

## VILLAGE BOARD NEWS

Mayor Lyle Fout called the meeting to order on January 9, 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 (virtual), Matt Fights, Abby Fletcher, Travis Moore, John Galassi, and Ernie Shaw. Attorney Don Behle, Clerk Ann Curry, and Treasurer Theresa Moore were also present. Visitor present was Kyle Farmer.

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

- A. Approve meeting minutes from December 5, 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**

None.

### **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

The mediation meeting was last week in Peoria. Travis, Dave, Don, and Lyle all attended.

### **LIQUOR**

Lyle delivered the liquor licenses and collected the fees.

### **ATTORNEY**

No report.

### **TIF REPORT**

Don has to file a TIF report every year and needs a copy of the audit to go with it. The auditor does not have the audit done due to staffing shortage. They will pay any penalties that we get.

### **SOLID WASTE**

No report.

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

No report.

### **WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT**

We will need to get an estimate for a new water main between Allison Street and Taylor Street behind the Methodist Church.

## **STREETS/ALLEYS**

Lyle spoke with Fer Graham Engineering to draw up plans for use of Motor Fuel Tax.

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

Lyle is waiting on estimates for the roof repair at the Village Hall.

## **VILLAGE PARK**

No report.

## **PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY**

No report.

## **FINANCE**

No report.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

All the meters are now complete for the new water meter system so the board agreed to pay the last half of the bill.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

None.

## **ORDINANCE**

Motion by Dave Barker, second by Matt Fights, to pass Ordinance 2023-01, Annual Abatement Ordinance. Ordinance abating the tax hereto levied for the year 2022 payable 2023 to pay the principal of and interest on \$450,000.00 Wastewater Collection and Treatment Zone Bonds (Prairie Pointe Zone). Roll call vote. Those voting yea: Dave Barker, Matt Fights, Abby Fletcher, John Galassi, Travis Moore, and Ernie Shaw. Those voting nay: none. Those absent: none. Ordinance adopted.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Travis Moore, second by Abby Fletcher, to enter Executive Session at 6:40pm to discuss purchase of real estate. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Travis Moore, second by John Galassi, to exit Executive Session at 6:50pm. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

## **REGULAR SESSION**

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Motion by Travis Moore, second by Matt Fights, to purchase Prairie Pointe for \$380,000.00. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Abby Fletcher, second by Travis Moore, to adjourn at 6:55pm. Voice vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

Submitted By  
Ann Curry/Village Clerk

**NEWSLETTER INFO**

All material for the February 2023 newsletter should be turned in before  
**5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 8, 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 January 18, 2023, at 11:30am at The Wild Hare.**

**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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<https://www.mtpulaski.k12.il.us/o/mpgs/article/945350>

The next regular board meeting is Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at 4:00pm.

We have made great progress on accumulating bags for the  
**REpurpose FEED and SEED Bag Fundraising project**

250 bags and still growing. THANK YOU ALL.

We will keep these bags out of the landfill AND fund maintenance for Elkhart Pollinator Habitat!

**Let's begin!**

We will use the Elkhart Village Hall as "Mission Control" to CUT, CREASE, SEW bags.

First SCHEDULED dates at the Elkhart Village Hall, 209 Governor Oglesby St, Elkhart, IL:

Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>: 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. then

Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>: 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. *then we see how it goes!*

**Your time is important.** You are NOT bound to stay all day!

Need assistance with cutting, creasing, folding, *OR* sewing.

I will have 2 portable sewing machines and patterns, instructions, and tools.

This is not just "Ladies Only"! It is FUN and you can leave with a finished Repurpose bag!

IF *you have questions*, we have a Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/ElkhartIllinoisPollinatorHabitat/>

That will contain current updates; you can email me at [justmona2@gmail.com](mailto:justmona2@gmail.com)

or even call our home phone, 947-2083.

## **Just a reminder that according to an Ordinance:**

Farm animals are prohibited, exception for agricultural zones. Farm animals, which shall include, but not be limited to, horses, cattle, swine (except pot bellied pigs) and fowl, shall not be harbored in the village, except on property zoned agricultural.



