



# The Elkhart Echo



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## **VILLAGE BOARD NEWS**

Mayor Lyle Fout called the meeting to order on November 6, 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, Kyle Farmer, John Galassi, Matt Fights, Travis Moore, and Ernie Shaw. Attorney Don Behle and Treasurer Theresa Moore were also present.

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

- A. Approve meeting minutes from October 2, 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.

### **RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC**

None.

### **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

The local Mayors meeting was held on October 12, 2023, at the Village Hall. Mayor Fout reported it was a good turnout and informative.

### **ATTORNEY**

No report.

### **LIQUOR**

No report.

### **TIF REPORT**

No report.

### **SOLID WASTE**

No report.

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

Tree lighting in Veterans Park will be Friday, December 1, sponsored by Conn’s.

### **WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT**

The generator is on back order until December.

## **STREETS/ALLEYS**

Residents who have ordinance violations due to unkept property and inoperable vehicles will be receiving notification.

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

The new garage door has been shipped and should arrive November 21st.

## **VILLAGE PARK**

Ernie will contact DNR again about the pond. Discussion of a possible grant for trees was also discussed.

## **PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Discussion on burning regulations. See notice in newsletter.

## **FINANCE**

Dave presented the Tax Levy and Abatement Ordinances.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

None.

## **ORDINANCE**

Motion by Dave Barker, second by Kyle Farmer to pass Ordinance 2023-10, Tax Levy. 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 Dave Barker, second by Matt Fights to pass Ordinance 2023-11, Annual Abatement Ordinance for the Wastewater Collection and Treatment Zone Bonds. 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 Dave Barker, second by Kyle Farmer, to adjourn at 6:46pm. Voice vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

Submitted By  
Theresa Moore  
Acting Village Clerk

**NEWSLETTER INFO**

All material for the December 2023 newsletter should be turned in before  
**5:00 p.m. on December 6, 2023**

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 November 15, 2023, at 11:30am at The Talk of The Town.**

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



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**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



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Mt. Pulaski High School Board Minutes – October 18, 2023

<https://www.mtpulaski.k12.il.us/o/mphs/article/1299809>

The next regular board meeting is Monday, November 20, 2023, at 7:00pm.

# **NOTICE**

The Village Board would like to remind residents of burning regulations. Please be courteous to neighbors and residents with health issues when burning. No burning on village sidewalks or streets. No trash burning on ground, must be in a container.





# Elkhart Community Senior's Bingo

(the over 55 crowd)

First Tuesday of each Month

2:00 pm

Village Hall





ELKHART NEEDS AND GOALS

# Christmas Bake



# SALE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2nd

8:30AM til 11:00AM

*Elkhart Village Hall*

209 Governor Ogelsby St.

BREAKFAST WITH THE GRINCH 9-10AM

Proceeds to benefit Lifelines



Join us for

# BREAKFAST

with the



# GRINCH

Hosted by Elkhart Needs And Goals

Saturday, December 2nd

9-10AM



Elkhart  
Village Hall

Shop our  
delicious bake sale,  
meet the Grinch  
and enjoy other  
Grinch activities

# November 2023

## Carved Santa Display

The handiwork of Elkhart's very own  
(self taught!)

**John Williams**

is now on display for the holidays.

If you have not seen his meticulous carvings from basswood, you're in for a treat. Included in his collection are versions of Santa Claus/ St. Nicholas/Father Christmas, as well as some evergreen trees. He's also brought two large Native American renderings that are also worth seeing to appreciate.

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(Please note items are for display only.)

## Holiday Closures

Sat. Nov. 11:           **Veteran's Day**  
Thurs/Fri               **Happy**  
Nov. 23-24:           **Thanksgiving!**

## Children's Christmas Craft

Children - continue your Village holiday festivities here!

**On Saturday  
December 2nd from  
10am - 12pm**

(before or after seeing Santa) stop by to complete a craft and make something **MAGICAL** to use at home on Christmas Eve.

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We'll have everything ready , so stop by to do some crafting and enjoy the cozy fire for some Christmas spirit!

## Toddler Time

Join us next week on  
**Saturday, Nov. 18th @ 10:30am**  
for some Thanksgiving stories,  
crafts, and snacks.  
**No RSVP needed!**

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