



## VILLAGE BOARD NEWS

Mayor Lyle Fout called the meeting to order on February 1, 2021 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, Abby Fletcher, and Ernie Shaw. Matt Fight was virtual. Nancy Moore and Travis Moore were absent. Attorney Don Behle, Clerk Ann Curry, and Treasurer Theresa Moore were also present. Visitors present Mike Patridge, Mona Maas, Cassidy Clark, Christine McGee, Kort and Karen Conn.

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

- A. Approve meeting minutes from January 4, 2021
- 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**

Christine McGee is concerned about the condition of a property on South Bogardus Street. She is concerned that if there was a fire, it would take her house too. She said the house is falling in and full of mold. She has spoken with the Logan County Health Department and she said they might step in and do something. Over the years the Village has sent numerous letters about ordinance violations but it is still a mess.

Mona Maas and Cassidy Clark gave an overview of their Native Plant and Pollinator Habitat project. This project is by the Elkhart sign by the railroad tracks. They will be in charge of planting, weeding and watering the first few years. They would appreciate any volunteers. Mona will post updates on Facebook. They have applied for a grant with Illinois Plant Society and it looks favorable that they would receive it. There is also an opportunity for a grant from Route 66.

Kort and Karen Conn have purchased the old Blue Moon and they explained their plans for the business. Their goal is a complementary business for Elkhart, they do not want to compete with the current businesses. They will have a retail store with Illinois products. They would have a tasting room of Illinois products. The name will be 'John G's Mercantile'. They should be open in May or June. They will need a liquor license for package liquor and on-site samplings of wines and beer. In the future they would like to have ice cream. They would also like to have tables on the sidewalk for people to sit.

### **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

No report

### **POLICE**

No report

### **ATTORNEY**

None

### **LIQUOR**

No report

### **TIF REPORT**

FDIC wanted to know when we could pay them more money.

**SOLID WASTE**

No report

**LOCAL EVENTS LIAISON/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

No report

**WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT**

No report

**STREETS/ALLEYS**

No report

**BUILDINGS/VILLAGE PROPERTIES/EQUIPMENT**

Lyle checked on a price at Drake and Scruggs for a salt spreader. It was \$2175.00 and \$325 for installation. Motion by Ernie Shaw, second by Abby Fletcher to approve the purchase of the salt spreader. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

**VILLAGE PARK**

No report.

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY**

No report.

**FINANCE**

No report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mike Patridge went over the findings of the Motor Fuel Tax audit. The state has regulations on the proper way to use the funds. When the audit was done, they discovered that our paperwork has not been done in the last few years. Mike will reconcile the accounts starting with 2020 and going back to 2010. He has the paperwork ready for 2019 and 2020. Next month he will have the other years. We will correct the problem and move on. Mike prepared 2 resolutions to correct the paperwork for 2019 and 2020.

Dave presented 2 new options for purchase of a copy machine from Watts.

Motion by Abby Fletcher, second by Dave Barker to approve the purchase of a color copy machine from Watts, pending on our current lease and if the machine will print our card stock water bills. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS**

Motion by Ernie Shaw, second by Abby Fletcher to pass Resolution 2021-01, A Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code for 2020. Roll call vote. Those voting yea: Dave Barker, Matt Fights, Abby Fletcher, and Ernie Shaw. Those voting nay: none. Those absent: Nancy Moore and Travis Moore. Resolution adopted.

Motion by Ernie Shaw, second by Abby Fletcher to pass Resolution 2021-02, A Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code for 2019. Roll call vote. Those voting yea: Dave Barker, Matt Fights, Abby Fletcher, and Ernie Shaw. Those voting nay: none. Those absent: Nancy Moore and Travis Moore. Resolution adopted.

**ORDINANCE**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Matt Fights, second by Abby Fletcher to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Voice vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

Submitted By  
Ann Curry  
Village Clerk

Next Board Meeting will be held on March 1, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

**NEWSLETTER INFO**

All material for the March 2021 newsletter should be turned in before  
**5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 3, 2021**  
Please email your article in Word or as a PDF to [jcikkutz@frontier.com](mailto:jcikkutz@frontier.com)  
If there is any event that needs added to the calendar,  
Please call (899-5306) or e-mail the information.

**ECHO Bulletin Board**



**NAG is making plans for our Annual Plant Sale with COVID restrictions.  
More information in next month's newsletter.  
Thanks for your support!**

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**Attention: Volunteers Needed!!!**



The Elkhart Fire Department is in need of more volunteers. Currently we have 10 volunteers on our roster but due to some going back to college and others moving out of the district, there is a need to seek new potential volunteers. There are no prerequisites to joining other than to be in good medical health and at least 16 years old. If you are interested in joining and serving your community, please call Chief Akers @ 217-947-2931 or email @ [lf154@fdmail.sfm.illinois.gov](mailto:lf154@fdmail.sfm.illinois.gov).

