

VILLAGE BOARD NEWS

Mayor Lyle Fout called the meeting to order on May 3, 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, John Galassi, Travis Moore, and Ernie Shaw. Matt Fights was virtual. Attorney Don Behle, Clerk Ann Curry, and Treasurer Theresa Moore were also present. Visitors present Chris McGee, Mona Maas, and Kelly Elias.

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

- A. Approve meeting minutes from April 5, 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.

Attorney Behle swore in the newly elected trustees: Matt Fights, Travis Moore and Ernie Shaw.

Attorney Behle swore in the newly elected president: Lyle Fout.

Motion by Abby Fletcher, second by Travis Moore to appoint Ann Curry as the Village Clerk. Roll call vote.

All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

Attorney Behle swore in Ann Curry as the Village Clerk.

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

Chris McGee wanted to know the progress on the property on South Bogardus Street that she had concerns about a couple months ago. No citations have been issued and she wanted to know why. She is concerned about the safety of the community.

Attorney Behle will try and get in touch with the owners to see if something can be done to clean it up. Then we will proceed accordingly.

Mona Maas gave an update on the Butterfly Habitat project and Event coming in June.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

No report

POLICE

No report

LIQUOR

No report

TIF REPORT

No report

ATTORNEY

Attorney Behle has sent in the requested information on the Eminent Domain lawsuit.

Don has not heard anything from FDIC on the bonds.

SOLID WASTE

The dumpsters will be here June 18, 19, and 20, 2021.

LOCAL EVENTS LIAISON/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

No report

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

Water meters have been breaking but they have been repaired.

STREETS/ALLEYS

John reported that some streets have big holes and need repaired.
Lyle said he would get some patch mix for this.

BUILDINGS/VILLAGE PROPERTIES/EQUIPMENT

No report

VILLAGE PARK

The Park re-dedication will be June 5, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
The new sign is here and will be put up soon.
The mulch will be tilled up and then we will be able to tell how much new mulch we will need to get.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

Ernie is working on a quiet zone for the railroad. Due to the train/car wreck, we need to replace some signs at the pedestrian crossing.
The decals for golf cart/ATV will be renewed in June.

FINANCE

Dave went over the budget for the fiscal year starting May 1, 2021.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

RESOLUTIONS

Motion by Travis Moore, second by Ernie Shaw to pass Resolution 2021-11, A Resolution proclaiming May 15, 2021 to be declared Cody Brennan Day in the Village of Elkhart. 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

Motion by Ernie Shaw, second by Travis Moore to pass Ordinance 2021-01, An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to Add Territory to the Lincoln/Logan County Enterprise Zone and to Amend the Intergovernmental Agreement Relating to the Enterprise Zone. 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. Ordinance adopted.

Motion by Travis Moore, second by Abby Fletcher to pass Ordinance 2021-02, Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2021 Ending April 30, 2022. 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. Ordinance adopted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Abby Fletcher, second by Travis Moore to adjourn at 7:21 p.m. Voice vote. All yeas. No nay.
Motion carried.
Submitted By
Ann Curry
Village Clerk

Next Board Meeting will be held on June 7, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

NEWSLETTER INFO

All material for the June 2021 newsletter should be turned in before
5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 9, 2021
Please email your article in Word or as a PDF to icjkkutz@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

VILLAGE PARK RE-DEDICATION

The re-dedication of the Village Park in honor of Nancy Jane Moore will be held on June 5 at 10am.



Attention: Volunteers Needed!!!



The Elkhardt 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.

Thank you, Elkhardt Fire Dept.

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A Proclamation by the Village of Elkhart

WHEREAS, Elkhart is a municipality located in Logan County, Illinois.

WHEREAS, there is a railroad track that divides the Village of Elkhart.

WHEREAS, On March 19, 2021 Margaret Robbins Hufnagel of Lincoln, attempted to cross the railroad tracks in the Village of Elkhart.


