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VILLAGE BOARD NEWS

Mayor Lyle Fout called the meeting to order on November 4, 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, Dave Barker, John Galassi, Travis Moore and Ernie Shaw. Attorney Don Behle and Clerk Ann Curry were also present. Visitors present were Mona Maas and Stephani LaFarge.

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

- A. Approve meeting minutes from October 7, 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

Mona Maas gave an update on the tree planting around the pond.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

No report.

ATTORNEY

No report.

LIQUOR

No report.

TIF REPORT

No report.

SOLID WASTE

The dumpsters were here on November 2, 2024, and everything went well.

LOCAL EVENTS LIAISON/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Lyle will bring his bucket truck over to get Christmas lights on the tree in Veterans Park.

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

No report.

STREETS/ALLEYS

No report.

BUILDINGS/VILLAGE PROPERTIES/EQUIPMENT

No report.

VILLAGE PARK

No report.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

No report.

FINANCE

Dave went over the Levy and Assessment Ordinance.

OLD BUSINESS

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

No report.

RESOLUTIONS

None.

ORDINANCE

Motion by Matt Fights, second by Travis Moore to pass Ordinance 2024-03, An Ordinance Concerning Tree Policies. 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.

Motion by Dave Barker, second by Matt Fights to pass Ordinance 2024-04, An Ordinance adopting the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2025, and Ending April 30, 2026. 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.

Motion by Dave Barker, second by Kyle Farmer to pass Ordinance 2024-05, An Ordinance for the Annual Abatement. 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.

Motion by Travis Moore, second by Ernie Shaw to pass Ordinance 2024-06, An Ordinance Extending the term of the Elkhart Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan and Project Area and Redevelopment Plan to December 31, 2038. 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 Matt Fights, second by Travis Moore, to adjourn at 7:01pm. Voice vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

NOTICE OF CAUCUS

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN THAT ON

DECEMBER 2, 2024

A CAUCUS OF THE CITIZENS PARTY IN THE VILLAGE OF
ELKHART LOGAN COUNTY ILLINOIS WILL BE HELD AT THE

ELKHART CHRISTIAN CHURCH FCC BUILDING

206 SOUTH GILLETT STREET

COMMENCING AT 6:00 O'CLOCK P.M.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF NOMINATING CANDIDATES FOR THE
FOLLOWING OFFICES:

PRESIDENT
CLERK
TRUSTEE
TRUSTEE
TRUSTEE

ANN M. CURRY
VILLAGE CLERK

NEWSLETTER INFO

All material for the December 2024 newsletter should be turned in before
5:00 p.m. on December 4, 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.

Senior Citizen Luncheon

The Elkhart Senior's Lunch will be on **November 14, 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 – *The October Minutes have not been posted.*

The next regular board meeting is Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 6:00pm.

Elkhart Community

Senior's Bingo

(the over 55 crowd)

Sponsored by NAG

First Tuesday of each Month

2:00 pm

Village Hall



Elkhart Tree Advisory Committee UPDATE:

Elkhart's **Community Tree Planting Day**- 2024!

Monday November 11, 2024 ->> **possible rain (or WET SOIL) date of Thursday, November 14!**

We will MEET at the Elkhart Village Hall at 9:00 on planting day.

All volunteers are welcome to come 'for whatever time works' for you!

- Planting at Elkhart's new Fishing Lake and Park
- Planting 30 container-sized trees
- Relocating small Norway Spruce and Douglas Fir trees
- Have an interest in having "your name" on a set of trees...come plant!
- Master Naturalist friends will be on site to help teams of 'planters', Students from Mt. Pulaski helping, and Trees Forever's Erik Notz will be here to assist
- Tools will be provided. *Bring your gloves if you need them!*

Lois Olson and Stephanie LaFarge will have the Village Hall open to share snacks, hydration, restrooms, etc. Please bring YOUR sack lunch if you are staying over!

Contact us at: justmona2@gmail.com or ElkhartTreeAdvisoryCommittee@gmail.com

"IM" our Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61565292692252>

ODD JOBS

Cleaning gutters, tree and bush trimming, lawn care, painting,
dry wall, taping, brick and masonry, and more. Reasonable rates

References available.