Thank you, Elkhart Fire Dept.

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**Hello Elkhart Neighbors!**

Mona Maas here to update you on progress of Village Native Plant and Pollinator Habitat:

My partner Cassidy Clark and I presented an overview to the Elkhart Village Board. We appreciate their support and enthusiasm.

Cardboard and mulch "no dig" layout is in place. THANKS to Village employee Larry Howard for his help and patience.

Our adaptable design is in computer software now making additions and edits FUN. Native plant plugs have been ordered; grant application submitted; "winter sowing" jugs of seed are out.

Cassidy is BUILDING with the help of her teachers and classmates at Mt. Pulaski High School; we will have an attractive and functional **compost bin setup**, and **birdhouses** on site. She is engaging classmates and younger students too. We like color!

We will be posting a bit of "WISH LIST" as we move along: Wondering if anyone has a **birdbath** they no longer need? If you would like to see that reused, please contact me via email at [justmona2@gmail.com](mailto:justmona2@gmail.com)

**Watch us GROW!**



## **NAG Lucky Square Fundraiser**

Due to COVID, NAG has been unable to hold their annual fundraisers.

However, we still sponsor the Lifeline program here in Elkhart, are currently providing Lifelines for six Elkhart residents, and that financial commitment continues.

We are going to hold a non-contact fundraiser this spring, called **Lucky Squares**, and here is how it works.

- \* A board will be on display, in the window at UCB Bank, showing 266 numbered squares.
- \* The squares are available to purchase for \$10 each starting February 1<sup>st</sup>.
- \* The purchased numbers will go into a drawing.
- \* During the month of April, each Saturday, two numbers will be drawn to win gift cards.

### **Drawing dates are April 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th**

- \* Once you win, your number will be taken out, until the last drawing.
- \* On May 1, 2021, ***all numbers sold*** will be put in for a final drawing of **\$200 cash**.
- \* Squares are available for purchase from any NAG member.
- \* All money raised helps NAG sponsor Elkhart Lifelines.
- \* Thank you for your continued support of Needs and Goals of Elkhart.

### **NAG Board Members**

Lois Olson	Sarah McCutcheon	Marlene Lanterman	Ann Curry
Ann Olson	Jan Funk	Sam Detmers	Vicki Hamm
Kelly Elias	Sandra Buttell	Mel Matson	Theresa Moore
Leslie Urish			





# Elkhart Public Library District

Hours:  
Mon 4-8 pm  
Tues & Fri 9-11 12-4pm  
Wed & Thurs 9-11 12-8pm  
Sat 9-1pm

## FEBRUARY 2021

“A library is the delivery room for the birth of ideas, a place where history comes to life.”

--Norman Cousins



Students & Pre-Readers,  
Are **YOU** ready for the

### “I Love My Library” Book Challenge???

- » Enter a drawing for a prize every time you read and return a book to the library ... the more your read, the more chances you have to win!
- » You may enter once a day from Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>.
- » Winners from each group will be announced the next week. Will it be you??

Group 1: Pre-Readers through 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Group 2: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Every time you return a book, enter by filling out a paper heart with a reason why you **love your library.**

There will be one winner per group, and you may enter once a day, every day, through the 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Are you up for the challenge?** Keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates, and **GOOD LUCK!**

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**Elkhart Library offers free e-books, audio books, music and more!**

[www.elkhartlibrary.lib.il.us](http://www.elkhartlibrary.lib.il.us)

We have popular titles available to download for your Kindle, iPad and other e-readers! Please feel free to ask questions if you need help.-217-947-2313 Or stop in with your device! Sign in with your library card.



Know what is going on at your library  
“Like” **Elkhart Public Library District** on Facebook!

## MEET THE INCOMING MPHS PRINCIPAL~HEATHER FRICKE



We are excited to announce the appointment of Heather Fricke as the Mt. Pulaski High School Principal for the 2021-2022 school year. She will be filling the vacancy created by the retirement of Principal Terry Morgan. An Elkhart native, she attended Elkhart Grade School and graduated from Mt. Pulaski High School. She attained an undergraduate degree in Secondary Education at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. In her 23 years in public education, Heather has taught a variety of science courses ranging from grades 7 through 12 for the school districts of Riverton, Williamsville, and Mt. Pulaski. During her first ten years of teaching, she attained a Bachelor of Science degree in Instructional Design and Technology from Western Illinois University. Heather has served

as the Technology Coordinator for MPCUSD 23 since 2009. In May of 2020, she completed a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership with a principal endorsement from the University of Illinois at Springfield.

