

VILLAGE BOARD NEWS

October Board Minutes

Mayor Lyle Fout called the meeting to order on October 4, 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, John Galassi, Matt Fights, Travis Moore, and Ernie Shaw. Attorney Don Behle, Clerk Ann Curry, and Treasurer Theresa Moore were also present. Visitors present were Logan County Sheriff Mark Landers, and Joann Carney.

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

- A. Approve meeting minutes from September 13, 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

Joann Carney will be doing Harvest Moon pictures on Halloween in the field near her house at the corner of Allison Street and Gillette Street.

Logan County Sheriff Mark Landers said that several communities have approached him about taking over their Police Departments. He is short of officers right now also. In order for the County to take over our Police Department, we would need to have an agreement between Logan County Board, Sheriff, and the Village for an hourly rate.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

No report

POLICE

No report

LIQUOR

No report

SOLID WASTE

No report

ATTORNEY

Nancy Ricktor contacted Don and said they would be turning the Baugher house over to Conn's. They will be cleaning out their personal property. Conn's said the paper work will be done in 2-3 weeks.

TIF REPORT

Mr. Torcelli will work on extending the TIF. He will be meeting with Senator Sally Turner.

LOCAL EVENTS LIAISON/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Trick or Treat Hours will be from 5:00 – 8:00 on October 31, 2021.

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

Ameren hit a water line but it has been repaired.

A pressure valve was replaced on one of the houses on the hill.

Permits will be sent in for new wells.

STREETS/ALLEYS

No report

BUILDINGS/VILLAGE PROPERTIES/EQUIPMENT

No report

VILLAGE PARK

No report

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

No report

FINANCE

No report

OLD BUSINESS

There was a discussion on the wind turbine setback ordinance and the board does not want to pass it.

NEW BUSINESS

We have had numerous problems with United Community Bank, we need to look into other options.

RESOLUTIONS

None

ORDINANCE

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Abby Fletcher, second by Travis Moore to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Voice vote. All yeas. No nay.
Motion carried.

November Board Minutes

Acting Mayor Dave Barker called the meeting to order on November 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: Abby Fletcher, John Galassi, Matt Fights, Travis Moore, and Ernie Shaw. Lyle Fout was absent. Attorney Don Behle, Clerk Ann Curry, and Treasurer Theresa Moore were also present. Visitors present were Mona Maas and Stan Komperda.

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

- A. Approve meeting minutes from October 4, 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

Mona Maas spoke on the Fly Away Project and plans for the winter.

Mona would like to draw up a plan for landscaping around the sign at the park.

Mona Maas, Peggy Lee, and Jan Funk will be working on the National Park Service design for the habitat. They will start with Phase One. Dave Barker will be the liaison between the board and them.

Mona is also working on a plan for a Plastic Bottle Cap Mosaic.

Plastic bottle caps can be dropped off at the Library or the Country Bumpkin.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

We received \$26,000 in recovery funds. We have to set up a new account for these funds. We have had problems getting United Community Bank to set up a new account so we will be opening a new account at the Farmers Bank in Mount Pulaski.

The agreement between the Baugher's and the Conn's should be signed soon. Once this is done the cleanup of the property will begin.

POLICE

No report

ATTORNEY

The survey is done on the wastewater treatment plant, Don will proceed with the next steps on getting this matter resolved.

Don has had conversations with FDIC about the bonds. Don said the wastewater bonds are limited to funds from the treatment plant which are zero. They said they want \$475,000 for the wastewater bond and nothing for the TIF bond. If we could reach an agreement with them, we could be done with the bonds.

Motion by Matt Fights, second by Ernie Shaw to authorize Don Behle to negotiate with the FDIC on the purchase of the wastewater bond and TIF bond for \$250,000. Roll call vote. Four yeas. One nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Travis Moore to table this until next meeting. Motion died for lack of a second.

Motion by Travis Moore to stay at the \$125,000 that was offered before. Motion died for lack of a second.

LIQUOR

The liquor license will be renewed next month.

TIF REPORT

No report.

SOLID WASTE

Please save your plastic bottle caps and also your clear water jugs. These can be dropped off at the Country Bumpkin.

LOCAL EVENTS LIAISON/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Trick or Treating was a success this year.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this event for the kids.

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

Tracy Crook has resigned so we will be looking to hire someone.

