



## VILLAGE OF ELKHART LAKE

Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin 53020

### **MINUTES August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Elkhart Lake held on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, with the agenda having been duly posted on Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 at National Exchange Bank and Trust, the Elkhart Lake Post Office, and the Municipal Office between the hours of 2:56 P.M. and 3:07 P.M. and on the Village website on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 at 3:15 P.M.

Clerk Reilly called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. with the following Trustees present or on Zoom: John Schott, Lynn Shovan, Geoff Bray, Paul Rudnick, and Terri Knowles. President Richard Sadiq and Trustee Mike Wolf were absent.

Others in attendance include: Tom Karas; Emmitt Feldner; Jessica Reilly, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer.

(Schott/Bray) moved to elect Shovan to serve as President Pro Tem of the meeting.  
Motion Carried Unanimously

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **Approval of Minutes –**

(Knowles/Schott) moved and seconded to approve the July 5<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 minutes.  
Motion Carried Unanimously

### **Treasurer's Report –**

(Bray/Rudnick) moved and seconded to approve the July Treasurer's Report.  
Motion Carried Unanimously

**Public Comment** – Karas from S. Turtle Bay spoke about the damage caused by the wake (bladder) boats. He stated they destroy the bottom of the lake as well as the waves damage the shoreline. This also opens the Lake up to exposure to invasive species due to them having 1000-gallon tanks. He stated these boats must be banned. He also handed out an article from the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel from August 3, 2023 regarding the damage these boats cause.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### ***JULY BUILDING PERMITS* – Reilly**

This report was included in the Board packet in Dropbox.

#### ***ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE* – Shovan**

Highlights of the August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 meetings:

- 1) The Committee discussed and recommended spending up to \$10,000 on the square electricity to come out of the holiday decoration fund.
- 2) The Committee discussed the Verizon Wireless tower proposal and a counter proposal.

- 3) The Committee will be revising the employee handbook regarding holiday pay and work schedules.
- 4) The Committee wants to review more document solution/digital records proposals.

#### *PUBLIC WORKS – Schott*

Highlights of the August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 meetings:

- 1) The Committee discussed and recommended the Village Square electric proposal.

#### *TOURISM – Knowles*

Minutes – June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Highlights – August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting:

- 1) The sound study has started.
- 2) The fall media tour is from September 25-28.
- 3) The Commission discussed an EV charging station and stated that they County has one at the Marsh.
- 4) The Commission discussed how the Republican Convention will be held in Milwaukee on July 15-18<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The Commission does not think it will have a lodging impact in Elkhart Lake.

#### *JOINT REVIEW BOARD – Rudnick*

Highlights – July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting:

- 1) The Joint Review Board met and heard two cases, but they did not rise to the level which would allow the assessments to be changed.

#### *PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Sadiq – None*

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

VSCDA Request – Banner September 15-18<sup>th</sup> and Course Reenactment -September 16, 2023

(Knowles/Bray) moved and seconded to approve the banner request, as well as the course reenactment on September 16, 2023.

Motion Carried Unanimously

24 Hours of Lemons – October 6, 2023 3:30- 7 pm – Car Parade/Escort to & from RA, Street Closures & Liquor Dispensation

(Bray/Schott) moved and seconded to approve the request from 24 Hours of Lemons for the car parade, street closures, and liquor dispensation.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Elktoberfest Banner Request – Memorial Park – End of August- End of September

(Schott/Knowles) moved and seconded to approve request, as long as the Public Works employees are on site when it is installed due to sprinkler lines.

Motion Carried Unanimously

#### Square Lighting Proposal

There was discussion about the need for a new clock if power is run to the existing clock. There was a discussion about what would be the cost of a new clock. The Board wanted to know the full cost to have an operating clock, not just power to the area.

