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VILLAGE BOARD NEWS

Mayor Lyle Fout called the meeting to order on October 3, 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, Abby Fletcher, Travis Moore, John Galassi, and Ernie Shaw. Attorney Don Behle, Clerk Ann Curry, and Treasurer Theresa Moore were also present. Visitors present were: Cameron McClellan, Wendy Humphres, Kevin Humphres, Dale Schaffenacker, Marsha Humphres Doerr, Elise Harms, Carrie Fights, Mona Maas, and Joann Saratavich.

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

- A. Approve meeting minutes from September 12, 2022
- 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 Fights asked when the dump would be back open. Lyle said it would be opened sometime this week.

Cameron McClellan asked if the finances are available to the public. Lyle said they would be posted. Mona Maas said that she wants to train someone to assist her in the maintenance at the Habitat and would like to pay them. She has spoken with Karen Conn to see if she could run it through the Elkhart Community Works fun that she is in charge of. Mona is looking for a way to raise money to pay for this. She will be making bags to sell.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

No report.

LIQUOR

No report.

ATTORNEY

Attorney Behle was given pictures of properties that need ordinance violation letters sent out.

TIF REPORT

No report.

SOLID WASTE

The Coal Mine is working on capping off things and it is making water run off into the road and everywhere. There is a concern that it will run off into the Village well.

LOCAL EVENTS LIAISON/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Halloween Trick or Treat hours will be 5-8 on Monday, October 31, 2022.

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

We are waiting on the chips for the new water meters. Once we get those, the meters can be installed.

STREETS/ALLEYS

The low spots on Latham Street will be filled.

BUILDINGS/VILLAGE PROPERTIES/EQUIPMENT

No report.

VILLAGE PARK

No report.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

No report.

FINANCE

Next month Dave will present the preliminary tax levy. We need to come up with an amount to levy for the Prairie Point properties for sewer maintenance.

OLD BUSINESS

Dale Schaffenacker with the Molanda Company handed out drawings showing the possible new equipment for the park. The price would be \$104,478.00. This does not include the compacted aggregate or pebbles. That would be an additional \$8,000.00.

The board decided to proceed with the new playground equipment. As of right now, this is not binding.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

RESOLUTIONS

None.

ORDINANCE

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Abby Fletcher, second by Matt Fights, to enter executive session at 7:25 p.m. to discuss litigation that is pending. Voice vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Abby Fletcher, second by Matt Fights, to adjourn at 7:36 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, November 9, 2022*
Please email your article in Word or as a PDF to 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 October 19, 2022 at 11:30am at The Wild Hare.

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



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

Mt. Pulaski High School Board Minutes – September 19, 2022

<https://www.mtpulaski.k12.il.us/o/mphs/article/844886>

The next regular board meeting is Monday, October 17, 2022, at 5pm.

ELKHART HISTORICAL SOCIETY

With Christmas around the corner, it is time to start planning for the Christmas Candlelight Service in the Old Gillette Chapel. That means, it's time to start collecting jugs for Luminaries. We are in search of 50 clear 1 gallon milk/water jugs to use for the luminaries. They must be cleaned out! You can drop your jugs off at The Country Bumpkin located at 103 Governor Oglesby Wed-Sat 10a-3p and Sun 11a-3p.

Thank you in advance



Elkhart Community Senior's Bingo

(the over 55 crowd)

November 1, 2022

(first Tuesday of each month)

2:00 pm

Village Hall



Hello Elkhart Neighbors!

With the successful completion of the “community Plastic Cap Mosaic”..

Don't you think it's time to plan a NEW PROJECT??? ME TOO!

You may have noticed that I maintain the “Habitat” along with the Village. I enjoy doing it. But realistically “I'm not getting any younger”.

In discussion with the Village Board, they support the concept of me hiring a young person in 2023 that I could have work with me on a regular basis.

I will hope to *inspire* them but do need to **pay** them for regular scheduled work.

A beginning plan is to raise \$\$ that will be funneled through the Elkhart Community Works Nonprofit. **But HOW, you say???**

HAVE You seen “Bird seed” or “animal feed” bags that are a durable plastic?

Bags that look something like this:



These bags are **not** recyclable, and do **NOT** decompose in the landfill ☹️
**BUT WE can Keep them OUT of the landfill by making them into a NEW purpose:
Durable, Foldable, Functional Carry Bags! And darn CUTE TOO!
More details and requests for your help will follow. **But first...****

IF you buy bird seed or animal feed in a bag like this-20,30,40 lb sizes,
PLEASE save the bags for us! ***Details will follow*******

You can reach me at justmona2@gmail.com.