The water bills will be estimated the next few months until someone is hired and trained.

Test wells will be drilled soon.

STREETS/ALLEYS

No report

BUILDINGS/VILLAGE PROPERTIES/EQUIPMENT

No report

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

No report

FINANCE

No report

VILLAGE PARK

No report

OLD BUSINESS

Stan Komperda from Pike Creek Wind Farms spoke about the setback waiver he would like the Village to sign. There was a discussion on the wind turbine setback waiver.

Motion by Ernie Shaw, second by Matt Fights to not waive the boundaries for the setback waiver for Pike Creek Wind Farm. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

In the future we will have additional discussions on the setback.

NEW BUSINESS

None

RESOLUTIONS

None

ORDINANCE

Motion by Travis Moore, second by Matt Fights to pass Ordinance 2021-03, An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Village of Elkhart, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2022 and Ending April 30, 2023. Roll call vote. Those voting yea: Matt Fights, Abby Fletcher, John Galassi, Travis Moore, and Ernie Shaw. Those voting nay: none. Those absent: Lyle Fout. Ordinance adopted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Abby Fletcher, second by Travis Moore to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. Voice vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

Submitted By

Ann Curry
Village Clerk

NEWSLETTER INFO

All material for the December 2021 newsletter should be turned in before

5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 8, 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 (217-899-5306) or e-mail the information.

Senior Citizen Luncheon

**The Elkhart Senior's Lunch will be held on Wednesday, November 17 @ 11:30am
at the Wild Hare Cafe.**



Come enjoy a time of food and fellowship!

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



Tuesday, December 7 – 2pm at the Elkhart Village Hall

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





The Elkhart Historical Society is in search of clean, gallon sized milk or water jugs and lids. We need 150 jugs by November 25th. You can drop them off at The Country Bumpkin Wednesday-Saturday 10a-3p and Sunday 11a-3p. These are for the Chapel Candlelight Service.

Elkhart! Please join us as we organize our PLASTIC BOTTLE CAP MOSAIC



This example of work is by talented artist Michelle Stitzlein

Please collect your plastic bottle caps- all colors, all sizes!
Current Collection sites in Elkhart: Elkhart Library and the Country Bumpkin
Details coming on a Design CONTEST open to all - Adults and Children!
Please watch our Facebook site: Elkhart, IL Residents
or contact Mona Maas at Justmona2@gmail.com

Mt. Pulaski Community to host Community Blood Drive Tuesday, November 9 Mt. Pulaski, IL

When: Tuesday, November 9, 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Where: Bloodmobile, Lucky Lager, Mt. Pulaski, IL

Appointments: To donate, please contact ImpactLife at (800) 747-5401

or visit www.bloodcenter.org and use code 60032 to locate the drive.

All presenting donors get a voucher for a free shirt or a \$5 gift card!

**Come out to Historic Downtown Elkhart
Christmas Open House**

Saturday November 20th, 2021

9am-5pm

The Country Bumpkin

Horsefeathers & The Wild Hare Café

Birdsong Books & Vintage

Let the Holiday Spirit Begin!

Elkhart Historical Society Christmas Candlelight Service

The Elkhart Historical Society is delighted to announce that the Christmas Candlelight services on the hill will once again be offered with reservations being accepted starting November 4th. The four services will be at **2p, 4p, 5:30p and 8p on Saturday, December 4th**. Organists Paula Romanaux from Springfield and Marcy Brooks from Greeneville Tennessee, as well as the "Wild Columbine" group from Springfield will bring music and song. Wild Columbine has been working together since 2016 and plays traditional music of the



