

**ELKHART VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 2, 2026**

Mayor Lyle Fout called the meeting to order on March 2, 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, Matt Langan. Travis Moore was absent. Our Trustee Matt Olson passed away in February, 2026. Attorney Don Behle was absent, Clerk Mona Maas, and Treasurer Amy Roberts were present.

Motion by Kyle Farmer, second by John Galassi, to approve Consent Agenda Items, A, B, C, and D.

A. Approve meeting minutes from February 2, 2026.

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** Mark Moughan and Elise Gleason, discuss plans for a homecoming event on Saturday, July 18, 2026. Discussions are just beginning, more information to follow.

Karen Conn shared insights from the Big Table event in Lincoln, highlighting challenges like housing inventory and workforce development. She attended the Illinois Institute of Rural Affairs conference and can provide available resource information.

Tim Gleason represented the Elkhart Hill HOA, identified the need for sealcoating and remedy of rock sliding on road edges along with other road issues in the subdivision that they request be addressed in 2026. There was discussion of updating dilapidated road signs. Per Lyle, Motor Fuel Tax budgets are being developed now and should be completed in the next two months. Lyle mentions the need to count and replace dilapidated signs around town.

Matthew and Michelle Fuller have submitted an offer on Prairie Point lots for four lots at \$16,000 total. The offer includes stipulations about redoing covenants, which can be discussed next month. Discussion about potential issues with septic systems and electrical connections for the lots will be discussed further. The board approves the \$16,000 offer, with some members needing to work on specific issues.

Tim Good attended.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT Meetings-** Met with IT consultant, planning limited IT work to set up with “.gov” account; board members will separate business and personal emails. Trustees should bring phones and/or laptops and come early to the April 6, 2026, VB meeting. Kevin Lloyd of Lloyd IT Services will be there to assist conversion to .gov account.

**LIQUOR** The Talk of the Town transfer is complete.

**ATTORNEY Absent, no report**

**CLERK/TREASURER Clerk-** discussion of Open Meetings Act certification.

The NIMS training information will be emailed to trustees along with Logan County Multi Jurisdiction meeting info. The Mount Pulaski High School's Day of Service planned for April 24, with students helping around Elkhart, weather permitting.

The village hall will be a polling place for the general primary election on March 17.

**Treasurer-** reports completion of the fiscal year 2025 audit.

Work continues streamlining the budget.

Deposit received from ENEL for community fund.

***TRUSTEES report in:***

**Buildings/Properties:** John Galassi, Electric board at the park needs repair

**Finance:** Budget coming together will be done April

**Local Events Liaison/ Economic Development:** See "Recognition of Public Section"

**Parks/Hall/Pond:** Discussion about the need for a trapper to handle the predator issue. Lyle will arrange contractor. Plans to be discussed on stocking the pond with more fish.

**Public Health and Safety:** no report

**Solid Waste:** no report

**Streets/Alleys:** IDOT/Motor Fuels Tax compliance, planning budget for 2026. Lyle is meeting with engineers.

**Tax Increment Finance (TIF):** no report

**Water/Sewer:** no report

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Mapping the Future program.** Discussion that it is not the right fit for Elkhart at this time. Clerk will notify program.

**Prairie Point subdivision.** The Fuller offer on 4 lots; some terms and covenants will be reviewed further.

Motion was made by John Galassi, second by Kyle Farmer, to approve sale of Prairie Point lots to Matthew and Michelle Fuller parcels 11, 12, 13, and 14. Roll call vote: Those voting yea: Kyle Farmer, Matt Fights, John Galassi, Matt Langan. Travis Moore was absent. Those voting nay: None.

**Income Survey update-** Jeff Torcelli has advised that grant application terms are changing and the Income Survey will be delayed until appropriate grant application window opens, most likely 2027.

**Window blinds purchased-** installation at the Hall est March 20. Terms discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Homecoming plan-** Event proposed on Saturday, July 18,2026. Board supports concept. Planning will continue.

**Tree plantings:** Matt Langan suggests purchase and dedicating trees to former employees, board members, and others. A discussion about how plaques might be used. Motion was made by John Galassi, Second by Matt Langan, to approve purchase of memorial trees with plaques. Those voting yea: Kyle Farmer, Matt Fights, John Galassi, Matt Langan. Travis Moore was absent. Those voting nay: None.

**ORDINANCE – 2026-01** Needs further revision and Attorney review. Will present in April.

**RESOLUTION(S) -**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** (If required)- None

**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:03 p.m. Motion by Matt Langan, Second by John Galassi. Voice Vote, All Yeas, No Nay. Motion carried.

**Next meeting April 6, 2026**

Submitted By: Naomi (Mona) Maas Village Clerk