WHEREAS, As Margaret tried to cross the railroad tracks, the arms of the crossing guard went down and trapped her in her vehicle on the tracks. As she sat there trying to maneuver the car around the crossing guards, Cody Brennan of Williamsville, approached her vehicle and aided her in vacating vehicle.

WHEREAS, immediately upon vacating the vehicle the train struck the vehicle.

WHEREAS, but for the bravery of Cody Brennan, Margaret Robbins Hufnagel would have been unlikely to survive the train crash.

Now therefore, it is proclaimed that May 15, 2021 is hereby declared to be Cody Brennan Day in the Village of Elkhart.

WHEREAS, Let us celebrate Cody and his bravery shown on that day.

Signature, 
President

Signature, 
Clerk

Memorial Day Service

The Elkhart American Legion and Auxiliary invite you to join us in the annual Memorial Day Service. The service will be held on **Sunday, May 30th at 2:00 pm** in the cemetery on Elkhart Hill.

Paul Osman will be the special guest speaker. Paul is very knowledgeable on WWI history and has researched the men and women of the Elkhart area who fought in that war.

The Mt. Pulaski Municipal Band will play arrangements of patriotic music. Post 616 will have a gun salute.

Please come out and honor the men and women who died while serving in the U. S. military.

Please bring your lawn chair. If inclement weather prevails, the service will be held in the Elkhart Christian Church annex.



Habitat progress: We continue site preparation; as supply trickles in, and we do some propagating, we get it planted. Mother Nature is in charge, as always.

We will contact those of you who have expressed an interest in planting sessions as we receive the large loads of plants and plugs later in MAY.

Our FLYER for the June Butterfly Lady event is in this Echo. For our LOGO, approved by the Village Board, we say THANKS to Renee Sisk! In the LOGO we call ourselves "Elkhart Monarch Flyway" to coincide with future plans for <https://illinoisroute66.org/route-66-monarch-flyway>

Please think about giving 2 hours of your time to help us host a SMOOTH event on June 12th.

We need YOU regardless of your skill set. I will be in touch!

Email me (Mona Maas) at: justmona2@gmail.com with questions, suggestions, etc.

We post on the Elkhart Residents Facebook page too.

Thanks for all the enthusiasm!





VILLAGE OF ELKHART SPRING EVENT Saturday, June 12, 2021

Visit the BUTTERFLY LADY's bus!
Fun Crafts and Activities!
Food! Native Plant Kit Giveaway!
Village-wide Garage Sales!
Shops and Businesses are Open!

Schedule of Activities

9:45 a.m. Ribbon cutting ceremony for the "Elkhart Monarch Flyway" native plant habitat at the corner of Historic Route 66 and Governor Oglesby Street

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

At the Flyway:

- Photo Op! Instant Photo with 6' Monarch Butterfly
- Tour the native plants and pick up a free Native Plant Kit (while supplies last)

In Historic Downtown Elkhart: We're closing off a block of Governor Oglesby St.-safely walk to:

- Visit Rhonda Brady, "Miss Mariposa," **THE BUTTERFLY LADY** with her bus - a colorful mobile classroom and greenhouse on wheels!
- See Flight of the Butterflies at The Country Bumpkin (30 minute DVD – looping)
- Make pollinator themed kid-friendly crafts
- Fun food vendors KONA Ice Truck! Mini Donuts! Corn Dogs!
- Businesses are OPEN: Horsefeathers, Wild Hare Café, The Country Bumpkin, Route 66 Model Raceway, Birdsong Books and Vintage, Gina's Talk of the Town, UCB, and Richardson Repair Service

Village-wide: Garage Sales Friday and Saturday

Plenty of parking around town! Park and safely walk to ALL activities!

Public Porta Pot and Sanitation Station Downtown

Visit our **INFO** table. Bad weather?-Events will be at the ECC Building on Gillette St.

Thanks to those who have helped us along the way!





