. Resolution adopted.

Motion by Travis Moore, second by Abby Fletcher to pass Resolution 2021-04, A Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code for 2016. Roll call vote. Those voting yea: Dave Barker, Matt Fights, Abby Fletcher, Travis Moore and Ernie Shaw. Those voting nay: none. Those absent: None. Resolution adopted.

Motion by Dave Barker, second by Abby Fletcher to pass Resolution 2021-05, A Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code for 2015. Roll call vote. Those voting yea: Dave Barker, Matt Fights, Abby Fletcher, Travis Moore and Ernie Shaw. Those voting nay: none. Those absent: None. Resolution adopted.

Motion by Ernie Shaw, second by Travis Moore to pass Resolution 2021-06, A Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code for 2014. Roll call vote. Those voting yea: Dave Barker, Matt Fights, Abby Fletcher, Travis Moore and Ernie Shaw. Those voting nay: none. Those absent: None. Resolution adopted.

Motion by Abby Fletcher, second by Ernie Shaw to pass Resolution 2021-07, A Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code for 2013. Roll call vote. Those voting yea: Dave Barker, Matt Fights, Abby Fletcher, Travis Moore and Ernie Shaw. Those voting nay: none. Those absent: None. Resolution adopted.

Motion by Travis Moore, second by Ernie Shaw to pass Resolution 2021-08, A Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code for 2012. Roll call vote. Those voting yea: Dave Barker, Matt Fights, Abby Fletcher, Travis Moore and Ernie Shaw. Those voting nay: none. Those absent: None. Resolution adopted.

Motion by Ernie Shaw, second by Travis Moore to pass Resolution 2021-09, A Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code for 2011. Roll call vote. Those voting yea: Dave Barker, Matt Fights, Abby Fletcher, Travis Moore and Ernie Shaw. Those voting nay: none. Those absent: None. Resolution adopted.

ORDINANCE

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Abby Fletcher, second by Travis Moore to enter executive session at 7:14 p.m. to discuss litigation that is probable or eminent. Voice vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Travis Moore, second by Ernie Shaw to exit executive session and re-enter regular session at 7:25 p.m. Voice vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Abby Fletcher, second by Ernie Shaw to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. Voice vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

Submitted By
Ann Curry
Village Clerk

Next Board Meeting will be held on April 5, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

NEWSLETTER INFO

All material for the April 2021 newsletter should be turned in before
5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 7, 2021

Please email your article in Word or as a PDF to icjkkutz@frontier.com

If there is any event that needs added to the calendar,
Please call (899-5306) or e-mail the information.

ECHO Bulletin Board

Thank You from the Nancy Moore Family

We want to thank everyone for the love and kindness they showed the family of Nancy Moore at the time of her death. The phone calls, the food, the flowers, donations to the Elkhart Church and the Down Syndrome and to the family.

We appreciate the Elkhart Christian Church and its members for the use of the Elkhart Grade School and all the people that brought food and server the dinner. We want to thank Gina Peters who cooked the chicken, meat loaf, mashed potatoes and gravy and the chicken and noodles.

We cannot begin to tell you how much it meant to us to see you at the visitation and the funeral. We thank you and will never forget all that you did. It was cold weather and you still came out for Nancy. She would be so happy and grateful.

God Bless you,
Terry, Tyler, Travis and Sarah Moore
Gladys Guinn & Rick Ingram



NAG Annual Plant Sale with COVID restrictions will be held on Friday, April 30 and Saturday, May 1 at a site to be determined.

**More information in next month's newsletter.
Thanks for your support!**

Attention: Volunteers Needed!!!



The Elkhart Fire Department is in need of more volunteers. Currently we have 10 volunteers on our roster but due to some going back to college and others moving out of the district, there is a need to seek new potential volunteers. There are no prerequisites to joining other than to be in good medical health and at least 16 years old. If you are interested in joining and serving your community, please call Chief Akers @ 217-947-2931 or email @ lf154@fdmail.sfm.illinois.gov.

Thank you, Elkhart Fire Dept.

Hello Elkhart Neighbors!

Mona Maas here to update you on progress of the **Village of Elkhart Native Plant and Pollinator Habitat**. My partner Cassidy Clark and I have had a busy month.

