



# The Elkhart Echo



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## **VILLAGE BOARD NEWS**

Mayor Lyle Fout called the meeting to order on April 3, 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, Matt Fights, Travis Moore, John Galassi, Abby Fletcher and Ernie Shaw. Attorney Don Behle and Clerk Ann Curry were also present. Visitors present were: Dale Schaffenacker and John Sawyer.

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

- A. Approve meeting minutes from March 6, 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**

Dale Schaffenacker with Molanda Company went over the playground equipment bill. May 8<sup>th</sup> is the scheduled day for the surfacing. Dale was needing to know where certain pieces of equipment would go.

### **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

We will need to decide on what we will be doing with the recently purchased lots and farm ground in Prairie Point. We will need to do bids on the 8.4 acres of farmland.

Longview Bank wants to partner with the Village on the sale of the lots. We need to meet with them on how this could be done.

### **LIQUOR**

No report.

### **ATTORNEY**

Don, Lyle, and Dave attended the closing on the purchase of the Prairie Point ground.

### **TIF REPORT**

Don has filed the TIF report now that the audit is done.

With the purchase of the Prairie Point ground, we had to cash in a CD and use Community Fund money along with TIF funds. We will need to cash in the other CD to put money back in the TIF account. We will have a penalty when we cash this in.

**SOLID WASTE**

Electronic Recycling will be April 17-21, 2023 in Lincoln on Limit Street.

**LOCAL EVENTS LIAISON/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

The Town Wide Garage Sales will be June 16-17, 2023.

**WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT**

The lightening on Friday night hit a transformer and it is all fixed now.

**STREETS/ALLEYS**

Some potholes will be filled.

**BUILDINGS/VILLAGE PROPERTIES/EQUIPMENT**

The Christmas banners need to be taken down. Lyle will bring his bucket truck over to do this.

**VILLAGE PARK**

No report.

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY**

No report.

**FINANCE**

Dave has been in contact with the Auditors. They will be sending a Letter of Engagement for the 2023 Audit. It should be ready for passage next month.

Dave will also have the budget ready for passage next month.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

John Sawyer with Fehr Graham discussed the use of Motor Fuel Tax for the seal coating of Main Street. The total cost would be around \$70,000. We have until 2025 to spend the COVID money we received from the State and we can use it on this project.

He has also been working with the Coal Mine Engineer and they want to start the road work there this summer. We need to have a bond for this.

**RESOLUTIONS**

Motion by Dave Barker, second by Matt Fights to pass Resolution 2023-01, Elkhart Vipor Mine Road Improvement. 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. Resolution adopted.

**ORDINANCE**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Abby Fletcher, second by Travis Moore, to adjourn at 7:13pm. Voice vote. All yeas. No nays. Motion carried.

Submitted By  
Ann Curry/Village Clerk

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**NEWSLETTER INFO**

All material for the May 2023 newsletter should be turned in before  
**5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3, 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 April 19, 2023, at 11:30am at The Talk of The Town.**

**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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Mt. Pulaski High School Board Minutes – March 20, 2023

<https://www.mtpulaski.k12.il.us/o/mphs/article/1047055>

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

The REpurpose FEED and SEED Bags project:

In April NEW bags are out there for us to REuse and Regift!

When you make a \$5 donation for a bag YOU are helping to fund Elkhart's Pollinator Habitat AND we keep these NONcompostable, NONrecycle-able bags out of the Landfill!

As you see us down at the Habitat sprucing up for Spring, feel free to stop by...I will have some bags along! *Give us a HONK, it makes us feel good!*

Smaller "Gift size bags" and wine totes are at the Elkhart Station and the "Plant Transport" will be at the NAG Plant sale in May. *Thank you for your support!*

I am at justmona2@gmail.com if you wish to reach me.



# Elkhart Community Senior's Bingo

(the over 55 crowd)

First Tuesday of each Month

2:00 pm

Village Hall





## Toddler Time



**MAKING  
READING  
FUN**

**Saturday  
April 22nd**

**10am - 11am**

Come to  
read some books,  
have some snacks,  
and  
make some crafts!

## Computer Confusion?

**DO YOU...**

- ...wish you could see family Facebook photos, but don't know how?
- ...have questions about computers, but are too embarrassed to ask?
- ...want to type a letter without getting tangled in typewriter ribbon?

**We want to help!**

We're putting some (SMALL) classes together to help anyone of ANY AGE begin to learn. Stop by the library or give us a call (217-947-2313) to let us know you're interested, and we'll take it from there. **YOU CAN DO THIS!**

## Free Magazines!

Child with a school project?  
Planning some scrapbooking?  
Like articles for reference?

About a dozen issues of

***Birds & Blooms***

are now available at the library.

Take what you want -  
first come, first served.

## Summer Reading Program 2023

Four weeks  
of  
FUN

Performers  
&  
Prizes



Coming mid-June  
on Wednesday afternoon!

*Elkhart Public Library District*

*for more info or to never miss an event visit:*

**elkhartlibrary.lib.il.us**



## **MPGS QUARTER 3 HONOR ROLL**

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

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

Jerrett Bakken, Maebri Bender, Sarah Benhart, Ryder Collier, Elliott Cooper, Kaylee Cowan, Ella Martin, Trey Moore, Kelten Olson, Addilyne Phillips, Jaxon Smith

#### **Honors**

Nathan Matson, Jireh Woodford

#### **Honorable Mention**

Haylee Cowan, Allyson Dorsey, Gesiah Drew, Kaylynn Eskew, Jackson Hebenstreit, Zaiden Lahey, Gibson Rhoades, Maryanna Rhoades, Kaleb Scattergood, Reagan Titus, Lorelei Volle

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

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

Wesley Bobell, Bella Butler, Kennedy Davis, Skyler Durst, Camrynn Killion, Eva Leonard, Chase Roberts, Olivia Smith, Mariah Stone, Vincent Tabor

#### **High Honors**

Nolan Couve, Gage Hickey, Josie Jones, Haylee Werts

#### **Honors**

Alexis Bishop, Ethan Kern, Reed Martin, Jensen Maschoff, Andrea Noltensmeier, Olivia Trauner

#### **Honorable Mention**

Blake Eskew, Zachary Etter, Jaden Hamilton, Elyssa Marten, Jaice Skeen

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

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

Keoni Charron, Carter Clark, Audrey Cooper, Claire Cyrulik, Owen Cyrulik, Kaylee Michael, Braden Olson, Kai Selinger, Kaelin Stewart, Piper Tyson, Aaron Volle, Karsyn Wilham, Caden Wyler

#### **High Honors**

Addison Brown, Olivia Cyrulik, Austin Kretzinger, Dean Martin, Logan Roberts, Carter Robinson

#### **Honors**

Marissa Allspach, Kota Clay, Peyton Combs, Jackson Hamilton, Kian Jacobs, Nelson Palmquist, Gracie Phillips, Camden Winkelmann, Jeremiah Woodford

#### **Honorable Mention**

Nathan Berry, Claire Bobell, Jayde Carter, Hawken Clampet, Liam Doherty, Adalynn Jackson, Mackenzie Johnston, Elise Lawson, Jolen Lawson, Hayden Morris, Owen Pulliam, Ethan Stoddard, Raelynn Turner, Jessi Wade, Zeke Wakeman, Brennan Wilkins