



## **VILLAGE BOARD NEWS**

Mayor Lyle Fout called the meeting to order on July 11, 2022 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, Lyle Fout, Abby Fletcher, John Galassi, and Ernie Shaw. Travis Moore was absent. Attorney Don Behle, Clerk Ann Curry, and Treasurer Theresa Moore were also present. Visitors present were: Kenneth McCart.

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

- A. Approve meeting minutes from June 6, 2022
- B. Approve executive session minutes from June 6, 2022.
- C. Approve submitted bills and bill sheets
- D. Approve employee reimbursements
- E. Approve Treasurer’s report

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

### **RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC**

Kenneth McCart will be the new Certified Water System Operator. He gave a brief explanation of his background as a Water System Operator. He does contract work for numerous other towns.

### **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

No report.

### **LIQUOR**

The liquor license were disbursed and fees collected.

### **ATTORNEY**

No report.

### **TIF REPORT**

Jeff Torricelli and Attorney Behle had a meeting with the Mount Pulaski School District Superintendent and one board member to discuss the TIF extension. They indicated they would be in favor of the extension. They will send out a letter to other taxing bodies saying they are in favor of it.

### **SOLID WASTE**

There were not any major problems when the dumpsters were here.

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

No report.

**WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT**

Dave has amended the budget so we will be able to purchase the rest of the new water meters.

**STREETS/ALLEYS**

Lyle got the approval from IDOT for use of Motor Fuel Funds to seal coat some streets. We will try and use gravel on the streets that are bleeding instead of sand.

**BUILDINGS/VILLAGE PROPERTIES/EQUIPMENT**

No report.

**VILLAGE PARK**

Abby has not gotten any response about the new playground equipment. She will continue to try and get ahold of someone.

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY**

No report.

**FINANCE**

Dave discussed the proposed amended budget for passage next month.

Also was a discussion on the bonds that were paid off. We will need to abate the sewer bond to make sure we have enough money for upkeep on the sewer.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Motion by Abby Fletcher, second by John Galassi, to approve the purchase of the remainder of the new water meters. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**RESOLUTIONS**

None.

**ORDINANCE**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Dave Barker, second by Matt Fights, to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Voice vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

Submitted By  
Ann Curry  
Village Clerk



### **NEWSLETTER INFO**

All material for the July 2022 newsletter should be turned in before  
**5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 3, 2022**  
Please email your article in Word or as a PDF 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 held on July 20, 2022 at 11:30am at The Talk of The Town.**

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



Mt. Pulaski High School Board Minutes – June 20, 2022

<https://www.mtpulaski.k12.il.us/o/mphs/article/769333>

The next regular board meeting is Monday, July 18, 2022 at 6pm.

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**We Need Volunteer Firefighters!!!**

**Come Join Us!!**



bad pay



crappy hours



tough working conditions



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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**Community Mosaic News**

YOU saved and donated those \*plastic caps and lids\*

YOU donated the wood and screws and IDEAS!  
NOW it is time to

**Construct the mosaic -> at the Habitat!**

**July 12, 13, 14 two daily sessions- 9-11 a.m. and 6-8 p.m.**

**Rain or shine- alternate location- Village Hall**

A basic design will be painted on the boards/let your creativity FLOW from there!  
Bring your battery-operated drill to screw down the caps.

Stop by to participate. Young or old-don't want to drill? There are other tasks! Bring your camp chair and your beverage. This is for Elkhart to have fun with and will be installed where all can enjoy!

**IF** you cannot attend at these times but would like to participate...email me at [justmona2@gmail.com](mailto:justmona2@gmail.com) or IM me on Facebook. We will try to figure something out!



# Elkhart Historical Society

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“CroHurst- - the Oldest Home in Logan County,” will be presented by Bob Neal for the Elkhart Historical Society’s Friday, July 22nd Dinner Lecture. Bob Neal’s love of historic houses has kept him occupied for many years, so much so that after the successful restoration of the Violet Scully mansion, it only encouraged him to do it again. Neal’s target... the former home of Jessie Gillett, arguably the oldest home in Logan County. Neal called upon the multi-talented Peter Niehaus for various aspects of the renovation, and he will add some of his insights during the lecture.

The home was built by John Latham, son of Judge James Latham, who was not only the first pioneer in Logan County, but also the first Indian Agent for the State of Illinois. The home was built around 1834, and upon John Latham’s death was purchased by John D. Gillett who willed the property to his daughter Jessie Gillett in 1891. Over the years, she created a beautiful mansion with manicured surroundings. The house passed down thru the family until being sold to John Gehlbach in 1968 and eventually was sold to Bob and Lynne Neal in 2009.

After extensive renovation to the house, and Bob’s ambitious gardening, the magic spell is in place, including the most spectacular sunsets in the county. A special gift is for those of you who can arrive in Elkhart by 3:30 on July 22 and would like to go on a special outing to “CroHurst House.” This “appetizer” is at no additional cost and will help you to appreciate the efforts of everyone who has ever been privileged to live and care for it. This is an opportunity to see the exterior of the home and the magnificent landscaping combined with some background on Jessie Gillett, it’s proud mistress (1891-1947). This outing is timed to return everyone back to the village for their choice of shops or refreshments prior to the 5p doors opening at the restaurant. Cost for the dinner and lecture is \$45 per person. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 217 947 2238.



# Elkhart Community

## Senior's Bingo

(the over 55 crowd)

**August 2, 2022**

(first Tuesday of each month)

2:00 pm

Village Hall





# Elkhart Public Library District

Hours:
Mon 4-8 pm
Tue 9-11, 12-4pm
Wed 9-11, 12-4pm
Thu 9-11, 12-4pm
Fri 9-11, 12-4pm
Sat 9-1pm

## July 2022

Celebrating 130 Years in 2023

### Coming In July/August...

#### We're still celebrating our approaching 130<sup>th</sup> birthday!

Our special rotating exhibits continue as we approach March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Have you stopped in to see the Slot Car display? It will be here for *just a few more days*, so don't wait.

Can you guess what replaces the current display? The item supposed to be the next span any, MANY years (one, after the other, after the other ...), might make you think of Christmas, and cause many little (and not so little) girls to smile really big. ☺ The collection is so large that we'll have to wrap it around part of the room using the window ledge!

You'll have to agree that it's a part of Americana ... not unlike such classics as hot dogs, apple pie, root beer, and baseball.

#### Speaking of BASEBALL...

Get ready for our next Children's Drawing! This one is baseball-themed, so have your kiddos stop in to register for some baseball goodies. Entries will be accepted from Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. The winner will be selected on Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup>.



We're not leaving the adults out of the party. A second bust of *Abraham Lincoln* is up for grabs, so you TOO can stop in between Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> to be entered for the drawing. (Another bust? You'd think this was the Land of Lincoln or something)

Will you be the lucky one to take this prize home??