Good news, we received our grant from the Illinois Native Plant Society (Central Chapter). Plants, plugs, seeds have been ordered. We continue to research more funding opportunities.

We continue to edit, adapt and improve our design. Cassidy and her high school class have completed a compost bin for our Habitat. We may have a BEE Hive on site! They are super important pollinators!

We anticipate some planting and renewal will begin mid-APRIL; that action will continue thru May. I will organize sessions when I hope that you can come to the Habitat site and help us.

More to follow!

On a separate but just as EXCITING subject...the **BUTTERFLY LADY** is coming with her BUS, Miss Mariposa, on **Saturday, June 12!** This is growing into an *EVENT* for the Village.

Here is a link to an article about her:

<https://extension.illinois.edu/blogs/naturalist-news/2020-12-04-master-naturalist-profile-butterfly-lady>

At this point we are brainstorming as to what this event could look like and will have much more information SOON. **Michele Clark** is on board to help organize this event.

I have started a "Once a Month" UPDATE email stream for the Habitat that now includes the BUTTERFLY event. *One page, Once a Month!* If you haven't already—send me an email at justmona2@gmail.com if you would like to receive that.



NAG Lucky Square Fundraiser

Due to COVID, NAG has been unable to hold their annual fundraisers.

However, we still sponsor the Lifeline program here in Elkhart, are currently providing Lifelines for six Elkhart residents, and that financial commitment continues.

We are going to hold a non-contact fundraiser this spring, called **Lucky Squares**, and here is how it works.

- * A board will be on display, in the window at UCB Bank, showing 266 numbered squares.
- * The squares are available to purchase for \$10 each starting February 1st.
- * The purchased numbers will go into a drawing.
- * During the month of April, each Saturday, two numbers will be drawn to win gift cards.

Drawing dates are April 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th

- * Once you win, your number will be taken out, until the last drawing.
- * On May 1, 2021, ***all numbers sold*** will be put in for a final drawing of **\$200 cash**.
- * Squares are available for purchase from any NAG member.
- * All money raised helps NAG sponsor Elkhart Lifelines.

Call Lois Olson at 217-306-2205 for more Lifeline information.

- * Thank you for your continued support of Needs and Goals of Elkhart.

NAG Board Members

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| Lois Olson | Sarah McCutcheon | Marlene Lanterman | Ann Curry |
| Ann Olson | Jan Funk | Sam Detmers | Vicki Hamm |
| Kelly Elias | Sandra Buttell | Mel Matson | Theresa Moore |
| Leslie Urish | | | |





The Elkhart Historical Society is celebrating the Irish on Sunday, March 21 by offering Irish, Celtic and Appalachian music at the Gillett Chapel on the Hill at 2pm. The cost for the concert will be \$10 per person. You can add an optional traditional Corned Beef and cabbage dinner between 11a and 12:30p at Horsefeather's Wild Hare Café for an extra \$15 per person. Both events can be reserved by calling 217 947 2238. Reservation forms are available at the Elkhart Historical Society web site: elkharthistoricalsociety.org on Facebook @ElkhartIllinois or at the Country Bumpkin in Elkhart. Reservations must be made with prompt payment **no later than March 17th**.

This marks the third year Joe Readnour has brought his superb talents to Elkhart. His musical skills are well known in the area having played with the St. Andrew-Springfield Pipe Band for 10 years. Not only well versed in the music, Joe also shares his knowledge of the many instruments and songs he brings to us. This year not only will Joe be playing his Highland and Lowland pipes, but also the newly acquired Irish Pipes.

Dan Grover a singer/songwriter played both guitar and bass with the Cactus Ranch Band, and loves to entertain. These long-time musician friends will bring a lot of music to Elkhart on Sunday March 21.



The Elkhart Historical Society announces the schedule for the April Wildflower walks on Elkhart Hill.

The April wildflower walks will be offered twice a day, 10a or 2p and are scheduled for every Saturday in April starting April 3rd for the very earliest of the spring ephemerals such as spring beauties and Dutchmen's breeches, and later in the season concluding with the vast sweeps of Virginia Bluebells. The final Saturday April 24th will offer two bird walks, 6A and 4p, with a combination bird and flower walk at 10a. Private tours for groups of 10 or more can be arranged for on other days during the spring bloom. The bird walk will once again be led by a team of fabulous birders, who helped to identify over 60 species of birds on previous walks.

