

VILLAGE BOARD NEWS

Mayor Steve Anderson called the meeting to order on January 9, 2012 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: Dave Barker, Lyle Fout, Brian Hinds, Peggy Lee, Lynnette Maske and Nancy Moore. Clerk Ann Curry and Treasurer Edie Fairchild were also present.

Motion by Nancy Moore, second by Peggy Lee to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2011 meeting. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Lyle Fout, second by Dave Barker to accept the treasurer's report and authorize expenditures. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Nancy Moore, second by Lynnette Maske to approve employee reimbursements. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

POLICE

There were 10 traffic stops and 2 miscellaneous.

ATTORNEY

No report.

LIQUOR

No report.

TIF REPORT

No report.

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

New valves have been installed and the bill was submitted. It was around \$9,000.00. The leaks have stopped and everything is cleaned up and cleared out so it looks like a water plant now. Everything should be back to normal. The water system has met all the EPA standards.

There was a water main leak on Ward Dr. and it has been fixed.

There were complaints about the quality of the water last week end due to the water tower having a problem. The problem was fixed and everything should be fine now.

STREETS/ALLEYS

There is a new blacktop mix out that cost three times as much as the old mix. It is a lot stronger. We will be checking into this new mix.

There was a discussion on what streets will need to be seal coated this year. Lyle will meet with Mike Patridge about what needs to be done for the seal coating project. Steve will talk to Tom Overmyer also.

BUILDINGS/VILLAGE PROPERTIES/EQUIPMENT

The snowplows have been checked and everything is ready when needed.

VILLAGE PARKS

No report.

SOLID WASTE

No report.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

Lynnette tried to get a hold of Pat Fry to touch base with him on his cleanup project, but could not reach him. He still needs to repair the hole in the roof but the outside cleanup has improved.

The house on Buttell St. has a potential buyer so nothing will be done for now on it.

There are still other properties with problems. Lynnette is going to explore other avenues to get these places cleaned up.

FINANCE

Dave is working on comparing the revenues to the budget. We have cleared the outstanding checks so we are getting in compliance from the audit.

LOCAL EVENTS LIAISON

Peggy handed out a 6 month plan to clean up Elkhart. We will try this plan for 6 months to see how it goes.

Peggy has completed the applications for the blue attraction signs. She also did an application for the Looking for Lincoln pamphlet.

The Welcome to Elkhart sign was taken down during the high wind and will be put back up soon.

Midwest Living magazine is coming to town April 14 or 21.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

RESOLUTIONS

None

ORDINANCE

Motion by Lyle Fout, second by Nancy Moore to Approve Ordinance#2012-01: An Ordinance Amending Ordinances Which Established an Enterprise Zone Encompassing Contiguous Portions of the City of Lincoln, the County of Logan, the County of Sangamon, the County of Dewitt, the Village of Elkhart, the Village of Hartsburg, the City of Atlanta and the Village of New Holland (and all Amendatory Ordinances Thereto). Those voting yea: Dave Barker, Lyle Fout, Brian Hinds, Peggy Lee, Lynnette Maske, and Nancy Moore. No nay. None absent. Ordinance passed.

Motion by Nancy Moore, second by Lyle Fout to Approve Ordinance#2012-02: An Ordinance Amending Ordinances Which Established an Enterprise Zone Encompassing Contiguous Portions of the City of Lincoln, the County of Logan, the County of Sangamon County, the Village of Elkhart, the County of Dewitt, the Village of Hartsburg, the City of Atlanta and the Village of New Holland. Those voting yea: Dave Barker, Lyle Fout, Brian Hinds, Peggy Lee, Lynnette Maske, and Nancy Moore. No nay. None absent. Ordinance passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Dave Barker, second by Lynnette Maske to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. Voice vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

Submitted By
Ann Curry
Village Clerk

If anyone wants to reserve the park pavilion or apply for a building permit, they are to contact Ann Curry at 737-4982.