Call Joseph 217 828-2226



**Elkhart Village
Christmas Open House
Saturday November 23rd
9 a.m.—4 p.m.**

ENJOY

Yummy Treats
Hot Beverages

EXPLORE

The shops are packed with great stock

VISIT

The Country Bumpkin
Birdsong Books & Vintage
Elkhart Station General Store
Horsefeathers Gifts & Antiques
Route 66 Model Raceway
Elkhart Public Library (9 a.m.—1 p.m.)

RELAX

The Wild Hare Café Is open for Lunch & Desserts 11 a.m.—3 p.m.

Talk of the Town will be open starting 11 a.m.



35th Annual Christmas on Vinegar Hill Saturday, November 23, 2024

Follow us on FACEBOOK or www.cityofmtpulaski.com –
click on “In our community” – then “Christmas on Vinegar Hill”

Scan for
Online Google
Map with details



**Held Annually the Saturday before Thanksgiving
In Mt. Pulaski & surrounding towns**



Elkhart Historical Society

Press Release

Christmas Candlelight Service

December 7 – 8, 2024

The recent snap of cold air reminds us that the Christmas season is fast approaching and with it comes the return of the ever-popular Christmas Candlelight Services on Elkhart Hill. The Elkhart Historical Society will host this year's Christmas Candlelight Service with four performances on Saturday, December 7, and one afternoon performance on Sunday, December 8, at the St. John the Baptist Chapel located on Elkhart Hill. Each year's Candlelight Service brings a new and fresh presentation, resulting in sell-out performances consisting of beautiful segments of music and inspirational script. Saturday performances are at 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 5:30 p.m., and 8:00 p.m. Sunday's matinee is at 2 p.m.

Titled "The Eras of Christmas," this year's performance includes the musical talents of "Wild Columbine," a folk-music ensemble, along with story-telling dialog, all developing the theme of "The Eras of Christmas." Candlelight, luminaria, and Christmas greens will transform the beautiful stone chapel into a lovely setting for debuting the 2024 Christmas Season.

Reservations will be opened to the public starting October 28th for members and November 4th for non-members, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. For inquiries about this event and all other events, please visit our website: elkharthistoricalsociety.org or call 217-947-2238.

Any extra time between services can always be spent exploring the quaint shops in the business district of Elkhart; and be sure to visit on November 23 between 9 a.m.-5 p.m. for our annual Elkhart Village Christmas Open House, where special gifts, tasty treats, and warm drinks are offered.

The Elkhart Historical Society membership information is also included, as our dues for the 2025 year are now due and timed perfectly with the release of the 2025 calendar. A regular family or single membership is \$25 and a Senior Citizen family or single is \$20. A calendar without membership is \$25. A free calendar is given with each new or renewed membership. Please consider joining, if you are not already a member, as many new events are in the pipeline for 2025, and with it many new ways to enjoy Elkhart and its history.

ELKHART HISTORICAL SOCIETY
P.O. Box 255
ELKHART ILLINOIS 62634
Christmas Candlelight Service "The Eras of Christmas"
Saturday December 7, 2024 & Sunday December 8, 2024

Name _____ address _____ city St. zip _____
PHONE _____ e-mail _____ Total number x \$15 _____

Please call for reservations 217 947 2238 starting October 28th for members & November 4th for non-members, be sure to state your name, number in party, time of service you prefer, and your phone number, we will call back to confirm. **One check for everything**, including tickets & membership, made payable to the Elkhart Historical Society. -Mail promptly as seats cannot be held without payment. To receive your chapel by mail please include a **self-addressed stamped envelope**.

Service only reservations can be held at door _____

Saturday December 7th

Sunday December 8th

2pm _____
4pm _____
5:30pm _____
8pm _____

2pm _____

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2025 AND CALENDAR ORDER FORM

name _____ address _____ city State zip _____

phone _____ Renewing \$20 Senior Citz/Family _____ \$25 Reg/Family _____

e-mail address print clearly _____

Please add _____ extra calendars @ \$25 ea. (postage \$5 ea.)

Total _____ (if mailing please include postage)

Please check box to **remove** your name from the mailing list. Where ever possible we would appreciate using emails as it is much less expensive for us, and we can let you know of other upcoming events.