Reservations for all events must be made by calling 217 947 2238, and reservation forms with times and menus can be found and downloaded at the elkharthistoricalsociety.org website, on Facebook @ElkhartIllinois, or stop by The Country Bumpkin Wed-Sun 10a-3p.

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

**The Historical Gillett Chapel is offering a
Community Easter Sunrise Service**



Sunday, April 4th, 2021 at 7am

All are welcome!

For questions call 217-947-2200

Friends and neighbors of all Christian faiths in Elkhart and surrounding communities are invited to attend an Easter Sunrise Service at the St. John the Baptist Chapel on the Hill in Elkhart from 7:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m. Hosted by the Elkhart Historical Society, the service will include prelude and postlude on the Hook & Hastings pipe organ, traditional Easter songs of celebration, a communion service, reading of the Scriptures, and a message delivered by Pastor Stacy Popejoy of Elkhart. Refreshments will be served following the service.

Masks are requested.

Local church services will follow this Sunrise Service throughout the Elkhart community: Elkhart Christian Church at 9:30 a.m.; Elkhart Methodist Church, at 8:30 a.m.; and St. Patrick's Catholic Church at 8:00 a.m.



Elkhart Public Library District

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

MARCH 2021

Coming Soon To A Library Near You...



Celebrate SPRING and National Library Week with a Peeps Diorama Contest!

All ages are welcome to participate, either as individuals or as a family.

Submit your family-friendly book-themed dioramas
March 29th – April 3rd

Vote for your favorite April 5th through April 10th

Two Peeptastic Awards: Staff Favorite & Fan Favorite

Go peep our Facebook page for complete rules, and join the fun!



Congratulations **DAVIS FAMILY** on winning the I Love My Library Challenge! **Megan, Tyler, and Jared, YOU ROCK!!!**

“I like train books.” “We can check out books!”
“We can get different kinds of books.” “I love to read!”

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“Reading is essential for those who seek to rise above the ordinary.”

– Jim Rohn



Know what is going on at your library
“Like” **Elkhart Public Library District** on Facebook!

Elkhart Library offers free e-books, audio books, music and more!

www.elkhartlibrary.lib.il.us

We have popular titles available to download for your Kindle, iPad and other e-readers! Please feel free to ask questions if you need help.-217-947-2313 Or stop in with your device! Sign in with your library card.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MEETING

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet in the Village Hall on April 7 at 1 p/m.

MPHS ALUMNI WHO HAVE SERVED

We are looking to update and upgrade the Military Recognition Board at Mount Pulaski High School. We are seeking the names of MPHS graduates who have served in any branch of the armed forces. This includes graduates of former high schools in the communities we now serve. Please email the following information to: service@mtpulaski.k12.il.us

Name
Branch of Service
High School Graduation Year (specify the high school if not MPHS)



Mount Pulaski Grade School Quarter 2 Honor Roll

Straight A's

8th Grade: Tanner Bishop, Cecilia Davis, Maggie Doherty, Nathan Golden, Trenton Heath, Abigail Jones, Aiden Kern, Sydney Lowe, Chance Payne

7th Grade: Eric Cooper, Alyson Murphy, Katelyn Perek, Keaton Roemer, Franklin Wade, Lillian Woodworth

6th Grade: Addison Brown, Keoni Charron, Carter Clark, Peyton Combs, Owen Cyrulik, Braden Olson, Natalie Palmquist, Kai Selinger, Caden Wylor

High Honors

8th Grade: Kalei Kuznik, Max McClellan, Liam Smith

7th Grade: Tyler Cross, Conner French, Aaron Kuznik, Elayna Marten, Brooke St James

6th Grade: Kevin Brown, Audrey Cooper, Claire Cyrulik, Olivia Cyrulik, Liam Doherty, Mackenzie Johnston, Logan Roberts, Kaelin Stewart, Piper Tyson

Honors

8th Grade: Karter Hild, Jaiden Jacobs, Joselyn Kiper, Kirsten Lindy, Araceli Torres