(Knowles/Schott) moved and seconded to table this item until there is further information about the clock and a new clock's cost.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Operator's Licenses – New

(Schott/Bray) moved and seconded that Operator Licenses be granted to the following new applicants for the licensing year ending June 30, 2024:

Osthoff-Morgen Frausto

R-Store- Diane Musiedlak

Motion Carried Unanimously

Operator's Licenses – Renewal

(Knowles/Schott) moved and seconded that an Operator License be granted to the following renewal applicant for the licensing year ending June 30, 2024:

R-Store- Nicole Mattox

Motion Carried Unanimously

**TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

Knowles asked that the comments made by Karas be sent to the Protection of Persons and Property Committee. Bray thanked the Public Works for their work after the storm getting County JP cleared.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT** – Reilly reported that Downtown Night is August 14<sup>th</sup> and the WMCA conference is the August 23-25, which Reilly will be attending.

Potential Land Development & Facility Study

(Schott/Knowles) moved to go into closed session at 6:25 p.m. under Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(g) & 19.85(1)(e), discussing public business involving private competition and for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel for the Village, deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

Motion Carried Unanimously

By roll call

(Schott/Rudnick) moved and seconded to come out of closed session at 6:35 p.m.

Motion Carried Unanimously

(Schott/Bray) moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Motion Carried Unanimously

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Jessica Reilly, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer

## **MINUTES August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Elkhart Lake held on August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, with the agenda having been duly posted on Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, between the hours of 3:19 P.M. and 4:15 P.M. at National Exchange Bank and Trust, the Elkhart Lake Post Office, and the Municipal Office and posted on the Village web page on Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 3:16 P.M.

President Sadiq called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. with the following Trustees present or on Zoom: Geoff Bray, John Schott, Paul Rudnick, Lynn Shovan, Mike Wolf, and Terri Knowles.

Others in attendance include: Lou Gentine; Chad Hamilton; Aaron Groh; Sig Strautmanis; John St. Peter; Emmitt Feldner; Jessica Reilly, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Public Comment** – None.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE* – Shovan

Highlights of the August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 meetings:

- 1) The Committee is recommending approval of Resolution 13 – Regarding Sargento’s Personal Property Tax Appeal.

*LIBRARY* – Knowles

Minutes – July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Highlights – August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting:

- 1) The Library appointed the budget committee.
- 2) The Board discussed the lighting issues in the library and the need to get a few quotes for the work.

*NORTHERN MORAINES UTILITY COMMISSION* – Schott

Minutes – July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Highlights – August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting:

- 1) The C-1 lift station update was provided with the structures in and they are just waiting for equipment.
- 2) The Domes painting has begun.
- 3) EQ Tank Walkway and Epoxy Painting will be installed at the end of September.
- 4) The NMUC heard from the DNR and will continue to do education for Chloride Reduction in the system.
- 5) The NMUC approved the LP contract for the year.

*PLANNING COMMISSION* – Reilly

Minutes – July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Highlights – August 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meetings:

- 1) The Commission discussed and approved the Sohn driveway relocation, as well as the sign demo.
- 2) The Commission also discussed the General Capital and Van Horn development at 604 S. Lincoln Street. This included the roadway and path discussion, the Idle Sites Grant, building permit submittals, and the recommendation of the development agreements.
- 3) The Commission discussed the gutter and fire escape plans for 111 E. Rhine Street.

*PRESIDENT'S REPORT* – Sadiq – None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Ratify Resolution 13 – Sargento Personal Property Tax Appeal

(Shovan/Schott/Knowles) introduced, moved and seconded to approve Resolution 13-Village of Elkhart Lake Cross-Appeal of Sargento's Personal Property Tax.