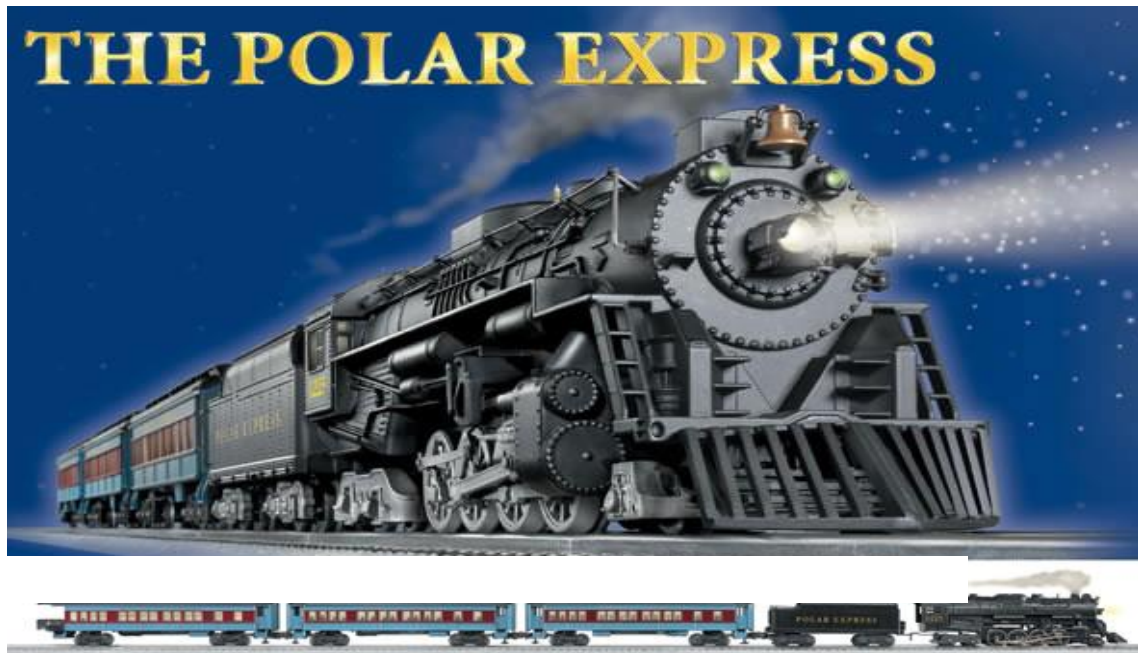
English-speaking world--England, Ireland, Scotland, America--both secular and non-secular, focusing on instrumental dance music composed by John Playford, J.S. Bach, O'Carolan, Stephen Collins Foster, and other 17th, 18th, and 19th century composers. The members and their instruments are Sally McDaniel Smith, Flute, whistles, autoharp. Megan Turner Thornberry, violins, drum. Emily Wheeler, mandolin, guitar. William Furry, guitar, mandolin, concertina, harmonium. Bodhran. The entire group sings as well, so plan on a service filled to the brim with music and song, as we help launch the Christmas Season for 2021.

Starting Thursday November 4, please call 217-947-2238 between 8a-7p to make your reservation. When you get the recorded message, be prepared to leave your name, the number in your party, the service time you desire and your phone number. We will call you back to confirm. Then you can send a check for the tickets and membership if

desired all on one check made payable to the Elkhart Historical Society PO Box 255 Elkhart, IL 62634. The cost of the service is \$15 per person. To download the reservation and membership forms please go the website www.elkharthistoricalsociety.org . These services fill quickly, and we will also take a short waitlist for each service. If after getting your tickets, you can't use them, please call the same number and we will attempt to fill your seat.

The covid guidelines will be followed, and at this time we request that all attendees bring masks. tissues and a few cough drops to keep throat clearing and an occasional cough to a minimum. Most of all **IF YOU DON'T FEEL WELL- - STAY HOME- - and get well!**

NAG BAKE SALE



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DATE OF DEPARTURE

December 4, 2021

BOARDING

8:00am - 11:00am

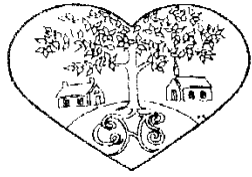
DEPARTURE LOCATION

Elkhart Village Hall

ITENERARY

Come shop for delicious baked goods, visit with Santa, and
experience LOTS of Polar Express fun!

The kids are welcome to wear their pajamas just like the movie!