NEWSLETTER INFO

All material for the February newsletter should be turned in before
5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 8th, 2012

Please email your article to jcjkkutz@frontier.com

If there is any event that needs added to the calendar,

Please call (899-5306) or e-mail the information.

**Village of Elkhart
Snow Emergency Declaration**

- Will be put into effect with the prediction of four (4) or more inches of snow by the Lincoln National Weather Service.
- May be put into effect if high winds create a blowing and drifting situation.
- Will be announced on WICS Channel 20, Springfield.

Rules that will apply during Snow Emergencies:

1. All motor vehicles, trailers, etc. will be removed from Village streets and the edge of road parking areas. Vehicles, trailers, etc. not removed will be towed at owner's expense. If necessary, the Village parking lot may be used.
2. All alleys must also be cleared.
3. The Village will clean streets first, alleys second, parking areas last. Windrows left by the plows are the responsibility of the property owner. The Village will address these areas as needed, after all other plowing is done.
4. Governor Oglesby Street, between Bogardus and Latham, will be cleared, including walks. Walks at the Post Office and Library will also be cleared. All benches, flowerpots, etc. placed by the businesses must be moved. Walks not cleared for plowing will be skipped.
5. No off-road equipment, such as ATVs, four-wheelers, skid loaders, snowmobiles, lawn tractors, plows, blowers will be allowed until after the emergency is over. If you wish to clean private drives with personal equipment, you must contact the Village President for permission.
6. No snow shall be removed in any way on to or over city streets or alleys. Keep your snow on your property.
7. Insurance liability restricts the Village from removing snow on private property.

These rules are being implemented because of past problems and complaints. Thank you for your attention to these matters.

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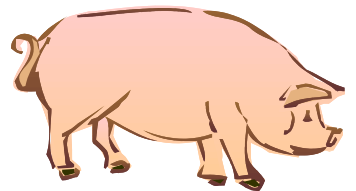
KidzBeat

KidzBeat after school program for kids ages K-5th grade.
Wednesdays from 3:45 to 5:15pm at the Elkhart Christian Church.
Please join us for crafts, skits, singing, snacks and lots of fun!



PASE PORK CHOP DINNER

PASE (People Acting to Support Education) will be having a butterfly pork chop sandwich dinner at the MPGS cafeteria on **Thursday, March 22, 2012**. The dinner will be from 5:30 pm until 7:00 pm. This coincides with the Spring Book, Science and Art Fair which is open from 6:00 pm until 7:30 pm. The meal (\$5) includes a butterfly pork chop sandwich, chips, dessert, and tea or lemonade. Alternatively, a hot dog can be substituted for the sandwich for \$4. PASE invites you to come out to the dinner and to take time to enjoy the talents of our many students at the Fair.



Elkhart Businesses and Organizations – Here’s a Great Opportunity!

We have a great opportunity for your business or organization and for the Village of Elkhart! A writer from the Midwest Living magazine (circulation = close to 1 million readers!) is coming on one of the weekends of the Elkhart Historical Society’s annual Wildflower Nature Walks - April 14 and April 21. There is no guarantee that they will do the article or that your business/ organization will be mentioned, but *the better we all work together, the better chance we have of all being included.* For an idea on the type of article that they may do, **please read:** <http://www.midwestliving.com/travel/destination/ohio/granville/> (Be sure to click “NEXT” to read all six pieces.)



I will be working with their writer and will also do the local publicity for whatever you are planning for your business or organization for BOTH April weekends. Please email me your plans **BY FEB. 15th** to be included in the local publicity and be sent to the Midwest Living magazine’s writer.

Peggy Lee
Local Events Liaison
Village of Elkhart Board
Peg.lee1@gmail.com
947-2046



The text for the three signs to be placed in our Heritage Corner is being prepared. The signs will cover Village History, Places of Interest, and Elkhart Hill. Your help in proofreading these signs for accuracy and correctness would be very much appreciated! We want them to be as correct as possible.

Donations are still needed to cover the costs of the signs. Your donation, made out to “Village of Elkhart” can be mailed to the village or placed in the water bill payment drop box.