Motion Carried Unanimously

**RESOLUTION THIRTEEN - 2023  
VILLAGE OF ELKHART LAKE  
SHEBOYGAN COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

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**VILLAGE OF ELKHART LAKE CROSS-APPEAL TO APPEAL #11531520**

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**WHEREAS**, Sargento Foods Inc. ("Sargento") has filed with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue ("DOR") an Objection to Manufacturing Personal Property Assessment, which has been identified by the DOR as BOA# 11531520 ("Objection"); and

**WHEREAS**, the taxation district is the Village of Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin ("Village"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Village agrees with the DOR's assessment and, therefore, wishes to appeal Sargento's Objection; and

**WHEREAS**, the personal property that is the subject of the Objection is also located within the Village of Elkhart Lake Tax Incremental District #2 ("TID#2"). A reduction in Sargento's assessment will have a materially adverse impact on the Project Plan and financial condition of TID#2;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Village Board of Trustees does hereby authorize a cross-appeal to Sargento's Objection; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of Trustees does hereby authorize and direct the Village's Clerk-Treasurer and legal counsel to take any and all action to perfect this Resolution and to file such additional documents that may be necessary to accomplish the intended purposes of this Resolution including, without limitation, the filing of the necessary documents with the DOR.

Adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023.

Attest:

Adopted and Approved this  
17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023

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Richard Sadiq, President

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Jessica Reilly, Clerk-Treasurer

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Lynn Shovan, Trustee

Land Transfer Agreement – 604 S. Lincoln St & Development Agreement Discussions & Approvals  
(Schott/Knowles) moved to go into closed session at 6:08 p.m. under Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(g) & 19.85(1)(e), discussing public business involving private competition and for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel for the Village, deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

Motion Carried Unanimously  
By roll call

(Shovan/Schott) moved and seconded to come out of closed session at 6:23 p.m.

Motion Carried Unanimously

(Bray/Schott) moved and seconded to approve the development agreements with General Capital and Van Horn effective September 5, 2023 with the following three conditions:

1. Completion and approval of all exhibits and language by legal (Dempsey), financial (Ehlers), and engineering (Kapur), and
2. Deletion of all the contingencies listed in section 1, and
3. Van Horn supplying State Approved Commercial Building Plans.

Motion Carried Unanimously

#### Operator's Licenses – New

(Bray/Schott) moved and seconded that Operator Licenses be granted to the following new applicants for the licensing year ending June 30, 2024:

Harry's Pizza e Vino – Laurie Latifi

R-Store – Brianna Rickman & Joshua Lohse

Quit Qui Oc– Terri Sipiorski

Motion Carried Unanimously

#### **TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

Knowles stated there were complaints about the music at the Osthoff on Friday night. Schott spoke about motorized boats on the lakes on Sunday, as well as the hydro boards going faster than slow no wake. Wolf stated that the electricity in the Square should be put on the agenda for action.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS:** None

#### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT** –. Reilly will be at the WMCA conference from August 23-25.

Public Works and Protection of Persons and Property Committee meetings need to be held to discuss outlay.

#### **VOUCHERS**

The following Water Department vouchers were presented to the Board for approval and payment:

7853	NATIONAL EXCHANGE BANK & TRUST	WATER POSTAGE STOCK FOR BILLING	\$ 288.00
7854	WE ENERGIES	WATER ELECTRICITY	\$ 1,944.93
7855	AWWA	WATER AWWA MEMBERSHIP REILLY	\$ 90.00
7856	BATTERIES PLUS LLC	WATER BATTERIES FOR WELLS	\$ 47.77
7857	CORE & MAIN, LP	WATER METER SUPPLIES 1 METER& 8TOUCHPADS	\$ 3,608.72
7858	FRONTIER	WATER PHONE & INTERNET	\$ 168.87

7859	MARTELLE WATER TREATMENT	WATER AQUA MAG, SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE	\$ 2,573.05
7860	MCCLONE	WATER INSURANCE	\$ 162.00
7861	NORTHWOODS FIRE PROTECTION LLC	WATER FIRE EXTINGUISHER MAINTENANCE	\$ 96.90
7862	PRECISION WATER METER TESTING	WATER METER TESTING- 7 METERS	\$ 1,395.00
7863	PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN	WATER-SIMPLE RATE CASE ASSESSMENT	\$ 33.80
7864	U.S. CELLULAR	WATER CELL PHONE	\$ 102.75
7865	VILLAGE OF ELKHART LAKE	WATER JULY WAGES & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ 6,667.48
7866	WISCONSIN NEWSPRESS INC.	WATER PUBLISH SIMPLE RATE CASE	\$ 56.85
7867	WISCONSIN PUBLIC SERVICE	WATER NATURAL GAS	\$ 22.94
		TOTAL WATER	\$ 17,259.06