# Elkhart Community Senior's Bingo

(the over 55 crowd)

First Tuesday of each Month

2:00 pm

Village Hall



## MPGS QUARTER 2 HONOR ROLL

### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

#### **Straight A's**

Maebri Bender, Sarah Benhart, Elliott Cooper, Kaylee Cowan, Ella Martin, Nathan Matson, Trey Moore, Kelten Olson, Addilyne Phillips, Jireh Woodford

#### **High Honors**

Jerret Bakken, Ryder Collier, Zaiden Lahey, Reagan Titus

#### **Honors**

Kaylynn Eskew, Brody Kessel, Gibson Rhoades, Maryanna Rhoades, Kaleb Scattergood

#### **Honorable Mention**

Ethan Anderson, Haylee Cowan, Allyson Dorsey, Gesiah Drew, Jackson Hebenstreit, Maddox Johnston, Layla Mayer, Race Turner

### **7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

#### **Straight A's**

Wesley Bobell, Bella Butler, Nolan Couve, Kennedy Davis, Josie Jones, Camrynn Killion, Eva Leonard, Jensen Maschoff, Chase Roberts, Jaice Skeen, Olivia Smith, Mariah Stone, Vincent Tabor, Olivia Trauner

#### **High Honors**

Alexis Bishop, Skyler Durst, Andrea Noltensmeier

#### **Honors**

Gage Hickey, Ethan Kern, Reed Martin, Haylee Werts

#### **Honorable Mention**

Landon Deibert, Jaden Hamilton, Keagan Heath, Annalyse Helm, Kian Lahey, Elyssa Marten

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

#### **Straight A's**

Marissa Allspach, Addison Brown, Carter Clark, Audrey Cooper, Claire Cyrulik, Owen Cyrulik, Austin Kretzinger, Dean Martin, Kaylee Michael, Braden Olson, Logan Roberts, Kai Selinger, Kaelin Stewart, Piper Tyson, Aaron Volle, Karsyn Wilham, Caden Wyler

#### **High Honors**

Keoni Charron, Olivia Cyrulik, Mackenzie Johnston, Gracie Phillips

#### **Honors**

Jayde Carter, Peyton Combs, Adalynn Jackson, Kian Jacobs, Nelson Palmquist, Owen Pulliam, Carter Robinson, Jessi Wade, Camden Winkelmann, Jeremiah Woodford

#### **Honorable Mention**

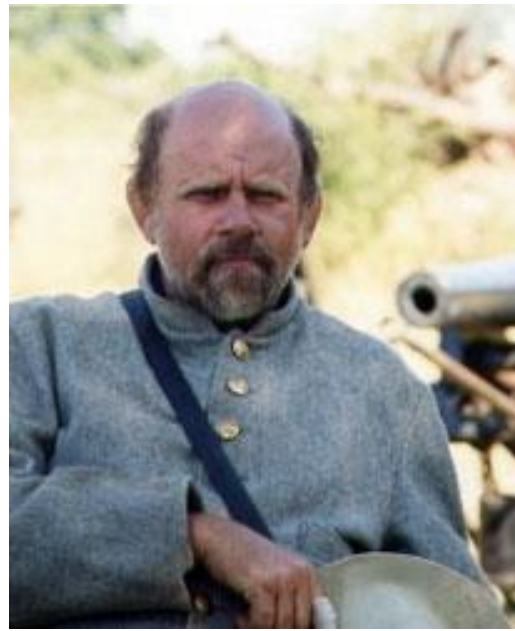
Nathan Berry, Claire Bobell, Liam Doherty, Lizzie Roberts, Ethan Stoddard, Raelynn Turner

## Press Release

For Immediate Release

January 9, 2023

Elkhart, Illinois



The Elkhart Historical Society is delighted to offer a second date for the ever-popular Karl Luthin, DVM., whose January 27 lecture sold out immediately. The additional date will be Friday, February 3, at the Wild Hare Café in Horsefeathers' shop, Elkhart, Illinois. Luthin captivates the crowd with his real-life experiences, from the rigors of being an equine veterinarian, to life on the movie set either in front of cameras as a re-enactor, or behind the scenes supplying historically correct uniforms and horse equipment. His talk, "The Care and Training of Horses for the Movies," will explain the challenges that are encountered by both two and four legged actors, who must work together.

Some of the movies that Luthin has been involved with are: "Gods and Generals," "Glory," "John Adams" and "Into the West" mini-series, "Gettysburg," "Cold Mountain," and "Lincoln." Luthin has most recently been involved with the filming of a new Civil War movie, "Emancipation," starring Will Smith. As those who have attended past lectures can attest, the charismatic Luthin will hold the audience right through the question-and-answer session following the talk.

The cost per person is \$45, which includes the lecture and dinner featuring a choice of Beef Bourguignon or Coq au Vin. Both entrees come with mashed potatoes, baby carrots and green beans, roll and dessert. For complete menu and reservation form, please see the website: [www.elkharthistoricalsociety.org](http://www.elkharthistoricalsociety.org) . Reservations are required and can be made by calling 217 947 2238, not later than January 27. Once confirmed, checks can be mailed to The Elkhart Historical Society at PO 255, Elkhart, IL, or dropped off at the Country Bumpkin Shop at 103 Gov. Oglesby St., Elkhart, IL.

