



# The Elkhart Echo



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## VILLAGE BOARD NEWS

Mayor Lyle Fout called the meeting to order on September 9, 2024, 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, Travis Moore, Dave Barker, John Galassi, and Ernie Shaw. Attorney Don Behle, Clerk Ann Curry and Treasurer Theresa Moore were also present. Visitors present were Stephanie La Farge, Mona Maas, and Corynn and Timothy Good.

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

- A. Approve meeting minutes from August 5, 2024
- 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**

None.

### **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

No report.

### **ATTORNEY**

Don had sent a letter about a public nuisance. They responded to Lyle and have been working on the problem.

### **LIQUOR**

No report.

### **TIF REPORT**

No report.

### **SOLID WASTE**

No report.

### **LOCAL EVENTS LIAISON/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Karen Conn had asked Lyle if the Village could decorate the large tree in Veterans Park for Christmas. Lyle will look into a way to get up high to decorate it.

## **WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT**

The chlorine tank was leaking and has been repaired but will need to be replaced.

## **STREETS/ALLEYS**

People should not be blowing their grass into the streets. Please do not do this.

Some of the street signs are getting ratty looking. Lyle will look into prices for the new signs.

## **BUILDINGS/VILLAGE PROPERTIES/EQUIPMENT**

No report.

## **VILLAGE PARK**

The new signs for the pond have been received and will be put up soon.

## **PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Elkhart Township would like the dumpsters to come back and would be willing to help with the cost. Matt will start checking on prices.

## **FINANCE**

No report.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mona Maas with the Tree Advisory Committee gave an update about the progress.

Mona has received a grant from the Illinois Native Plant Soc. It is to be used to create a border.

Mona showed the plan for the trees near the pond.

There are no grants available for labor cost. It will cost around \$1,482.00 to plant all the trees. Dave will look and see if we have any money in the budget for this.

We received one bid for the international dump truck.

Motion by Travis Moore, second by Dave Barker to accept the bid of \$5025.00 for the international dump truck from Perry Winebrinner. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion

## **NEW BUSINESS**

No report.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

None.

## **ORDINANCE**

None.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Kyle Farmer, second by Travis Moore, to adjourn at 7:04pm. Voice vote. All yeas. No nays. Motion carried.

Submitted By  
Ann Curry  
Village Clerk

**NEWSLETTER INFO**

All material for the October 2024 newsletter should be turned in before  
**5:00 p.m. on October 9, 2024**

Please email your article in Word to [sarahvball@hotmail.com](mailto: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 18, 2024, at 11:30am at The Wild Hare Cafe.**

**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, 2024

<https://www.mtpulaski.k12.il.us/o/mpgs/article/1728009>

The next regular board meeting is Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at 6:00pm.

# ANDERSON LAWN CARE

CONTACT CHRIS ANDERSON @ 217-737-9607.



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## Logan Co. Land Auction

- September 19th at 10:00 A.M. CST
- Forrest Farm Estate
- 284+/- Acres in Elkhart Township. 2.5 miles Southeast of Elkhart, IL. To be sold in 3 Tracts, Choice and Privilege.
- Tract 1 has a P.I. of 128.6, Tract 2 P.I. of 122 and Tract 3 138.9 P.I.
- Online and In-Person Auction located at Elkhart Fire Department: 720 Frontage Road, Elkhart, IL

**Decatur Office (217)-425-8245**

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# Elkhart Community

## Senior's Bingo

(the over 55 crowd)

*Sponsored by NAG*

**First Tuesday of each Month**

**2:00 pm**

**Village Hall**



## **Elkhart Tree Advisory Committee Updates:**

The application window has opened, and we apply for the Village of Elkhart to receive **Arbor Day Tree City, USA** status.

Received grants to help Elkhart pay for trees and pollinator habitat; we work on our plan for the relocation of approximately 100 pine trees out to the Village of Elkhart Lake, where we will grow a BORDER to block the sight and sounds of I-55.

We plan a "Community Planting Day" with volunteers. This will happen late Fall as the trees become dormant. *YOU are WELCOME to join in at any time! More details as we get closer.*

### **We care about TREES and all the benefits we receive from them!**

Here's an idea from Committee members Amy Roberts and Stephanie LaFarge:

Join us as we develop ideas around **Elkhart SpecialTREES**

Our Tree Committee is collecting fun and educational information about trees in Elkhart.

- Do you have a story about a tree in Elkhart that has a tall story to tell?
- Do you have an unbe-leaf-ably funny or spooky story about a tree in Elkhart?
- Do you have pictures of trees in Elkhart that would be fun to showcase and share with our neighbors?

### **If so, we want to hear from you!**

Please share your memories, pictures, and stories that highlight special trees in our community via email at: [Elkharttreadvisorycommittee@gmail.com](mailto:Elkharttreadvisorycommittee@gmail.com)

We have set up a "Facebook" page where we can share information:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61565292692252>

*And you know* you see me around, and I am at justmona2@gmail.com

Thanks for reading, from Mona Maas and the Elkhart Tree Advisory Committee

## WHAT MAKES ELKHART UNIQUE AND SPECIAL

### What's in a Name??

Our wonderful town went by the wrong name for 96 years!! How is that possible??

Our town was incorporated February 22, 1861, by a special act of the General Assembly and named the "Town of Elk Hart City". The Town Board consisted of a president and five trustees holding office for one year. They received no compensation but were "exempt from road labor during the time they are in office". If anyone knows what exactly that means I'd love to know.

Members of the first Board of Trustees were: James Rivne's, president; C. Elwood, A. Downing, B. J. Williams, A. Buzzard, M. Buzzard, and W. M. Helm, appointed clerk. Does anyone know if any of their descendants live in the area now?