State of the Society 2024
Elkhart Historical Society
P.O. Box 255, Elkhart, IL 62634
www.elkharthistoricalsociety.org

This calendar year, 2024, marks the 36th anniversary year of the Elkhart Historical Society. Founded in November 1988, its mission statement reads (in summary): “*To preserve or restore...[those things] that are of historic value or are an integral part of the Village of Elkhart...for the betterment of all.*” The Society has remained faithful to that statement, demonstrated by a roster of events that has filled the 2024 calendar and brought hundreds of people to the Village of Elkhart, bringing an awareness of our history, our present-day, and our future.

A total of nine dinner lectures were held in 2024, drawing Society members and non-members alike. Additionally, the year was very productive, bringing us flower and bird walks, tours, and the overwhelmingly popular 2024 Christmas Candlelight Service in the historic Gillett Chapel.

This year’s Candlelight Service includes five services, with four on Saturday afternoon and evening and one on Sunday afternoon. This ticketed event will result in over 300 guests experiencing the musical talents of “Wild Columbine,” a folk-music and vocal ensemble, along with story-telling dialog, all developing the theme of “The Eras of Christmas.” Candlelight, luminaria, and Christmas greens will transform the beautiful stone chapel into a lovely setting for debuting the 2024 Christmas Season. Reservations will be opened to the public starting October 28th for members and November 4th for non-members, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. For inquiries about this event and all other events, please visit our website or call 217-947-2238.

The Society continues to grow resources to preserve the historic Hunter House on North Latham Street. It is moving forward with plans to engage a contractor who can provide estimates of cost. Other routine cleanup is underway. Proceeds from the Society’s dues and events all help with the needed funds required to bring this structure to a restored status.

As 2024 draws to a close and we look forward to 2025, we do so extending our invitation to you to either renew your EHS membership or to become a member for the first time. Your membership support is used in its entirety to help us meet our mission goals each year. The ultimate result means providing preserved history and culture for our community and its generations to follow after us. Annual dues for the senior 65+ (either single or household) is \$20; dues are \$25 for the regular member (either single or household). Each 2025 member will receive a complimentary 2025 calendar that highlights Elkhart’s legacy. For participating in the 2025 Dues Drive, please refer to our web site: www.elkharthistoricalsociety.org or call 217-947-2238; or respond to our annual Dues Drive Mailing.

The Society’s Board of Directors extends our wishes for bountiful Christmas blessings and a Happy New Year. Thank you for your encouragement and participation this past year and for the year to come.

The Elkhart Historical Society Board of Directors

Sue Rogers, President Jamie Hobson, Secretary Gillette Ransom, Treasurer
Carolyn Sue Brooks Rachel Leone Cynthia Clark Tom Larson

It's that time of year again! The [Elkhart Illinois Historical Society](http://www.elkharthistoricalsociety.org) is in search of clean, empty, 1 gallon water jugs to use for luminaries for the Christmas Candlelight Service. Jugs can be dropped off at The Country Bumpkin Wednesday-Saturday from 10a-3p and Sundays from 11a-3p.

From everyone at The Elkhart Historical Society THANK YOU!



Jingle on over to our
Annual NAG
Christmas
Bake Sale!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7
8:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Breakfast with *the Grinch* 9–10am

Elkhart Fellowship & Community Center
(former Grade School)

206 S. Gillette St. Elkhart Illinois

Join us for

BREAKFAST

with the

GRINCH



Saturday, December 7th
9-10AM



Fellowship & Community Center
(former Elkhart Grade School)

Shop our delicious bake sale,
meet the Grinch, and enjoy
other Grinch activities

Hosted by Elkhart Needs & Goals



November Newsletter



Join us for...

TODDLER Time!

Come see us for songs, stories, & snacks on

NOVEMBER 19TH

from 9:30 - 10:15
See you there!



Children's Christmas Craft

New this year...

...we will be holding our craft event on the **SECOND SATURDAY** of the month, **December 14th.**

Visit us any time from **9:30 - noon** to make something special to take home for the holidays!

Holiday Closings

Veterans' Day Monday, Nov. 11th

Thanksgiving Wed. Nov. 27 @ 4pm

Week Thurs / Fri, 28 & 29

Elkhart Public Library District

217-947-2313



elkhartlibrary.lib.il.us

