

The Elkhart Echo



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VILLAGE BOARD NEWS

Mayor Lyle Fout called the meeting to order on May 6, 2024, 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: Kyle Farmer, Matt Fights, John Galassi, Travis Moore, Dave Barker, and Ernie Shaw. Attorney Don Behle, Clerk Ann Curry, and Treasurer Theresa Moore were also present. Visitors present were Amy and Jay Roberts, Sarah McCutcheon, Janice Funk, Ann Olson, Mark Moughan, and Mona Maas.

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

- A. Approve meeting minutes from April 1, 2024
- 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

Jay and Amy Roberts are purchasing the Talk of the Town, and they had questions on what needed to be done for their license. They paid all their fees.

Mona Maas said the Tree Committee will be meeting this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

She will be working on applying for a grant from Ameren.

Janice Funk asked if the Village was ok with NAG turning the maintenance of Veteran’s Park over to the Village.

Dave Barker said the Elkhart United Methodist Church will be closing June 30, 2024.

Dave also said on June 6th there will be a ceremony for the 80th Anniversary of D Day. This will be at Oak Ridge Cemetery at 10:00 a.m.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

No report.

ATTORNEY

No report.

LIQUOR

Lyle said there is a Class P Liquor License and that will be what Mark Moughan will need for his new business.

TIF REPORT

No report.

SOLID WASTE

No report.

LOCAL EVENTS LIAISON/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Lyle reported that Karen Conn said the Spring Fling is canceled.

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

The Engineer is working on the income study for the sewer system.

We are looking into the possibility of electronic payments for the water bills. We will look into the option of emailing water bills also.

STREETS/ALLEYS

Some more potholes need to be filled.

BUILDINGS/VILLAGE PROPERTIES/EQUIPMENT

The roof has been fixed.

VILLAGE PARK

Aquatic Control shocked the pond, and we will receive a report soon.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

No report.

FINANCE

Dave presented the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance.

OLD BUSINESS

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

No report.

RESOLUTIONS

None.

ORDINANCE

Motion by Travis Moore, second by Dave Barker to pass Ordinance 2024-01, An Ordinance adopting Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2024 Ending April 30, 2025. Roll call vote. Those voting yea: Dave Barker, Kyle Farmer, Matt Fights, John Galassi, Travis Moore, and Ernie Shaw. Those voting nay: none. Those absent: none. Ordinance adopted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by John Galassi, second by Matt Fights, to adjourn at 7:03pm. Voice vote. All yeas. No nays. Motion carried.

Submitted By
Ann Curry
Village Clerk

NEWSLETTER INFO

All material for the May 2024 newsletter should be turned in before
5:00 p.m. on June 5, 2024

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.



The registration period for 2024-2025 Golf Cart/UTV/ATV renewals has begun. The permit will be valid from June 1, 2024 thru May 31, 2025.

RENEWALS: All that is required is photo or photocopy of the operator(s) Driver's License and Insurance Card with the covered vehicle listed. Text, email, or Facebook message me to make arrangements for payment and delivery of your permit. The fee is \$40. A check payable to the Village of Elkhart or an exact cash payment is accepted.

NEW MACHINES: Please print and complete the application provided on the Village website. www.elkhartillinois.com/cart-utv-atv. You must also provide a photo or photocopy of the operator(s) Driver's License and Insurance Card with the covered vehicle listed. Text, email, or Facebook message me to make arrangements for inspection per the Safety / Requirements Checklist also found on the Village's website. The Permit will only be issued once the inspection has been completed. The fee is \$40. A check payable to the Village of Elkhart or exact cash payment is accepted.

Contact John Galassi by text at 217-341-9831 or email johngalassi9@gmail.com

Deadline for renewals is May 31st 2024

Senior Citizen Luncheon

The Elkhart Senior's Lunch will be on May 15, 2024, 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 – April 15, 2024

<https://www.mtpulaski.k12.il.us/o/mpgs/article/1555078>

The next regular board meeting is Monday, May 20, 2024, at 6:00pm.

ANDERSON LAWN CARE

CONTACT CHRIS ANDERSON @ 217-737-9607.



