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VILLAGE BOARD NEWS

Mayor Lyle Fout called the meeting to order on March 4, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. in the Elkhart Village Hall. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken. Answering present: Matt Fights, Peggy Lee, Nancy Moore, and Ernie Shaw. Dave Barker was present virtually. Attorney Don Behle and Clerk Ann Curry were also present. Visitor present was Abby Fletcher.

Motion by Nancy Moore, second by Peggy Lee to approve minutes of the February 4, 2019 meeting. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Nancy Moore, second by Ernie Shaw to approve executive session minutes of the February 4, 2019 meeting. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Nancy Moore second by Matt Fights to authorize expenditures. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Nancy Moore second by Matt Fights to approve employee reimbursements. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Dave Barker, second by Nancy Moore to approve the Treasurer's report. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

None

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Peggy and Lyle attended a meeting with the Greater Economic Development about grants. Representatives from Broadwell were there also. There was a good discussing with them about water issues.

POLICE

No report

ATTORNEY

No report

TIF REPORT

No report.

SOLID WASTE

No report

LIQUOR

Conn's have requested copies of the Liquor Ordinances.

LOCAL EVENTS LIAISON/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Peggy has completed the zoning census.

Looking for Lincoln is having a training session on March 6, 2019 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

One new welcome basket has been delivered.

Peggy also attended a meeting on February 25, 2019 about the Visitor Welcome Center. The fee is \$1,200.00 and it can come out of the Economic Development line number.

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

There was a water main break on Ward Drive.

STREETS/ALLEYS

The State has filled some holes by Old 66. The county has filled holes on the county roads also.

Nancy has talked to the County about the tree on Chapel Road.

Some of the downtown businesses are concerned about water coming over the sidewalks and freezing. They think the sidewalks need replaced.

BUILDINGS/VILLAGE PROPERTIES/EQUIPMENT

No report

VILLAGE PARK

Nancy and Peggy will be meeting with a lady about new handicap assessable playground equipment. She also works with getting grants for this.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

Ernie has ordered the new permits for golf carts, ATV's etc. He will set up a date to renew the permits.

FINANCE

Dave will be working on the budget to have it ready to pass in May.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Some lots have been purchased in Prairie Point. We have a mowing lien on Prairie Point for \$4,000.00. The new owners want to know if we could forgo part of that. We will have the new owners pay \$2,500.00 and the \$1,500.00 will stay on the rest of the lots.

Don will look into what property the Village already owns in Prairie Point.

RESOLUTIONS

None

ORDINANCE

Motion by Nancy Moore, second by Matt Fights to pass Ordinance 2019-01, An Ordinance Regulating Use of the Landscape Waste Facility. Roll call vote. Those voting yea: Dave Barker, Matt Fights, Peggy Lee, Nancy Moore, and Ernie Shaw. Those voting nay: none. Travis Moore absent. Ordinance passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Nancy Moore, second by Peggy Lee to enter into executive session at 7:04 p.m. to discuss employee salaries. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Nancy Moore, second by Matt Fights to adjourn and return to open session at 7:08 p.m. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

Mayor Lyle Fout called the meeting back to order at 7:08 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Matt Fights, second by Nancy Moore to adjourn at 7:09 p.m. Voice vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

Submitted By Ann Curry - Village Clerk

NEWSLETTER INFO

All material for the April 2019 newsletter should be turned in before
5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3rd, 2019

Please email your article in Word or as a PDF to 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

Village Board Thank You!!!!

The Village of Elkhart would like to thank Mike Anderson, Store Director, and the Meijer Store #207 in Normal, IL, for their generous donation. Meijer's help enables us to do more for the community and we appreciate their generosity.

-- Village of Elkhart Board of Trustees

NAG Thank You!!!!!!

Many, many thanks to all who donated or participated in our Quarter Auction! We had a great auction bill thanks to generous people in our community. As always our funds raised go to support our Lifelines. If you or anyone you know in our Elkhart Community needs a Lifeline contact Abraham Memorial Hospital in Lincoln at 217-605-5701.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 12th at 5:40 p.m. at the Elkhart Township Building.

The Elkhart American Legion Auxiliary Post 616 will meet at the Village Hall
on Wednesday, April 3rd at 1 p.m.

See you there on, hopefully, a nice Spring Day!!!!!!!!!!

ASSORTED SEASONED FIREWOOD

For Fireplace or camping

- Pickup bed (8') full un-split seasoned firewood delivered \$75
- Pickup bed (8') full split seasoned firewood delivered \$100
- Pickup bed (8') full split seasoned firewood delivered & stacked \$125

Within 10 miles of Elkhart- - any farther will cost additional for gas.

Call 217 671 7376

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.

Thank you, Elkhart Fire Dept.

Elkhart Pride

Spring/Summer

Children's Consignment Sale

PRE-SALE Thursday, March 7th 5pm-7pm

PRE-SALE for those who Donate, Consignors and/or Volunteer ONLY

Friday, March 8th 9am-7pm

Saturday, March 9th 9am-3pm

209 Governor Oglesby Street, Elkhart

**Clothing ~ Infant NB thru 24 Mo, Toddler 2T thru 5T,
Youth 6 thru 16/18**

Baby Gear, Toys, Sports Gear, and much much more!!

Interested in Consigning, Donating or Volunteering ?

Contact Abby Fletcher (217-871-8375) or

Carrie Fights (217-871-3252)

Email: Elkhartpride@gmail.com

Find us on FACEBOOK!