(Schott/Knowles) moved that the Water Utility vouchers be approved and paid as presented.  
Motion Carried Unanimously

The following TIF & CDA vouchers were presented to the Board for approval and payment:

26440	BOND TRUST SERVICES CORP	TID #2 VICTORY S, VET, SAR, VET, ETC INT	\$ 31,237.50
26462	CORSON, PETERSON & HAMANN S.C.	ACCOUNTING GENERAL, TIDS 2, 3, 4	\$ 300.00
26463	DEMPSEY LAW FIRM, LLP	LEGAL GENERAL	\$ 2,040.75
26471	KAPUR & ASSOCIATES	ENGINEERING EL DR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 8,730.00
		TOTAL CDA/TID	\$ 42,308.25

(Shovan/Wolf) moved that the CDA & TIF vouchers be paid as presented.  
Motion Carried Unanimously

The following library and general vouchers were presented to the Board for approval and payment:

26441	CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	FD TV	\$ 1,950.87
26442	CUSTOM CRAFT TROPHY CO.	CLERK- NAMEPLATE DANNETTE	\$ 15.00
26443	NATIONAL EXCHANGE BANK & TRUST	BOARD EXP- GOOSE REPELLENT	\$ 784.14
26444	SCHWAAB, INC	CLERK- STAMP PADS	\$ 39.25
26445	SHEBOYGAN COUNTY CLERK	CLERK COUNTY GOVERNMENT DIRECTORY	\$ 17.00
26446	SUPERIOR VISION INSURANCE	VISION INSURANCE	\$ 316.50
26447	TASC	FSA ADMINISTRATION FEES	\$ 74.86
26448	TRANSAMERICA LIFE INSURANCE CO	CRITICAL ILLNESS	\$ 47.00
26449	U.S. CELLULAR	POLICE WIFI- 2021 SQUAD	\$ 81.02
26450	WE ENERGIES	STREETS ELECTRICITY	\$ 9,698.32
26451	AED PROFESSIONALS	FR EQUIPMENT ELECTRODE REPLACEMENTS	\$ 480.00
26452	AIRGAS USA LLC	FR OXYGEN	\$ 693.96
26453	AURORA HEALTH CARE	PD BLOOD DRAWS-RANCK, PARTIDA	\$ 50.00
26454	B & M WASTE SERVICE INC	VINTAGE PORTABLE RESTROOMS	\$ 1,025.00
26455	BAKER & TAYLOR	LIBRARY BOOKS, PROGRAMS	\$ 1,731.20
26456	BATTERIES PLUS LLC	FD BATTERIES	\$ 89.55
26457	BRUGGINKS, INC.	BOOM TRUCK RENTAL, REPAIR- VINTAGE NIGHT	\$ 262.50
26458	CAL & GUS MOTORS	GARAGE REPAIR TIRE- STEVE'S TRUCK	\$ 25.00
26459	CATALIS TAX & CAMA	ASSESSMENT Q1 2023 SHORTAGE	\$ 9,850.00
26460	CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	INTERNET	\$ 119.98