**ELKHART HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S DINNER LECTURE  
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 3, 2023, 5:30P  
THE CARE & TRAINING OF HORSES IN THE MOVIES- KARL LUTHIN**

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

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

The Wild Hare Café provides all of the delicious meals for our Elkhart Historical Society functions as well as providing the 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:**

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

Dessert choices: fruit cobbler with dollop of cream \_\_\_\_\_ OR  
Ice Cream and chocolate sauce \_\_\_\_\_

Both are served mashed potatoes, baby carrots, green beans and a roll as well as a selection of tea or coffee. 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 January 27th- - 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 Village Hall.  
**After** placing your reservation, you may also fill out a form and submit 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:  
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**If you are joining others and wish to be seated with them please list their names below.**

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Elkhart Historical Society

For Immediate Release January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

The Elkhart Historical Society is pleased to announce that Bill Kemp, librarian of the McLean County History Museum, will continue his presentation on the “The Unconquerable Kickapoo of Central Illinois”, on Friday, February 17, 2023, at Horsefeather’s Wild Hare Café in Elkhart Illinois. Doors open at 5p and dinner will be served at 5:30p.



In the early nineteenth century, the Kickapoo occupied much of central Illinois at the point when the first Euro-American settlers arrived. The struggles that ensued were many, but thanks in part to the efforts of the McLean County Museum of History, a productive relationship with the Kansas Kickapoo has finally been forged.

A brief summary of the first talk, will give attendees some background before Kemp continues by showing the museum’s remarkable collection of photographs of the Kickapoo living in Kansas in 1906. Kemp will also relate how the Kickapoo have been remembered and misremembered by Central Illinois residents, which will help to remove some of the fiction surrounding them. This second talk will add additional information to those who are interested in the Native Americans that occupied this area so long ago, as well as the project to rededicate and relocate some of the historical markers defining more accurately where they lived.

Since July 2003, Bill Kemp has served as librarian for the nationally accredited, not-for-profit McLean County Museum of History in downtown Bloomington. Bill has a master's degree in public affairs from the University of Illinois Springfield (formerly Sangamon State University), and a second master's in history from Illinois State University. For fourteen years--from December 2005 to January 2020--Bill wrote an award-winning weekly history column in *The Pantagraph*, Bloomington's longtime daily newspaper. Bill also serves on the boards of both the Illinois State Historical Society and Barn Keepers, the latter being a McLean County based not-for-profit preservation group.

The menu choices are: Chicken Cordon Bleu or Medallions of Pork Tenderloin in a red wine sauce. For the complete menu download the reservation form at [www.elkharthistoricalsociety.org](http://www.elkharthistoricalsociety.org).

The cost per person is an all-inclusive package price of \$45, for the meal, tax and tip, which includes \$15 for the Elkhart Historical Society program. The public is welcome to attend, and reservations are required and can be made by calling 217 947 2238. The cut off for reservations and payment is February 10<sup>th</sup>.

**ELKHART HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S DINNER LECTURE  
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 17TH, 2023, 5:30P  
THE UNCONQUERABLE: KICKAPOO OF CENTRAL ILLINOIS-BILL KEMP**

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

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# Elkhart Public Library District

## January 2023

Celebrating 130 Years in 2023

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

**TODDLER STORY TIME**  
**MAKING READING FUN**  
 Saturday, January 21st, 10am - 11am  
 Come to read a book, have some snacks,  
 and do some crafts!

## Our services

Did you know...?

Elkhart Library offers free e-books, audio books, music and more!

[www.elkhartlibrary.lib.il.us](http://www.elkhartlibrary.lib.il.us)

We have popular titles available to download for your Kindle, iPad, and other e-readers! Just download the Libby app and sign in with your library card.

Please feel free to ask questions if you need help. 217-947-2313 or stop in with your device!

## Homebound Book Delivery Program

If you or someone you know is not ambulatory or is unable to get to the library and would like to have books delivered, then this program is just for you. You can choose your preferred authors, genres, and material type. We will then deliver and pick up your books every month at no cost!

**For more information, call the Library at 217-947-2313**

## In February...

### Winter Book Sale

Coming soon...help us make room for new books! Make plans to stop by between Monday, 2/20 and Saturday, 2/25 to see what titles could be added to YOUR collection.



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