Contact Peggy Lee, 947-2046 or peg.lee1@gmail.com if you are willing to help. Thank you!



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Children's Art Classes on Jan. 17th, Feb. 14th, March 20 and April 17th and May 15th

Adult classes are: Jan. 24-Painting pet portraits, Feb. 8-Painting still life arrangement, Feb. 14-Watercolor Floral painting, March 7-Painting on glass, March 20-Acrylic still life floral painting, April 3-Landscape painting, April 17-Linocut printmaking greeting cards and April 26-Painting pet portraits.



**Elkhart 2012
Clean & Green!**

Let's Keep Elkhart Clean & Green in 2012!

Happy New Year! 2012 has been designated as the year to clean up the Village of Elkhart!

The Village of Elkhart Board is committed to tackling anything that spoils the look of our village ... and we want your help. Our aim is tell everyone in the village, from children to the elderly, how we can work together to improve our environment.

There are properties that need to be repaired and vehicles that need to be cleared to make our village clean and green in 2012. We need to work together to clean up and green up! Have you seen the following?

Abandoned vehicles	Dead Animals
Blocked / Flooded Drains & Gutters	Grass that needs to be cut
Damaged / Faulty Street Lights	Overflowing garbage cans
Damaged / Obstructed sidewalks	Vandalism

Beginning January 2012, the Village of Elkhart will send out letters to the property owners whose property needs attention and/or who have vehicles that are unlicensed and inoperable on their property. There is a tiny minority of villagers who think it's acceptable to litter our streets, abandon old cars or not keep their property tidy. If you see anything that needs attention, the Village wants to know about it! Place your suggestions in the water bill payment drop box at Village Hall. All suggestions will be confidential and anonymous.

There has never been a more important time for us to take care of our environment. Whether it is the countryside, parks, homes or streets - we need to keep our environment clean, safe and green.



The Humane Society of Logan County will host the fifth annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast to benefit the programs of HSLC on Saturday, January 14, 2012 at Friendship Manor, 925 Primm Road 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Tickets are adults \$7.00, children 4-10 \$3.00 and children under 3 eat free. Join us for a perfect start to a cold winter day and help the abused, neglected and abandoned animals of Logan County.

Humane Society of Logan County Pet of the week



Hi! My name is Duke. I am a male almost 2 year old Border collie mix. I had a home, but they were not able to keep me, so now I am looking for a new forever home. I really am a very nice dog. I have pretty good manners and I love being with people. I really need room to run, so a fenced in yard would be perfect. Even better would be a family who was active and would play with me. I promise to love you, and I promise to be the best dog I can be. Come to the HSLC shelter to meet me and the other dogs and cats who are here looking for a

forever home. We are all micro-chipped, spayed/neutered, and up to date with all of our shots. Call 217-737-4042 for more information about each of us.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



The annual General Membership meeting of The Humane Society of Logan County will be held Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at 6:30 PM at Trinity Episcopal Church, 402 Pekin Street, Lincoln. All citizens of Logan County are invited to join the Board of Directors and membership for the annual election of Board Members and the Board meeting that will follow. The General Membership meeting will focus on the operation of our Shelter and the challenges that we will face going forward. HSLC has a very exciting future on the horizon. We want to share all the good news with the citizens of Logan County. Come join the fun and be a part of providing a future for the unwanted animals of Logan County.

Who: Logan County Genealogical & Historical Society

What: Members and guests are asked to bring an heirloom, antique or an old item to share. Objects with unknown purpose or origin are welcome for discussion and possible identification.

When: January 16, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

Where: 114 North Chicago St. in downtown Lincoln

Welcome: Members and guests

RECYCLING
FEBRUARY 11, 2012
8 AM – 10 AM



Church



News

Elkhart United Methodist Church January 2012

Hey!! It snowed—if you want to call the couple of inches of white fluffy stuff which fell Thursday! Better not say anything; we might end up like Alaska where they have had over seven feet to contend with.

Not much news—just some dates to remember:

Senior Citizens at the Christian Church on January 18th.