26461	CHRISTEL SIGN, LLC	LIBRARY LOCKER WRAP	\$ 507.15
26462	CORSON, PETERSON & HAMANN S.C.	ACCOUNTING GENERAL, TIDS 2, 3, 4	\$ 8,000.00
26463	DEMPSEY LAW FIRM, LLP	LEGAL GENERAL	\$ 194.00
26464	EICHHORST, LORI	CLEANING	\$ 675.00
26465	ENDURACLEAN	PARKS, CLERK, CC SUPPLIES	\$ 191.27
26466	FRONTIER	PHONE & INTERNET	\$ 891.63
26467	GPM INVESTMENTS	PD, BOAT, PW, FR FUEL	\$ 1,886.42
26468	HAWLEY, KAUFMAN & KAUTZER SC	POLICE LEGAL	\$ 324.00
26469	HERNANDEZ, GILBERTO	PD PARKING FINE PAID TWICE	\$ 40.00
26470	JIMS GOLF CARS, INC	POLICE GOLF CAR RENTAL- AUGUST	\$ 450.00
26471	KAPUR & ASSOCIATES	ENGINEERING EL DR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 2,025.86
26472	KIEL ACE HARDWARE	GARAGE, LIBRARY, FD MISC SUPPLIES	\$ 37.14
26473	MARY STARNITCKY	LIBRARY PROGRAMS	\$ 200.00
26474	MCCLONE	INSURANCE	\$ 8,870.00
26475	MEEUSEN, MICHAEL	VINTAGE NIGHT REIMBURSE FOOD	\$ 77.62
26476	MIDWEST TAPE, LLC	LIBRARY VIDEOS	\$ 317.85
26477	MILLHOME NURSERY AND GREENHOUSES, LLC	SPRING & SUMMER PLANTERS 2023	\$ 1,711.72
26478	MONTES, RACHEL	LIBRARY EXP- REIMBURSE COMBO LOCKS	\$ 11.59
26479	MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS	POLICE TRAINING- WIGEN SSA CERT CLASS	\$ 1,100.00
26480	NAPA AUTO PARTS DIV OF MPEC-101	STREETS, PARKS FILTERS, OIL	\$ 65.36
26481	NEUMANN PLUMBING & HEATING INC	FD HVAC SERVICE CONTRACT	\$ 1,093.00
26482	NORTH STAR EMERGENCY VEHICLE SERVICE INC	FD PUMP MAINT, TESTS E3, E5, T1, AERIAL	\$ 1,604.05
26483	NORTHERN MORaine UTILITY	SEWAGE TREATMENT	\$ 36,273.13
26484	NORTHWOODS FIRE PROTECTION LLC	FIRE EXTINGUISHER MAINTENANCE	\$ 617.99
26485	PFEIFER'S MILL	PARKS FERTILIZER	\$ 210.00
26486	PROS 4 TECHNOLOGY, INC	IT SERVICES, LAPTOP FOR K-9 PROGRAM	\$ 4,628.50
26487	R BRAUN INC	STREETS NEW CHAINSAW	\$ 1,496.96
26488	REGISTER OF DEEDS SHEB. CTY.	RECORDING FEES- RECORD CSM & SOFENT	\$ 60.00
26489	SHEBOYGAN COUNTY CLERK OF COURT	PD FINE PAID TO VILLAGE S/B TO COUNTY	\$ 250.70
26490	SHEBOYGAN COUNTY TREASURER	LAKE SHORE DR REPAVE, COURT CO ASSESS	\$ 41,999.59
26491	SHERWIN INDUSTRIES	STREETS PEDESTRIAN SIGN PANEL, SPRINGS	\$ 1,382.35
26492	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	CLERK PAPER, BINDER, PD STAND-UP DESK	\$ 385.81
26493	STATE OF WISCONSIN	COURT STATE ASSESSMENT	\$ 2,057.20
26494	STEVE NEILS	LIBRARY INSTALL NEW CEILING FIXTURES	\$ 110.00
26495	STREICHERS	POLICE OCCUPATIONAL SUPPLIES- BATTERY	\$ 37.99
26496	THE UNIFORM SHOPPE	POLICE UNIFORMS- MEEUSEN VEST	\$ 293.95
26497	U.S. CELLULAR	CELL PHONES	\$ 492.75
26498	WI DEPT. OF JUSTICE-TIME	POLICE TIME ACCESS	\$ 294.75
26499	WISCONSIN PUBLIC SERVICE	NATURAL GAS	\$ 160.12
26500	WITKOWSKI INSPECTION AGENCY, LLC	BUILDING INSPECTIONS	\$ 750.00
26501	WM CORPORATE SERVICES, INC.	REFUSE, RECYCLING, YARD WASTE COLLECTION	\$ 9,335.39
26502	CLEVELAND STATE BANK	N MORaine UTILITY LOAN PRINCIPAL PAYMENT	\$ 50,000.00
		TOTAL GENERAL & LIBRARY	\$ 208,461.99



