



# The Elkhart Echo



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## VILLAGE BOARD NEWS

Mayor Lyle Fout called the meeting to order on December 2, 2024, at 6:30 P.M. at the Elkhart Christian Church FCC Building. 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, Clerk Ann Curry and Treasurer Theresa Moore were also present. Visitors present were Mona Maas, Roy Trout, Esther Farmer, Jaymie Galassi, Korey Davis, Matt Olson, Matt Langan, and Carrie Fights.

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

- A. Approve meeting minutes from November 4, 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 at the pond. All bills are being paid with grant money.

### **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Motion by Travis Moore, second by John Galassi to accept the resignation of Dave Barker effective April 30, 2025. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

### **ATTORNEY**

No report.

### **LIQUOR**

Lyle will collect the fees and hand out the liquor license this month.

### **TIF REPORT**

Attorney Behle sent out notices to all the taxing bodies about the TIF extension.

### **SOLID WASTE**

No report.

### **LOCAL EVENTS LIAISON/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

The tree lighting will be Friday December 6, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

**WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT**

No report.

**STREETS/ALLEYS**

No report.

**BUILDINGS/VILLAGE PROPERTIES/EQUIPMENT**

No report.

**VILLAGE PARK**

The electric service by the pavilion still needs to be fixed. Also, the bench by the basketball court needs fixed, it is sinking into the ground.

Thanks to Travis Moore for cleaning up the weeds around the pond.

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Attorney Behle will be sending out letters to residents with ordinance violations.

**FINANCE**

No report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

No report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by Travis Moore, second by Kyle Farmer to purchase \$75.00 Visa Gift cards for the Village employees for Christmas Gifts. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

Next month we will discuss an increase in pay for the Village employees.

**RESOLUTIONS**

None.

**ORDINANCE**

Motion by Ernie Shaw, second by Matt Fights to pass Ordinance 2024-07, An Ordinance Adopting a Schedule of Meetings for Calendar Year 2025. 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 Dave Barker, second by Matt Fights, to adjourn at 6:49 pm. Voice vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

Submitted By  
Ann Curry  
Village Clerk

## NEWSLETTER INFO

All material for the January 2025 newsletter should be turned in before  
**5:00 p.m. on January 8, 2025**

Please email your article in Word to [sarahvball@hotmail.com](mailto: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 December 11, 2024, at 11:30am at The Talk of The Town.**

**For questions, please call Anita at (217) 341-0167.**



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## **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



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Mt. Pulaski High School Board Minutes – *The November Minutes have not been posted.*

The next regular board meeting is Wednesday, December 18, 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 December 2024 UPDATE:

Elkhart's Community Tree Planting Day- 2024!

**Was a great success!** We got the rain we needed, and we have 110 trees are in the ground now. Some big, some small...and all healthy!

We met as scheduled on Monday November 11. Trees Forever's Erik Notz joined us, along with 5 High School students who dug the HOLES for us for the container trees. Harold Carter of Carter's Trees was AMAZING! Elkhart had purchased 10 large trees from Harold, but he brought up an auger and drilled the HOLES for the 60 Norway Spruce and Douglas Fir trees!!!! Needless to say, that sped up planting and finishing and we are very grateful!

Lois Olson and Stephanie LaFarge had the Village Hall open to share snacks, hydration, a light lunch and restrooms, etc. *They were amazing.*

Our community showed UP, our maintenance guys were with us throughout, and Master Naturalist friends came in to help. A GOOD TIME was had by all.

Our tree roots are growing underneath the surface, and we're taking a bit of time to rest. We will try for a meeting in January, 2025, and hope you will join us then.

Contact us at: justmona2@gmail.com or ElkhartTreeAdvisoryCommittee@gmail.com "IM" our Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61565292692252>





# DECEMBER

## Children's Christmas Craft

**Saturday December 14th**

Open crafting (come & go)

Come visit any time between  
**10am - 12pm**

next Saturday and make something special to take home!

Will you use it as an ornament for the tree?  
Do you have a spot that could use some extra holiday cheer? No matter how it's used... the choice is up to YOU.

**Merry Christmas!**

## Coloring Contest

Congratulations to the MANY participants in our Coloring Contest, we have some amazing artists!

Some of you know we had a few 'challenges' as we prepared to share our results. This meant we had to wait for the December Echo, and we **thank you** for bearing with us.

The good news is--some of those 'challenges' caused us to divide the age groups even further, and THAT means...**MORE WINNERS!**

**MORE good news:** even if your name doesn't appear below, we still have something for you! Prizes and goodies can be picked up beginning on Wednesday of next week (Dec. 11th).

0 - 5 yrs: Everly Ethell

10 - 11 yrs: Malaki Barnett

6 - 7 yrs: Coley Olson

12 - 18 yrs: Lydia Davis

8 - 9 yrs: Megan Davis

19+: Nobody, bummer!

## Merry Christmas from the Library Trustees & Staff

Phil Shelton Sarah McCutcheon Jeanine Kolb

Mark Moughan Elise Gleason Rachel Leone Jessica McClellan



Alicia Disler

Doris Craner

Sarah Wilson

Andrew Hite

Lois Olson

Carolyn Trout

## Toddler Time

(Special Note)

Beginning in December, Toddler Time will be on a brief hiatus while we evaluate the program.

We look forward to offering good things in the coming year!

## Holiday Closures

Christmas Eve ..... Tues. 12/24

Christmas Day ..... Wed. 12/25

New Year's Eve ..... Tues. 12/31 @ 12pm

New Year's Day ..... Wed. 1/1



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