Our church will again remember the Food Pantry on the 5th Sunday—Jan. 29th.

February 11th will be RECYCLING sponsored by the Methodists.

Feb. 22nd—Can you believe that will be ASH WEDNESDAY. Seems like Christmas was just yesterday.

The Second Sunday Fellowship will be on the 15th and will celebrate Billie's double 8 birthday.

The January meeting of our UMW will be held at the home of Eva Halladay with Kay Hanner giving the program. The date is Monday the 16th the time, 1 pm.

Prayer Concerns:

Maryetta Romer, Cindy Edwards Davis, Donald McMillan, Jay Schlitt, Janet Hickey, Jack Rohrer, Imo McCray, Gladys Pankey, Lois Meyers, Mary Lou Pankey,.

January Birthdays:

Lacy Hall 11th - #94

Twila Dowell 18th

Billie Bock 16th

Wayne Hanner 23rd

Wayne and Kay's Anniversary 27th

Early February:

Marcus Tobias 1st

Nancy Moore 2nd

Wilson Bock 3rd

Vicki Hamm 6th

AND Belated Happy Birthday to those I missed in December:

Alice Winterbaugher 22nd #98

Thelma Davis 26th #92

Mt. Pulaski Community Unit District #23 School Board
Board of Education
Mt. Pulaski Unit Office
December 19, 2011

President Martin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Unit office. Roll call was taken. Present were Joe Olson, Kathy Boward, Diane Deppe, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Todd Cyrulik and Doug Martin.

Motion by Kathy Boward, second by Jeff Beccue to enter executive session to discuss evaluation of personnel, student discipline and the bus transportation contract.

Roll call vote. All ayes. No nays. Motion carried.

The board entered executive session at 6:01 p.m.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Jeff Beccue to exit executive session. Roll call vote. All ayes. No nays.

Motion carried.

The board exited executive session at 6:48 p.m.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Mike Toohey to approve Brook Ciaccio's maternity leave in January, total leave time 10 weeks. Roll call vote. All ayes. No nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Mike Toohey to accept executive session minutes as reviewed in executive session. Roll call vote. All ayes. No nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Todd Cyrulik to approve consent agenda items:

- a) approve November 21, 2011 minutes and b) approve payment of bills.

Roll call vote. All ayes. No nays. Motion passes.

The tax levy hearing was opened by President Martin. No comments were received from the public. Supt. Shelton stated that the actual increase in the tax levy extension will be about 2.5 %. The tax rate for 2012 will be about 4.75. The current tax rate is 4.78. Since 2007, the tax rate has dropped from 4.93 to 4.78 despite less money from the state of Illinois. The tax levy hearing was closed at 7:06 p.m.

Reports

Harvey Horton gave a presentation from Siemens Corporation about performance contracting.

The exhaust fan project for the 1927 gym will be started over the Christmas break.

Unfinished Business

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Kathy Boward to approve the Diabetes Management Plan & Policy as presented. Roll call vote. All ayes. No nays. Motion passes.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Mike Toohey to approve the change in the teacher evaluation "rating format" (Categories are now: "Excellent, Proficient, Needs Improvement and Unsatisfactory").

Roll call vote. All ayes. No nays. Motion passes.

New Business

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Todd Cyrulik to approve the seniority list as presented.

Roll call vote. All ayes. No nays. Motion passes.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Kathy Boward to approve the 2011 tax levy as presented.

Roll call vote. All ayes. No nays. Motion passes.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Joe Olson to approve the advance purchase of diesel fuel with Ag-land FS @\$3.40 per gallon. Roll call vote. All ayes. No nays. Motion passes.

Items of Information

Students of the Month for the Grade School

6th Grade - Miranda Hilliard

7th Grade - Danielle Miller

8th Grade - Emily Fielden

Most Improved Student - First Semester – Gabby Henson & Justice Caswell

The High School Senior of the Month is Matt Southerland.

Motion to adjourn by Todd Cyrulik, second by Jeff Beccue. Voice vote. All ayes. No nays.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Submitted by

Diane Deppe

School Board Secretary