In 1885 the Town was incorporated as a Village under the general laws of the state relinquishing the special charter. A petition, signed by 46 people, was presented to the board requesting the incorporation. An election was held on March 26, 1885, with 57 votes for the change and 5 against.

The board reorganized under the name of "Village of Elkhart City". It is assumed this change was never officially recorded. In 1978 the then current president of the Board of Trustees was notified that records show the legal name to still be "Town of Elk Hart City".

A public hearing was held June 26, 1979, to change the name to "Village of Elkhart". An ordinance was passed by the Board July 10, 1979, and approved by the Office of the Secretary of State November 14, 1979.

And so now we have our official name that we've been going by. Welcome to the Village of Elkhart!!

Elkhart Historical Society  
Press Release 9/11/2024

For immediate release  
September 11, 2024



The year's final Dinner Lecture presentation from the Elkhart Historical Society promises to be unique as it will give new insights concerning the creation of some of the most beautiful stone buildings in the Springfield area. "The Culver Chronicles: The Story of Col. Culver and Culver Chronicles", will be presented by Lee Ann Burgener, on Friday October 18, 2024, at Horsefeathers' Wild Hare Café in Elkhart Illinois. The doors open at 5 p.m. and dinner will be served beginning at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$45 per person, and reservations are required and can be made by calling 217-947-2238, where you may be prompted to leave your name, phone number and the number of people in your party, which will hold your place in line for seats. You will get a return call confirming your reservation and to answer any questions you may have. The deadline for reservations is October 9, 2024. The entrees are Beef Bourguignon or Coq au Vin, for full menu information please go the web site [www.elkharthistoricalsociety.org](http://www.elkharthistoricalsociety.org)

Our presenter Lee Ann Burgener developed a fascination for investigation while doing an assignment for 8<sup>th</sup> grade, on her family's genealogy. This fact-finding beginning grew into research on buildings, their history, which in turn expanded into the builder, and his genealogy. Her subject tonight explores the life journey of Col James Culver and his monument company which began in 1871, as The Culver Marble and Granite Works. His brother soon joined him, sharing the workload which allowed him to expand into the construction of buildings, which merged his skill in stonework with the expertise of well-known architects. He became a general contractor in 1887 when he built the Second Methodist Church at 5<sup>th</sup> and Carpenter. Some of his works include Carnegie Library, Franklin Life Building, Governor Tanner's Monument, Governor Yates' home, Illinois State Military Museum, YMCA, and numerous banks and churches. He also worked on the Old State Capitol and the Governor's Mansion. Culver Construction became a part of American History when they were selected to do the first reconstruction of Abraham Lincoln's Tomb. The rest, as they say, is history. Col. Culver worked on or created over 3000 buildings in Springfield alone, and many more throughout the country, which include, the Illinois Monument at Vicksburg National Military Park, and the St. John the Baptist Chapel ca., 1892 (the Gillett Chapel) in Elkhart Illinois.



**ELKHART HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S DINNER LECTURE**  
**FRIDAY OCTOBER 18, 2024, 5:30P**  
**"THE CULVER CHRONICLES: THE STORY OF COL CULVER AND CULVER**  
**CONSTRUCTION" - LEE-ANN BURGNER**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ cell # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

The Wild Hare Café provides all the delicious meals for our Elkhart Historical Society functions as well as providing a homey atmosphere. We bundle it into an all-inclusive package price of \$45, for the meal, tax, and tip, which includes \$15 for the Elkhart Historical Society program.

**Please make your selection:**

Coq au Vin \_\_\_\_\_ OR  
Beef Bourguignon \_\_\_\_\_

Dessert choices: Blueberry cobbler with dollop of cream \_\_\_\_\_ OR  
Sorbet with Cookie \_\_\_\_\_

Both entrees are served with herbed mashed potatoes, carrots and green beans as well as grilled artisan bread. Tea, water or coffee will be provided. You are invited to bring wine or beer; glasses and openers will be provided.

**Reservations are required as space is limited and can only be made by calling 217-947-2238 no later than October 9th- - Once you are confirmed, print this form, fill it out and mail it with your check **payable to:** The Elkhart Historical Society, P.O. 255, Elkhart, IL 62634  
Prompt payment is required as **RESERVATIONS CANNOT BE HELD LONGER THAN 5 BUSINESS DAYS WITHOUT PAYMENT.** Doors open at 5p- -Additional parking one block east by the Village Hall. **After** placing your reservation, you may also fill out a form and submit it with your check at The Country Bumpkin (Wed-Sun 10-3p) Additional information and reservation forms for this & other upcoming events can be found on the Elkhart Historical Society website:  
[www.elkharthistoricalsociety.org](http://www.elkharthistoricalsociety.org)**

**"RESERVATIONS WILL BE HELD ONLY UPON RECEIPT OF PAYMENT"**

**If you are joining others and wish to be seated with them please list their names below.**

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# September

DATE: 2024

## ELKHART PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Toddler Time

Tuesday, Sept. 17th  
9:30 - 10:15am

Join us to read some books,  
have some snacks,  
and make some crafts!



### October Dates

Toddler Time ..... Tues., Oct. 15th  
9:30 - 10:15am

Flu Shot ..... Thurs., Oct. 24th  
Clinic 4 - 6pm

Halloween ..... Mon, Oct. 14th  
Coloring thru  
Contest Sat. Oct. 26th

### HALLOWEEN COLORING CONTEST

PRIZES

ALL AGES

PRIZES

Pick up our coloring page any time after Monday, Oct. 14th,  
and return your artwork by 1pm on Saturday, Oct. 26th.  
Judging and winners will be announced the following week.

Age Groups: 0-5 6-11 12-18 19+

Look for more details in the October newsletter!



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