Elkhart Community

Senior's Bingo

(the over 55 crowd)

Sponsored by NAG

First Tuesday of each Month

2:00 pm

Village Hall



This VBS is something worth crowing about!

Join us in Hometown Nazareth, where we'll explore what life was like when Jesus was a kid. You'll craft cool projects in the Marketplace, laugh as you play Bible-times games, visit with Jesus' mom, Mary, and eat foods just like the ones Jesus ate. Plus, you'll meet lots of new friends!



Location: Elkhart Christian Church-FCC Building

The adventure will last: June 3 - 7

Celebration begins at: 9:00 AM

The day's adventure ends at: 11:30 AM

For more information, call: Kay Faucon 217-947-2747

For children ages 4 years old to entering into 6th grade





VACANCY
The Wild Hare Cafe in Elkhart
Server position available

phone 217 947 2100
email: niehaus-baldwin@msn.com
application available at the desk

Elkhart's Native Plant Sale to fund the Pollinator Habitat
summer maintenance helpers?

DONE!!

THANK YOU to all who came in!!! You were all so kind and
generous.

I have summer help hired now, and we are all excited to get to work
at Elkhart's Pollinator Habitat. THANKS, THANKS!

-Mona Maas

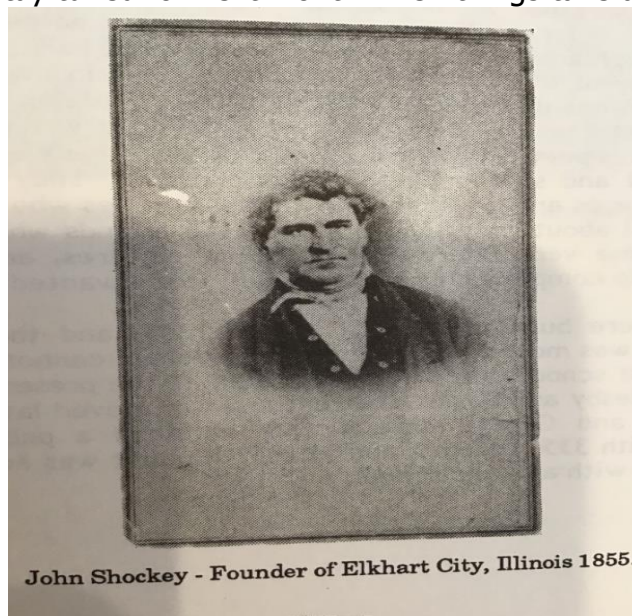
WHAT MAKES ELKHART UNIQUE AND SPECIAL

JOHN SHOCKEY - FOUNDER OF THE CITY OF ELKHART

The first town site at Elkhart Hill was planned by Acquilla Davis but nothing came of it. What prompted the first platted town of Elkhart came about because a railroad was built that finally reached Elkhart Grove the first of August in 1853. The railroad has been owned by various companies through the years thus various names for the railroad. As soon as the railroad had been completed to our location, an old horse-mill in Springfield, owned by Seneca Woods, was brought up by William Mozzetta and placed here for a warehouse (the first building in Elkhart!) in the spring of 1853. Now that we have a railroad that can bring people to our location we need to bring John Shockey into the story.

Now a little about John's family history and how he came to Elkhart. John Shockey's great-grandfather, John Christopher Shockey (changed from Johann Christoffel Schacke), arrived in Pennsylvania on September 11, 1737, from Palatinate, Germany. Our John Shockey was born April 12, 1806 and married Catharine and they owned many acres in Pennsylvania. By chance in 1848 he journeyed to Elkhart Grove to buy some cattle. After a short visit here, he drove the cattle back home to Pennsylvania. But he kept thinking of that beautiful grove and the hill under it and so he packed up his family, sold all his land in Pennsylvania, and traveled to Elkhart Grove in 1850. You have to agree with him that Elkhart is a beautiful spot. Once here he began purchasing land around the hill, and by 1851 had purchased nearly 5,000 acres of land, mostly south and west of the hill. Then the railroad arrived in August 1853 and John acquired the large Latham farm that December. Railroad transportation and owning lots of land gave him the idea to lay out the town of Elkhart City (to distinguish from Elkhart Grove and Elkhart Hill) on April 11, 1855, the day before his 49th birthday and also his 25th wedding anniversary. He had the town surveyed by Conaway Pence, the County Surveyor, with John Rinehart and Christian Shockey as the chain carriers. William Elkins and A. e. Constant were witnesses. We have a town!!