Heather married Nathan Fricke and they have two children, Ben and Jackson. Ben is studying business and playing baseball in his sophomore year at Spoon River College. Jackson is a sophomore at Mt. Pulaski High School. During the summer, their family travels to various baseball tournaments throughout the Midwest. The family resides in Mt. Pulaski and enjoys being active members of the Mt. Pulaski Christian Church.

Heather has demonstrated leadership abilities by working with students of various age groups, as well as teachers at varying levels. She has created a positive learning environment for her students over the last 23 years and cherishes the relationships she has built with staff, students, and community members. She is extremely excited for this opportunity to continue serving MPCUSD 23 as the next high school principal.

We are excited to welcome Mrs. Fricke as our incoming Principal at MPHS!

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Mt. Pulaski High School Board Minutes

January 20, 2021

<https://www.mtpulaski.k12.il.us/article/384673?org=mphs>

**The next regular board meeting is February 17, 2021 at 6pm**

## JANUARY SENIOR OF THE MONTH



Jaycie Doerr, daughter of Marsha and Scott Doerr of Elkhart, has been named January-Senior-of-the-month at Mount Pulaski High School. She was selected for this honor based on the criteria of scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

During her time at MPHS, Jaycie has been actively involved in various clubs and organizations. She has been in Band, Scholastic Bowl, Spanish Club, Drama Club as a Student Director, and a member of the Softball team for 4

years. She has been a member of FFA as the reporter for 3 years, Student Council for 2 years, and NHS for 1 year. Jaycie has also been named Spanish 1, Algebra 2, and Pre-Calculus student of the year. She also earned her Greenhand Degree in Ag.

Outside of school Jaycie has participated in 4-H for 2 years. She has also baby-sat and worked at Gina's Talk of the Town in Elkhart.

Jaycie plans to attend Western Illinois University and major in Journalism.

The Senior-of-the-Month program is sponsored by Conaway Handyman Service and Downing, Przykopanski, Clements, & May Insurance Agency, Inc.. They are also in the running for the \$500 Senior-of-the-Year award sponsored by Illinois National Bank

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### MPHS Boys Basketball 2021

2/5 IC (Varsity only) – 6pm

3/2 @ Hartsburg – 5 or 6pm

2/6 Williamsville – 1pm

3/5 Warrensburg – 6pm

2/9 Illini Bluffs – 6pm

3/6 Riverton – 6pm

2/12 @ Tri-City – 6pm

3/10 @ Argenta – 6pm

2/13 @ Springfield Calvary – 2pm

3/12 @ Delavan – 6pm

2/16 @ Springfield Lutheran – 6pm

All games are JV/V unless otherwise noted

2/19 @ Midwest Central – 6pm

Schedule subject to change Last updated 2/2

2/20 @ Athens – 2pm

2/26 Greenview – 6pm

2/27 Pana – 4pm



Dear Topper, Bruin, & Honeybear Fans,

We know many people are excited, including us, about the start-up of athletics this week. We are capable of accommodating a limited number of pre-ticketed spectators at our home contests. These spectators receive tickets from the student athletes. Since we know many people are interested in seeing our events online, Mt. Pulaski CUSD #23 is proud to announce that we have partnered with the NFHS Network. We've invested in new technology that will bring you every game from our gymnasiums LIVE.

Join the NFHS Network for full access to:

All live and on-demand sports broadcasts played in our gyms

Away contests (if the away school participates in the network)

Many other sporting events from around the Nation.

Friends and family members who can't make the game will never miss a play again!

NFHS Network has an app in the Google Play and Apple stores. You can use your Smart TV, Apple TV, computer, phone, or tablet to watch online!

Here's how to watch:

1) Visit [www.NFHSnetwork.com](http://www.NFHSnetwork.com)

2) Search for Mt. Pulaski High School and go to our page.

3) Subscribe and Follow - (This is a subscription based network that charges a monthly or annual fee.)

While this is a high school network, we will be able to stream Middle School athletics once the high school season kicks off. Streaming service will begin this Friday, February 5, with our boys' varsity basketball home opener.

Thank you for your continued support of MPCUSD #23 athletics. We look forward to bringing you broadcasts of our athletic events!

**NFHS  
NETWORK**

Watch from anywhere



iOS



Android



Any browser

## Subscription Options for Fans

Annual Pass - \$69.99

Month Pass - \$10.99/month

Visit [www.NFHSnetwork.com](http://www.NFHSnetwork.com) – Search for  
Mt. Pulaski High School - Subscribe - Follow