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VILLAGE BOARD NEWS

Mayor Lyle Fout called the meeting to order on July 10, 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, Kyle Farmer, Matt Fights, and Ernie Shaw. John Galassi and Travis Moore were absent. Attorney Don Behle, Clerk Ann Curry, and Treasurer Theresa Moore were also present.

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

- A. Approve meeting minutes from June 5, 2023
- 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

Anne Coers, the mayor of New Holland, set up a meeting for all of the mayors of Logan County. They were to meet on July 6, 2023, but it was rescheduled to July 11, 2023.

ATTORNEY

Don has received a performance bond from Knight Hawk Coal, LLC to guarantee any improvements to the coal mine road get paid. Every year, we will need to renew this.

In reviewing the Right a Way Agreement with Broadband, it doesn’t give us a percentage of their gross annual revenues like Mediacom does. Don will talk with them about this.

LIQUOR

No report.

TIF REPORT

There is supposed to be an annual TIF meeting. The TIF attorney wants to know if it would be possible to have it by Zoom. Ernie will be the one attending this.

SOLID WASTE

The Village will not host dumpsters anymore due to the misuse of the dumpsters and the cost.

LOCAL EVENTS LIAISON/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Summer Fling went very well.

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

No report.

STREETS/ALLEYS

There is a problem with the road on South Gillette. Lyle is contacting the company that did it.

BUILDINGS/VILLAGE PROPERTIES/EQUIPMENT

The garage door was damaged, and Lyle is waiting on a call back for the repair.

Insurance has approved to purchase a generator, but they only want a used one. We do not want that. Lyle is working with them.

VILLAGE PARK

Lyle is waiting for a call back from DNR about fish for the pond.

Don drew up a draft ordinance for pond usage.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

No report.

FINANCE

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

The bids for a new mower were opened and all bids were rejected because they were too high.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

RESOLUTIONS

None.

ORDINANCE

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Matt Fights, second by Ernie Shaw, to adjourn at 7:01pm. Voice vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

Submitted By
Ann Curry/Village Clerk



NEWSLETTER INFO

All material for the August 2023 newsletter should be turned in before
5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 9, 2023

Please email your article in Word 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 on July 19, 2023, at 11:30am at The Wild Hare.

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



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



Mt. Pulaski High School Board Minutes – June 21, 2023

<https://www.mtpulaski.k12.il.us/o/mpgs/article/1154892>

The next regular board meeting is Monday, July 17, 2023, at 7:00pm.

Thank you to all who came to the **Elkhart Pollinator Habitat** during the Elkhart Summer Fling on June 17th!

We enjoyed sharing the Enviroscape with you.

We sent on some of our last "REpurpose Feed and Seed bags", along with some of the baby native plants we had divided at the Habitat.

Cassidy, Keoni and Isabelle all showed up to help and were much appreciated!

NEXT UP: We plan to begin Repainting that large concrete vehicle barricade before harvest begins. We've got ourselves some bright outdoor paints and are thinking of flowers, butterflies, etc. Feeling ARTY and want to help? *Feel free to join us! If not, a honk and a wave makes us feel good!*

-Mona Maas

*****See Photos on next page*****



Elkhart, Illinois Pollinator Habitat

10h · 🌐



THANKS to New Herald News for stopping by at our portion of the Summer Fling, and to everyone that came out. As always, our community is kind and generous...and was interested in our stuff! Cassidy, Keoni and Isabelle were a big help too.

This drought is tough, but our native plants can handle it, stop by and take a look, I'm starting to see Monarchs!



New Herald News

June 17 at 11:32 AM · 🌐

It's a lovely day for [Elkhart's Summer Fling](#). Visit the Route 66 Pollinator Garden, join the parade at the Library at noon, tour the locomotive at 1, and don't forget the Kiddie Tractor Pull at 3:30. Food, vendors, activities, and live music this evening.