Please and Thank you, from: Your neighbor, Mona Maas



Elkhart Public Library District

HOURS:
 Mon 4-8 pm
 Tues 9-11, 12-4pm
 Wed 9-11, 12-8pm
 Thurs 9-11, 12-8pm
 Fri 9-11, 12-4pm
 Sat 9-1pm

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Celebrating 130 Years in 2023

130 Decorated Pumpkins CHALLENGE

130 decorated pumpkins at the library?? We think we can do it, with YOUR HELP.

WE HAVE THE PUMPKINS.

Pick your favorite to carve or decorate in any way you like. Some are orange. Many are white. One green one could be Frankenstein.



PREFER TO USE YOUR OWN?

If your carving or decorating vision requires something other than what we have, go for it.



NO CRAFT SUPPLIES? NO PROBLEM!

The library will be set up THREE DIFFERENT TIMES for you to use OUR CRAFT SUPPLIES to make your masterpiece. Paint. Hot glue. Glitter. Ribbon. Pom poms. The list goes on. Have items you'd like to add? Bring 'em. Need to work in stages? Fine. Leave your pumpkin or bring it back to work some more.

NOTE: We have safety scissors, but if you require a carving knife, awl, or adult scissors, please bring those with you.

IS IT ONE PER FAMILY? **NO.**

You may work on one as a family, or use little ones for little hands to make all on their very own.

Questions? Contact us! Here's the schedule.

Monday, Oct. 10 and following – pumpkins available for pick-up, **first come, first served**
 Saturday, Oct. 15, **10am – 12pm** – craft supplies available
 Wednesday, Oct. 19 & 20, **5pm – 7pm** – craft supplies available
 Monday, Oct. 24 – deadline to return (if it's later we'll still take it.)

We hope you'll join in the fun!

Toddler Story Hour
 Tuesday, Oct. 18
 10 – 11am

Join us for a themed story time complete with sensory stations and snack. Registration is not required but **IS** helpful! Call or email us at: elkhartlibrary@mchsi.com



Medicare Education
 Monday, Oct. 17, 5:30pm Saturday, Oct. 22, 10:30am

Find Medicare confusing? Wish you knew more? Wonder if you've missed something?

Mitchell Hudson will be here to educate and answer questions, so we hope you'll join us.

There is no cost or obligation, and registration is not required. If you do plan to attend, we'd love to know in advance so we can prepare for you.

Stop by the library or call us at 217-947-2313

Flu Shot Clinic
 Thursday Oct. 27
 4 - 5:30pm

Bring your insurance card!

Blank vaccination forms available in advance at the library and on our website.

elkhartlibrary.lib.il.us



(Help us serve you!)

As the library prepares to celebrate its 130th birthday, we invite Elkhart residents to fill out this survey so that the library can better fill your needs.

1. How many years have you lived in Elkhart? _____
2. Have you ever visited the library? Yes _____ No _____
3. Do you have a library card? Yes _____ No _____
4. Do you consider yourself a user of library services? Yes _____ No _____
5. Did you use an electronic service? Check all that apply.
Computer _____ Printer/Copier _____ Free WiFi _____
6. Did you check something out? Yes _____ No _____
7. If so, what was it? Check all that apply.
Book _____ Video _____ Book on CD (audiobook) _____
eBooks/eAudiobooks _____ Ordered something from another library _____
8. Are you a reader? Yes _____ No _____
9. If you are, what are you most likely to read? Check all that apply.
Fiction _____ Mystery _____ Romance _____ Best Sellers _____
Historical Fiction _____ Science Fiction _____ Graphic Novel _____
Christian Fiction _____ Biography _____ Non-Fiction _____
Particular Authors _____
10. Do you have children? No _____ Yes _____ Ages: _____
11. Did you know that the library offers the following services? Check all that apply.
Children's Programs _____ Adult Programs _____ Free Computer Access _____
Free WiFi _____ Printing/Copier Service _____ Faxing Service _____
Inter-Library Loans _____ Website (place requests, community resources) _____
Children's Games/Tools to Improve Reading _____
12. What services would you like to see the library offer that benefit you?

Thank you for taking the time to complete this short survey. You may return this survey to the library, drop it in the drop box outside the library, or scan and email it to: elkhartlibrary@mchsi.com.

Name (optional): _____