All proceeds from Elkhart Pride fundraisers are used toward community planning and events, such as the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt and Carnival

Senior Citizen Luncheon

The Senior Citizen's luncheon on Wednesday March 27 will be held at the Wild Hare Café at 12:00noon. Any questions can be answered by calling 217 947 2754- - All Senior Citizens in the Elkhart area are welcome.

Elkhart Historical Society Dinner Lecture

The Elkhart Historical Society announces its March dinner lecture entitled, "From Holland to Elkhart by way of Cape town," with Peter Niehaus, which will be presented ~~Friday March 8th~~ (Sold out) and Saturday, March 9th at the Wild Hare Café in Elkhart, Illinois. Peter's multi-faceted life began in Holland, one of eight children in the family who lived in a farming community occupied by the Nazis during the war. He will recall events of his life there prior to the family immigrating to South Africa. Once in South Africa, he completed his education receiving a degree in mechanical engineering, joined the SA navy and was assign to submarine duty running various missions during the cold war, for a time being stationed in Toulon. As a civilian Peter worked for a Cape Town firm using his engineering skills, later starting his own building and restoration business.



For leisure activities he enjoyed both competitive transatlantic sailing and diving for lobster. In 1998 Peter and his wife/business partner Andrea moved to Lincoln, and immediately started a new venture of restoring the old bank building in Elkhart, which has become Horsefeather's and the Wild Hare Café. An unbeatable team where hospitality and wonderful food are concerned, they have hosted the Elkhart Historical Society dinner lectures, and annual Christmas Candlelight dinners for many years.

Dinner will be a sampling of two traditional South African dishes. Each guest will have a portion of Bobotie and Malay Chicken Curry served with rice and a variety of Sambals which are sauces and relishes that accompany these dishes. Dessert will be trifle served with a splash of sherry or vanilla ice cream and chocolate sauce. Iced teas and coffee are included.



Additionally, Elkhart celebrates its Irish roots during the month of March, with a special drawing for the "Pot of Gold" from our merchants, and our second annual Celtic Concert to be held at the Gillett Chapel on Sunday March 24 at 2p. Please go to the web site for more information on all events and reservation forms: www.elkharthistoricalsociety.org Reservations are required and can be made by calling 217 947 2238, and the deadline for the dinner lecture reservations is March 1st 2019. The price is \$40 per person which includes the meal, tax and tip and \$10 to the Elkhart Historical Society.

Be sure to check out the Illinois Humanities, in partnership with the Illinois State Historical Society, Forgotten Illinois grants web site! It features our Village Hall window project!

See: <https://forgotten-illinois.org/windows-into-our-past/>



The Finale of our March celebration of the Irish will be at the Gillett Chapel on Sunday March 24th starting at 2pm. Celtic and old time Appalachian music will be played by "The Hillbilly Celts", featuring Dennis Cline, Joe Readnour, and Dan Grover.

Dennis Cline, learned to play guitar and was influenced by Mississippian John Hurt's folk music. Fifteen years ago, he added playing the claw-hammer style banjo to his many talents.

Joe Readnour is a veteran piper who has played with various groups including the St. Andrew-Springfield Pipe Band for 10 years. Dan Grover a singer/songwriter played both guitar and bass with the Cactus Ranch Band, and loves to entertain. These long-time musician friends will bring a lot of music to Elkhart on Sunday March 24.

The cost of the concert is \$15 a person, and reservations are required which can be made by calling 217 947 2238. Reservation forms are available at the Elkhart Historical Society web site: elkharthistoricalsociety.org

An Irish Lunch will be available prior to the concert at The Wild Hare Café for \$15.99 from 11a-1p (sales tax and gratuity not included). Lunch will consist of Irish Beef Stew served with soda bread followed by Apple Cake topped with whipped cream and beverage of choice.

The lunch is separate from the concert, but either or both can be reserved by calling 217 947 2238.

Elkhart Historical Society Spring Nature Walk Dates

Bird Walks
 April 6, 13, 20 & 27
 10am & 2pm

Flower Walks
 April 27 – 6am & 4pm

For more information, please call 217 947 2238

Senior Citizen Bingo

Sponsored by



B	I	N	G	O
2	17	31	48	63
6	20	38	51	68
7	22	FREE	54	69
12	23	39	57	72
15	27	44	60	75

1st Tuesday of every month at 2:00 pm
At the Village Hall in Elkhart
Lots of fun, prizes, and it's FREE to play.
Hope you'll join us!!



Mount Pulaski Grade School has honored Oran Kuhlman with the February 8th Grade Student of the Month Award. He has demonstrated excellent behavior in and out of the classroom, has a positive attitude toward learning, is respectful of peers and adults, and consistently strives for academic success.

Oran is the son of Kati Buckles and Jason Kuhlman.

Mt. Pulaski High School Board Minutes – January 22, 2019 & February 4, 2019

<http://www.mtpulaski.k12.il.us/archived-board-of-education/19-1-22.pdf>

<http://www.mtpulaski.k12.il.us/archived-board-of-education/19-2-4.pdf>

The next regular board meeting is March 18, 2019 at 7pm

The links above are located on the Mount Pulaski School District website

<http://www.mtpulaski.k12.il.us/board-of-education/>



The Mt. Pulaski CUSD #23 board of education signed Fred Lamkey to a three year contract as district superintendent at the January 23, 2019 regular board meeting.

Mr. Lamkey will assume duties July 1, 2019 as he replaces Phil Shelton who has served as interim Superintendent since August 2018. He will serve 516 students in grades Pre-K through 12 on two separate campuses. Mr. Lamkey is completing his 29th year in education having served the past four years as the superintendent for Edinburg CUSD #4 in Christian County. He previously served as a building administrator in Riverton and Warrensburg-Latham.