Lots in the newly formed town were 40 feet front by 150 feet in depth to an alley 15 feet wide. The lots sold for \$52.50 to \$60 each. The original town consisted of only 22.47 acres. John also built a hotel, the Elkhart House, on the present corner of Latham and Bohan Street, later to be known as the Cordell House. Just like the Kentucky House, it became a favorite spot of many prominent lawyers and judges who were still traveling the 8th Circuit (Lincoln, Logan, Stuart...). Sounds like everything is going smooth, right? Stay tuned for next month when things take a big turn.



ORIGINAL TOWN 1855

Railroad
Railroad Street (Latham)
Washington Street
(Governor Oglesby Street)
Jefferson Street (Stahl)

1	
2	J. Saunders 9-16-59
3	S. Clarno 2-25-57
4	
5	
6	J. Saunders 9-16-59
7	J. Saunders 9-16-59
8	John Shockey Elkhart House

16	
15	
14	S. Clarno 2-25-57
13	J. Logan 4-25-58
12	J. Logan 4-25-58
11	J. Saunders 9-16-59
10	J. Saunders 9-16-59
9	J. Morgan 5-25-57

1	A. Stewart 5-27-57
2	A. Stewart 5-27-57
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7	E.B. Coan 2-25-57
8	E.B. Coan 2-25-57

16	
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11	
10	A. Fisher 12-24-55
9	A. Fisher 12-24-55

Broad Street (Bohan)

1	C. Stayers 4-25-58
2	F. King 2-16-58
3	
4	R. Jennings 3-10-57
5	E.C. Martin 1-1-58
6	E.C. Martin 1-1-58
7	J Shockey, Jr. 12-24-56
8	J Shockey, Jr. 12-24-56

16	J McMorgan 3-10-57
15	J McMorgan 3-10-57
14	T. Gardner 3-10-57
13	T. Gardner 3-10-57
12	
11	J. Morgan 10-6-58
10	J. Morgan 10-6-58
9	

1	
2	
3	A. Bush 3-19-57
4	
5	
6	M. Buzzard 5-25-57
7	M. Buzzard 5-25-57
8	

16	
15	
14	H. Beidler 4-13-58
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12	M Gibbs 5-12-58
11	M Gibbs 5-12-58
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Washington Street
(Governor Oglesby Street)

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2	J. Saunders 11-24-56
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4	J. Saunders 11-24-56
5	J. Saunders 2-25-57
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7	J. Saunders 9-16-59
8	J. Saunders 9-16-59

16	E. Coane 8-24-59
15	E. Coane 8-24-59
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13	
12	J. Saunders 9-16-59
11	J. Saunders 9-16-59
10	J. Saunders 9-16-59
9	J. Saunders 9-16-59

1	D. Shockey 2-25-57
2	D. Shockey 2-25-57
3	A. Bush 3-19-57
4	
5	D.D. Davis 4-12-58
6	D.D. Davis 4-12-58
7	
8	D. Shockey 2-25-57

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Jefferson Street (Stahl)

Come join us for...

SUMMER READING 2024!

"Reading Colors Your World"

WHO: Preschool - 8th Grade

WHEN: June 19 - July 17
(Wednesdays)
1pm - 2:15pm

WHAT: Loads of fun with music, magic,
memories, and more!

What ELSE?

PRIZES!

Everyone gets a book bag, weekly incentive goodies, and enters
a weekly drawing for even BIGGER prizes...
PLUS the chance to win one of the GRAND PRIZES in their age category:
Pre-Reader Early Reader Reader Reader+

REGISTER:

Online via Facebook 
or @ [elkhartlibrary.lib.il.us](https://www.facebook.com/elkhartlibrary.lib.il.us)

or

stop by the library to pick up a form.

Deadline to register: Tuesday, June 18th