TOTAL PAYROLL	\$87,085.84
TOTAL AUG EXPENSE	\$ 295,547.83

(Bray/Schott) moved and seconded to approve the general and library vouchers and pay as presented.  
Motion Carried Unanimously

(Schott/Bray) moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Motion Carried Unanimously

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Jessica Reilly, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

[www.elkhartlakewi.gov](http://www.elkhartlakewi.gov)

The following is the schedule for regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Elkhart Lake and **tentative** meetings of the Planning Commission and CDA:

MONDAY, September 18, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.	BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONDAY, October 2, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.	BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WEDNESDAY, October 11, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.	PLANNING COMMISSION
MONDAY, October 16, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.	BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Village of Elkhart Lake requests persons requiring auxiliary aids and service for participation in the above meeting contact the Clerk twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting. All meetings are held in the general meeting room of the Grashorn Memorial Civic Center, located at 84 North Lake St. in Elkhart Lake unless noted.

THE DEADLINE FOR BEING PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR ANY REGULAR BOARD MEETING WILL BE AT 5:00 P.M. ON THE WEDNESDAY PRIOR TO THE REGULAR MEETING MONDAY AND ONE WEEK PRIOR TO A COMMITTEE OR COMMISSION MEETING.

The Municipal Office is located in the Grashorn Memorial Civic Center and is open on Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please call and make an appointment for special needs.

### VILLAGE BOARD MEMBERS

**PRESIDENT:** Richard Sadiq (POB 188) 876-3732

**TRUSTEE:** Geoff Bray (POB 736) 920-452-5397

**TRUSTEE:** Terri Knowles (POB 35) 876-3448

**TRUSTEE:** John Schott (913 Grassy Lane) 920-698-2480

**TRUSTEE:** Mike Wolf (POB 506) 920-207-2311

**TRUSTEE:** Lynn Shovan (POB 86) 920-207-4561

**TRUSTEE:** Paul Rudnick (POB 304) 920-946-8644

# A Reminder Regarding Grass Clippings!

The following information is from an article written by Brandon Reid, Manitowoc Herald Times Reporter.

It is unlawful to place grass clippings in village streets and alleys. When mowing your lawn, we ask that you direct the blower away from the street and clean up any grass clippings that end up there.



Grass clippings blown into Village streets can cause a lot of problems:

- Clippings can easily enter the storm sewer, which ends up in rivers and lakes.
- Grass clippings contain phosphorus, the nutrient that turns lakes green with algae. One bushel of fresh grass clippings can contain 0.1 pounds of phosphorus — enough to produce 30 to 50 pounds of algae growth if it finds its way to a lake or river.
- Grass clippings in streets also pose a risk to motorcyclists. Since grass is 85% water, it's slick, and driving over a slick surface can cause a motorcycle to lose traction.
- The clippings can also plug storm pipes and cause flooding, and clippings picked up by the Village street sweeper must be sent to the landfill, which can cost taxpayers money.

Try the following to keep grass clippings out of village streets:

- Leave grass clippings on the lawn.
- Direct grass clippings away from streets, driveways, sidewalks and other paved areas.
- Sweep up grass clippings and return them to the lawn.
- Set the lawn mower at a higher setting (more than 2.5 inches), letting shorter blades fall back onto the lawn as natural fertilizer.
- Sharpen mower blades every one to three years.
- Mow when your lawn needs it, not on a fixed schedule
- Mix grass clippings with leaves and soil to make a backyard compost pile.

## Road Project Update

The Village completed the Lakeshore Road repaving project in July. Work is being completed on engineering for the drainage on Elkhart Lake Drive. Depending on when this is completed, this road project might not be completed until 2024. The Village is looking at potentially doing a couple other roads (Chicago and Osthoff Avenue), if we cannot do Elkhart Lake Drive this year.