ELKHART HISTORICAL SOCIETY

P.O. Box 255 • Elkhart, Illinois 62634

Elkhart Historical Society State of the Society 2021

As the last bits of summer fade, and the sweatshirts and long pants reappear in the seasonal clothing cycle, the realization that the holidays are coming hit some of us like a crashing cymbal. Yikes- - so soon- - too soon- - whoosh and its over- - - What just happened? You are just in time to plan on this being a wonderful Holiday, and what better way than to kick it off with the Christmas Candlelight Service at the Chapel on Elkhart Hill December 4, 2021. Last year we were unable to have it due to the pandemic, but this year plans are to have our traditional services are being prepared, and of course we will follow the guidelines. The one big change is that we will not be packaging any optional dinners, so we advise that you make these plans once you have picked the service you prefer. The mail in form for the chapel services is included, and additional ones can be downloaded from our website. www.elkharthistoricalsociety.org We look forward to seeing you at the Candlelight Services on Saturday December 4, 2021. The times will be 2p, 4p, 5:30p and 8p. **To Make Reservations call 217 947 2238- - the reservation line- STARTING - - Thursday, November 4th between 8a and 7p.** Be sure to leave your name (please spell) the number in your party, your phone number, and the service you wish to attend.

These reservations will be honored in the order received, so please leave the information so you save your place in line. We will call you back to confirm your seats, and then you should promptly mail your check to the Elkhart Historical Society PO Box 255 Elkhart, IL 62634

It is also time to renew memberships for 2022, and by doing so your financial support helps us to continue the excellent programs we have always offered. This year the senior level dues for individual or family is \$20, and regular individual or family membership is \$25.

Although the pandemic was still causing concern, we successfully celebrated the Irish in March, and by April had the best series of wildflower and bird walks ever. Unfortunately, the rest of the programs scheduled were postponed due to new outbreaks of covid. We are hoping that the 2022 year is free of the disease which has held the world hostage for the past two years.

As we close, we would like you to remember our beloved President Ann Anderson who passed from this life on October 12, 2021, following a long siege with cancer. Annie won!!

The Elkhart Historical Society Board wishes you a joyous, happy, and healthy Christmas and peaceful and productive New Year. We are excited about the possibilities for 2022 and hope that you are as well- - Blessings!!.

Bob Albert
Ken Lazar

Bev Albert
Jamie Hobson

Gillette Ransom
Court Conn

Karen Conn



Elkhart Public Library District

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

November 2021



Keep An Eye Out

Things are happening at the library, both inside...



...and online!



You never know what you might see coming soon...



Happy Thanksgiving!



Please note the following dates that the **library will be closed** in November:

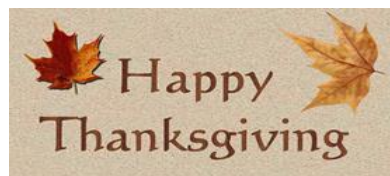
Thursday, November 11th – Veterans' Day

Thursday, November 25th – Thanksgiving

Friday, November 26th – Day After Thanksgiving
(we **will** be open on Saturday the 27th)

****TBD – One week+ for painting –**

Check back to our Facebook page as details develop!



Children's Christmas Craft Saturday, December 4th

While you're seeing **SANTA** at the Village Hall,
keep up the holiday spirit and stop by to make a craft to take home!

Stop by **any time between 9am and 1pm**
to continue the fun!





Delaney Howard of Mt. Pulaski, daughter of Lisa Howard and Heath Howard, has been named **October-Senior-of-the-month** at Mount Pulaski High School. She was selected for this honor based on the criteria of scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

During her time at MPHS, Delaney has been involved in numerous extra-curricular activities. For 4 years she has been a member of Cheerleading, Track, Art Club, Spanish Club, and Student Council, serving 3 years as a class officer and 1 year as Vice President. She participated in Science Olympiad for 3 years, Academic Challenge for 2 years, and 1 year in Drama Club.

Delaney has earned Spanish student of the year and the Rising Star award in Cheerleading. She set the school record for the 200m dash and has the 2nd highest school record for the 100m dash. She also earned 2nd place in Anatomy in Science Olympiad.

Outside of school Delaney works at Starbucks 20+ hours per week. She has also accumulated 188 community service hours helping with Compass4Kids car show, canned food drives, making cards for the residents at Vonderlieth, and helping with Christmas on Vinegar Hill.

Delaney plans to attend Missouri State University and major in Clinical Lab Science and then attend medical school.

The Senior-of-the-Month program is sponsored by Conaway Handyman Service and Downing, Przykopanski, Clements, & May Insurance Agency, Inc.. They are also in the running for the \$500 Senior-of-the-Year award sponsored by Illinois National Bank.

Mt. Pulaski High School Board Minutes – October 18, 2021

<https://www.mtpulaski.k12.il.us/article/565129?org=cusd23>

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