Elkhart celebrates with Summer Fling 2023

T.A. Bergin · 🌐 Monday, June 19, 2023



ELKHART, Ill. – The Village of Elkhart celebrated Summer Fling 2023 on Saturday, June 17, with an all-day street party on Gov. Oglesby Street. The day's highlights included tours of 1952 locomotive NIWX 1317 owned by Elkhart Grain Company, a bike-walk-pet parade, antique tractor show, a World War II memorabilia display, kiddie tractor pull, food, vendors and live music in the evening. Throughout the day, Mona Mass presented an educational program on water ecosystems and gave away native plants at the Route 66 Monarch Flyway Garden, the Elkhart Public Library had a free book table, and treasures could be found at garage sales throughout town.



Elkhart Community

Senior's Bingo

(the over 55 crowd)

First Tuesday of each Month

2:00 pm

Village Hall





JULY



Lego Club Coming Back This Fall

When it's Back to School, it will be Back to Building for children of any age, so keep an eye out for details in future Echo pages!



It's story TIME

Join us for Toddler Time on Saturday, July 15th @ 10:30am for 45 minutes of stories, snacks, and an activity to grow our minds and our coordination.

No RSVP Required!

So Many Thank You's

N.A.G, Davis Brithers Inc.,
Village of Elkhart,
Redbird Transit, Powell Insurance,
Elkhart Fertilizer Service Inc.,
Mt. Pulaski
Education Association

Voices from the Past

Thank you Gillette Ransom and Jamie Hobson for your time and effort in order to share our village history through story time and Lincoln Logs!



We Appreciate You

Thank you to the Village of Elkhart for our new flag, and for getting it up and flying! We observed the 4th of July in style because of you.

Elkhart Public Library District



www.elkhartlibrary.lib.il.us



Elkhart Historical Society
Press Release

For Immediate Release
July 9, 2023

If you think history is a dull, dusty subject about people who have been dead for longer than you've been alive, you probably are not familiar with "Living History" and "Historical Interpreters"! On August 25, you will get the chance to experience both fields as Lee and Carol Shafer present "Billy Yank" and "Sarah Bush Lincoln." Lee and Carol will bring history to life through these personas, and then they will discuss the work that goes into living history. A question-and-answer period will allow you to ask questions about either the historical personalities or the 21st century living folk.

Lee and Carol met at Lincoln's New Salem and now in Athens, IL. For nearly three decades they have been involved in the field of living history. Volunteering at Lincoln's New Salem in period clothes, honoring the Civil War and Abraham Lincoln at the summer Flag Retreat Ceremony at the Lincoln Tomb, explaining the past to visitors at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum is only part of what the two have done in the role of presenting living history. The addition of demonstrating historic crafts at many other venues has given both of them a broad range of experience and knowledge about how our ancestors lived and worked here in Central Illinois. Carol has a degree in History from Illinois College and earned Master's in History at SSU (now UIS). Lee graduated from WIU with a degree in Recreation and Park Administration and is a member of the American Mountain Man Association. Both are avid lovers of history and are eager to share their interest with others.

The event will take place at Horsefeathers Wild Hare Café in Elkhart, Illinois; and the two entrees offered are a mild Beef or Chicken Curry. For menu details and a reservation form, please go to the website - elkharthistoricalsociety.org. The total cost is \$45, which includes the meal, tax, tip and \$15 for the lecture.

Reservations are required and can be made by calling 217-947-2238 before August 14th. Please leave your information when prompted, and you will be confirmed by a return call.



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ELKHART HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S DINNER LECTURE
FRIDAY AUGUST 25, 2023, 5:30P
"MEET SARAH BUSH LINCOLN & BILLY YANK; HISTORIC REENACTORS" –
PRESENTED BY CAROL & LEE SCHAFFER

Name _____ Address _____

Phone # _____ cell # _____ Email _____

The Wild Hare Café provides all the delicious meals for our Elkhart Historical Society functions as well as providing a 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 Curry _____ OR
Chicken Curry _____

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

Both are served with rice, chutney, cucumber salad, tomato relish and grilled artisan bread 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 August 14th- - 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 the Village Hall. **After** placing your reservation, you may also fill out a form and submit it 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:
www.elkharthistoricalsociety.org**

"RESERVATIONS WILL BE HELD ONLY UPON RECEIPT OF PAYMENT"

If you are joining others and wish to be seated with them please list their names below.