While it may seem that decisions regarding street maintenance are arbitrarily made, there is actually a system in place to help Village staff and the Public Works committee of the Board of Trustees make these decisions. They use the Wisconsin Information System for Local Roads (WISLR), an internet-accessible system that helps manage local road data to improve decision-making and meet state statute requirements. WISLR is also used to report local road information (such as width, surface type, surface year, shoulder, curb, road category, functional classification, and pavement condition ratings) to WisDOT. Pavement condition ratings are used to determine which streets are most in need of repairs such as crack filling, seal coating, grind and overlay or complete reconstruction.



## Boating Regulations

1. A Coast Guard approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD) in serviceable condition is required to be in the boat and accessible for each person in the boat.
2. A speed of "SLOW NO WAKE" is in effect all year long from 7:30 pm-10 am each day. "SLOW NO WAKE" is defined as the slowest possible speed at which a boat can operate while still maintaining steerage.
3. Maintain a speed of "SLOW NO WAKE" at all times when operating a motor boat between the shoreline and the NO WAKE buoys and within 100 feet of any craft at anchor, adrift or not operating under engine power.
4. No boat towing persons skiing, tubing or the like can come within 100 feet of swimmers, divers, rafts, other boats or restricted areas.
5. All boats engaged in towing skiers, tubers or persons in similar activities must have a competent person, other than the pilot, observing the towed person(s).
6. NO SUNDAY operation of motor driven boats, beginning the 2nd Sunday of June and ending the 3rd Sunday of September. Note: Only electric trolling motors allowed.
7. There is a radar-enforced speed limit of 35 m.p.h. on the water.
8. A counter-clockwise course should be maintained while water-skiing, jet skiing, etc., and during the times of high-volume boat activity.



A complete listing of Elkhart Lake and the State of Wisconsin Boating Rules Regulations and Statutes is available at the Village Office in Elkhart Lake.





## September Events

### Kids

Toddler/Preschool Storytime-

Thursdays @ 9:30am

Reading Dragons-

Starts Sept. 1st for new and returning kids

Bookmark Design Competition-

Deadline Sept. 16th

### Adults

First Friday Matinee - A Man Called Otto -

Friday, September 1st @ 1pm (Civic Center)

Book Club -

Fri. Sept. 8th @ 1pm

Ukulele Club-

Th., Sept. 14th @ 1pm

Fiber Arts Circle -

Tues., Sept. 19th @ 10:30am

Genealogy Work Group -

Tues., Sept. 26th @ 2pm



# Outdoor Warning Sirens



## **1. What does it mean when I hear the outdoor warning sirens?**

In short, it means that something life-threatening is happening and you should go indoors and get more information.

## **2. What should I do when I hear the outdoor warning sirens?**

When the sirens are heard, go inside and tune to local media to get more information.

## **3. Why can't I hear the outdoor warning sirens in my house?**

Sirens are an outdoor warning system designed only to alert those who are outside that something dangerous is approaching.

## **4. How can I get alerts when I'm at work or in my house?**

For alerts indoors, every home and business should have a [NOAA Weather Radio All-Hazards](https://www.noaa.gov/weather/radio). NOAA Weather Radio is like a smoke detector for severe weather, and it can wake you up when a warning is issued for your area so you can take appropriate action.

## **5. When are outdoor warning sirens tested?**

Sirens are tested according to local community or state policies. In Sheboygan County, this is every other Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.

## **6. Why don't the outdoor warning sirens sound an all-clear signal?**

People should be indoors and monitoring local media for updates on the storm.

## **7. Will the outdoor warning sirens warn me of every dangerous storm?**

The safest approach is to be proactive and use all the information available to protect yourself and your family from threatening weather. Nothing can replace common sense. If a storm is approaching, the lightning alone is a threat. Sirens are only one part of a warning system that includes preparation, NOAA Weather Radio, and local media.