NAG NEWS

- NAG really appreciates everyone's support of the Lucky Squares and Plant fundraisers we had this spring!

Supporting the Lifelines in Elkhart, along with adding bedding plants to the pots on Main Street, have been our main objective with these fundraisers. Again, a big THANK YOU to everyone!!

- Lucky Square winners were:
The Carter girls, Marilyn Lowe, Kristine McGee, Rose Olson, Leo Baletsa, Marlene Lanterman, Vi Cook, and Kelly Tierney.
The lucky \$200 dollar winner was Anita Davis.
- The hanging basket winners, at the plant sale, were the Todd Cowan family and Anita Davis.



Elkhart Public Library District

MAY 2021



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is going on at your library

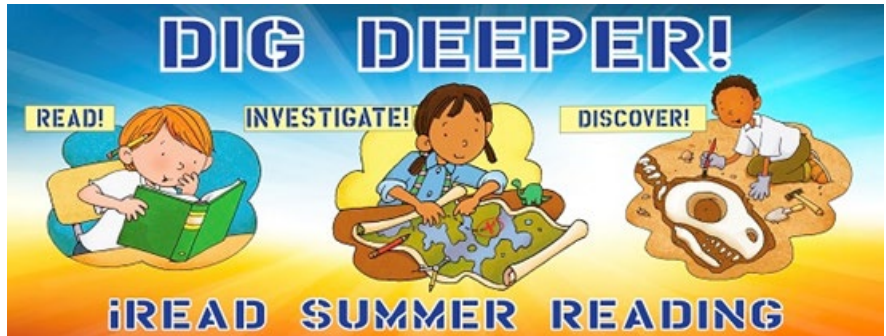
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Here's a peek at the theme of our Summer Reading Program!

"Let us read, and let us dance; these two amusements will never do any harm to the world."

— Voltaire



We're still sorting out how our program will go as we work to keep everyone safe and healthy...

What we **DO** know is that we will have
FUN and **DISCOVER**
new things as we read!

You'll be able to sign up your Reader, Early Reader, and Pre-Reader in **JUNE**, so watch our Facebook page for more details as we get them.



For now, Summer Readers, just ask yourself...
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Elkhart Historical Society Dinner/Lecture

The Elkhart Historical Society is pleased to announce the **June 18** dinner lecture, "The Battle for Napoleon Hollow or a Series of Unfortunate Events," presented by retired IDOT District 6 civil engineer Ken Lazar. Although the original idea of Interstate 72 was proposed in the late 1960s, and segments were built in the 1970s the completion was still a long way off and included some contentious events. The beautiful Valley City ***Eagle Bridges*** and the economic up-turn for the area were part of the benefits of the contest. Ken Lazar was involved in the lengthy siege and brings many insights on how the bridges connected the high bluffs over the Illinois floodplain, while crossing a conservation area, and the Wade farm, all without disturbing the eagles.

The event will be held at Horsefeather's Wild Hare Café, and the entrees offered are Pork Medallions in a mushroom/ wine sauce or Chicken Cordon Bleu, at a cost of \$40 per person which includes \$10 for the Elkhart Historical Society. Due to the continuing cautions from the CDC, seating will be limited, and guidelines will be followed.

Reservations are required and can be made by calling 217 947 2238, the deadline is June 10. The reservation form can be downloaded by going to the website: www.elkharthistoricalsociety.org

**Mt. Pulaski High School
Baccalaureate Service
Sunday, May 16, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.
First Christian Church Family Life Center**

**MPHS Graduation
Sunday, May 23rd at 3:00 PM**

**MPGS Promotion Ceremony
Wednesday, June 2nd at 1:00 pm**

Mt. Pulaski High School Board Minutes - April 21, 2021

<https://www.mtpulaski.k12.il.us/article/445403?org=mphs>

The next regular board meeting is Monday, May 17, 2021 at 6pm

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