



VILLAGE BOARD NEWS

Mayor Lyle Fout called the meeting to order on September 12, 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 (virtual), Matt Fights, Lyle Fout, 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, Peggy Lee, Carey Gave, Shirley Phillips Black.

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

- A. Approve meeting minutes from August 1, 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

Cameron McClellan questioned why the broken slide from the park was put in the burn pile. Lyle said they were going to burn it and Cameron didn’t think it should be burnt because it would put cancer causing toxins in the air.

Cameron also asked if the park could be mowed more often. Lyle said they would try to get to it.

Peggy Lee thanked the board for moving funds to the new Community Fund.

Carey Gave questioned if the new meters would increase the monthly water bills. Lyle said it would not.

Carey also wanted to know what happened with the spraying for mosquitos. Lyle said the Village was fined by the EPA so the Village would not be doing the spraying anymore.

Carey also wanted to know if there is branch pick up because she has seen piles along the streets. Lyle said the Village will only pick them up after storms.

Shirley Phillips Black was questioning what could be done about the lights that are out in front of the Post Office. Lyle said the Village doesn’t have anything to do with the light on the Post Office. It is privately owned and not by the Post Office. Travis had made a few inquiries but has not gotten any answers.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Lyle had a meeting with State Senator Sally Turner and Jeff Torricelli. We have received all the letters for the TIF extension but one.

LIQUOR

No report.

ATTORNEY

Attorney Behle reported that they had the hearing about the emanate domain property, the Judge took it under advisement.

We have received the appraisal on the ground, but it isn't a good one. For the comps they used they didn't even put the address of them, so it is useless.

TIF REPORT

No report.

SOLID WASTE

No report.

LOCAL EVENTS LIAISON/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

No report.

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

Sixty of the new meters will be installed as soon as it can be scheduled. They should be able to get them done in one day. It will cost around \$50.00 for each meter to be installed.

STREETS/ALLEYS

The low spots on Latham Street will be filled.

BUILDINGS/VILLAGE PROPERTIES/EQUIPMENT

No report.

VILLAGE PARK

Abby met with Dale Schaffenacker about new playground equipment for the park. We first must decide what we will be using for the surface. There are certain requirements for the surface under the ADA equipment. The one surface we looked at would be around \$100,000.00. The equipment itself could run between \$24,000.00 and \$50,000.00.

Ernie will check with Jeff Torricelli about additional grants.

Abby will check into the installation price and the price of a new swing set too.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

Lyle has someone lined up to spray for mosquitos. It will be posted when the spraying will be.

FINANCE

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Ernie said that with the new meters there is a requirement of software interfacing.

Motion by Travis Moore, second by Matt Fights to approve the third-party meter reading interfacing for \$1,500.00. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

None.

ORDINANCE

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Abby Fletcher, second by Travis Moore, to adjourn at 7:10 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, October 5, 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 September 21, 2022 at 11:30am at The Talk of The Town.

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 – August 15, 2022

<https://www.mtpulaski.k12.il.us/article/809281>

The next regular board meeting is Monday, September 19, 2022, at 6pm.



Elkhart Community Senior's Bingo

(the over 55 crowd)

October 4, 2022

(first Tuesday of each month)

2:00 pm

Village Hall





Elkhart Historical Society

[Visit Our Website](http://www.ElkhartHistoricalSociety.org)

The Unconquerable: Kickapoo of Central Illinois presented by Bill Kemp



The fiercely independent Kickapoo occupied much of central Illinois when the first wave of Euro-American settlers reached this stretch of central Illinois in the early nineteenth century. The Kickapoo consistently opposed assimilation, and by doing so helped ensure their survival into the present day. Speaker Bill Kemp will detail Kickapoo lifeways and resistance, and how the Museum has recently partnered with the Kansas Kickapoo on several fascinating projects. Bill's illustrated talk will include maps, artwork, and photographs.

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: Cheese topped baked Chicken Parmesan or Baked Italian Meatballs. For the complete menu download the reservation form at 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](tel:2179472238). The cut off for reservations and payment is September 16th.



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

September 2022

Celebrating 130 Years in 2023

COMING IN OCTOBER... Something for everyone!

Medicare Education — Monday, Oct. 17th at 5:30pm Saturday, Oct. 22nd at 10:30am

If you find Medicare confusing, wish you knew more, wonder if you've missed something, or just need a refresher, THIS IS FOR YOU! 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 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.

MASSIVE PUMPKIN DECORATING CHALLENGE — Our 130th birthday is not far off. What better way to celebrate in October than for YOU to help US by decorating 130 PUMPKINS?? This is for both individuals and families, and you're not limited to one. Library craft supplies will be available at different times, or you can create at home. This is going to be fun, so look for more info next month!



Flu Shots — The Health Department is working on a date for our annual clinic. Details will be in the Echo, on Facebook, and on the Village Sign as soon as we know.

2 – 4 Year Old Story Hour — Plans are in the works for a story time complete with snacks and crafts. We hope you and your little one(s) will join us.

All of this is coming next month, so get ready!

Check Out Our Latest Winners



Kalli Galassi was the winner in the drawing for a whole basket-full of baseball goodies!

Sarah Davis was the winner of the \$20 Casey's gift card! There were 17 Holiday Barbies coming to our window ledge for the September collection display. Sarah guessed 16.



Congratulations girls, enjoy your prizes!