7th Grade: Sophia Buenrostro, Clay Leonard, Tyler Lowe, Addison Maus, Addisen Williams, Charity Woodford

6th Grade: Claire Bobell, Dakota Clay, Kian Jacobs, Austin Kretzinger, Dean Martin, Carter Robinson, Raelynn Turner, Aaron Volle, Jessi Wade

Honorable Mention

8th Grade: Cameron Anderson, Trenton Beggs, Summer Eskew, Kolin Gibbs, Isaac Pulliam, Alysah Smith, Deacan Vinyard, Lauren Wallace

7th Grade: Kayla Aylesworth, Celestina Clay, Preston Cowan, Tucker Fitzpatrick, Jaeden Jackson, Luke Martin, Kya Matson, Adison Sanchez, Griffin Skelton, Rhiah Solomon, Deegan Tschantz, Johnathan Walsh, Aaliyah Wayne

6th Grade: Kelsey Beggs, Joseph Benhart, Nathan Berry, Jayde Carter, Hawken Clampet, Jackson Hamilton, Elise Lawson, Jolene Lawson, Hayden Morris, Gracie Phillips, Owen Pulliam, Karsyn Wilham, Brennon Wilkins, Camden Winkelmann, Jeremiah Woodford

MOUNT PULASKI HIGH SCHOOL FIRST SEMESTER HONOR ROLL.

Senior

Straight A:

Emma Buenrostro, Alexia Davis, Jaycie Doerr, Garrett Fitzpatrick, Abby Hamilton, Rylan Lindley, Bobby McDonough, Chloe Olson

High Honors:

Rowan Adams, Lexis Caslin, Grant Davis, Kate Eskew, Colton Hagan, Drew Martin, Konjit Mott, Anna Schoth, Daniel Siebert

Honors:

Matthew Hagenbuch, Logan Hunt, Hannah Lowe

Honorable Mention:

Tanner Pharis, Grace Rehder, Joe Viner

Junior

Straight A:

Elana Bruns, Cassidy Clark, Drew Emrick, Riley May, Daniel Phillips, Joseph Roemer, Aidan Schneider, Grant Skelton

High Honors:

Luke Farris, Cassidy Hayes, Delaney Howard, Lucas Kuhlman, Keeton Matson, Karson Mott, Lane Murphy, Ella Woodworth

Honors:
Jasmine Durchholz, Chloe Lewis, Jacob McQuality, Grace Nixon, Toby Pal

Honorable Mention:
Devin Brady, Laney Cyrulik, Brayden Killion, Clarissa Turner

Sophomore

Straight A:
Clay Aylesworth, Payton Butler, Evan Cooper, Lilly Hild, Alexis Wade, Makenna Wilham

High Honors:
Riley DeWitt, Mikayla Harris, Kaleb Hild, Andrew Liesman, Justin Maas

Honors:
Walker Allen, Jayda Allspach, Jesse Carter, Hailee Daigh, Anayah Duke, Jackson Fricke, Alexis Johnson, Ethan Payne, Mallory Shehorn, Gavin Smith, Cora Lynn Wallace, Peyton Wyss

Honorable Mention:
Andrew Bailey, Kate Beckers, Oran Kuhlman, JeNa Rentmeister, Josef Shehorn, Keyleigh Stewart

Freshman

Straight A:
Paul Brown, Cori Clark, Grace Davis, Alec Martin, Emma Petro, David Ruhl, Colt Selinger, Scout Tschantz, Emarie Willis

High Honors:
Kamrie Charron, Jayden Cherry, Michael Stauffer, Austin Yaple

Honors:
Ethan Buenrostro, Kenneth Cooper, Isabella Hunt, Jameson Lowe, Hayden Palmquist, Drew Rentmeister, Landon Smith, Hannah Stoll, Chloe Stone, Kellen Wilham

Honorable Mention:
Ella Bobell, Allison Cahill, Nolan Deibert, Catelyn Fletcher, J'Lei Jackson, Daniel McCormick, Dean Mileham, Briar Walker

Mt. Pulaski High School Board Minutes

February 17, 2021

<https://www.mtpulaski.k12.il.us/article/404273?org=mphs>

The next regular board meeting is March 15, 2021 at 6pm