## **8. Who activates the outdoor warning sirens?**

All Sheboygan County sirens are activated by County Dispatch personnel when directed to do so by the National Weather Service.

## **Additional Resources:**

<https://www.weather.gov/safety/tornado>

<https://www.noaa.gov/weather>

<https://www.noaa.gov/weather>



## General Capital/Van Horn Development

The Planning Commission and Village Board continues meeting about the General Capital and Van Horn apartment and townhouse development at 604 S. Lincoln Street (the old County property along Highway 67). The Certified Survey Map and Development Agreements have been approved, and Sohn Manufacturing's driveway will move slightly towards the north. Earthwork began the first week of September, and if all continues to move on schedule, we can expect to see construction on building foundations starting sometime in October or November. As part of this development the Village will be installing curb and gutter and sidewalk/multi use path all the way to Badger Road. The Village is also requiring a playground to be included in this development. If you have questions or comments on the project, please contact Jessica Reilly at 920-876-2122 or [clerk@elkhartlakewi.gov](mailto:clerk@elkhartlakewi.gov) or reach out to a Village Board member.

## Village-wide Revaluation Update

A revaluation is a village-wide review of all property assessments. Adjustments are made where necessary to guarantee that all property is assessed at market value. This ensures that taxes are distributed equitably. The State of Wisconsin sets standards that all communities in the State must be valued at 100% of market value or be kept within 10% of that value. As the Village had fallen below these standards, we were out of compliance with State Statutes and were required to complete a revaluation.

**Property values are increasing an average of 42%, but lake properties are seeing larger increases. Even though your property value may increase that does not automatically mean taxes will increase. The levy limit for the Village still remains the same.**

**If you have questions on the value of your property, we request that you call Grotz Appraisals at 262-253-1142.**

*As of February 1, 2023, the Village Treasurer's Office is no longer collecting property taxes. Please do not send them to the Village of Elkhart Lake. The second installment of your property taxes must be sent to the*  
*Sheboygan County Treasurer*  
*508 New York Avenue – Room 109*  
*Sheboygan, WI 53081-4126.*

## BUILDING PERMIT REMINDER!

If you are planning a construction project on your home or business you must apply for a building permit. Permits must be obtained prior to commencement of work. Failure to do so will result in double the permit fees and may result in a fine of up to \$1000. If you are unsure if your project requires a permit, please call the Clerk's Office at 920-876-2122



## Noise Ordinance Changes

These changes only affect the stationary noise limits and do not pertain to other areas of the ordinance which address noise from construction, lawn maintenance activities, snow blowing, and other non-construction maintenance equipment. The revisions also provide an exemption to the Sunday noise limits. The Village Board approved these changes at its meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup>:

### (4) Stationary Noise Limits.

(a) Noise from a stationary source shall not exceed the following standards for maximum sound pressure levels measured at the property line or in the case of music the noise level will be taken at 125 feet from the speakers from Monday - Saturday.

Zone	7 A.M. to 10 P.M.	10 P.M. to 7 A.M.
Residential	75 dBA	65 dBA
Commercial	<del>82</del> -dBA 77 dBA	<del>70</del> -dBA 68 dBA
All Other Zones	<del>82</del> -dBA 77 dBA	<del>70</del> -dBA 68 dBA

(b) Noise from a stationary source shall not exceed the following standards for maximum sound pressure levels measured at the property line or in the case of music the noise level will be taken at 125 feet from the speakers on Sundays.

Zone	7 A.M. to 10 P.M.	10 P.M. to 7 A.M.
Residential	<del>75</del> -dBA 65 dBA	65 dBA
Commercial	<del>82</del> -dBA 68 dBA	<del>70</del> -dBA 68 dBA
All Other Zones	<del>82</del> -dBA 68 dBA	<del>70</del> -dBA 68 dBA

(d) On Sundays when the noise levels are the same in the day and nighttime hours a special permit to exceed the decibel levels can be applied for from the Village Board. This regulation will not apply to Sundays that are prior to a legal holiday, sections (a) & (c) will apply.





## Let's Talk Trees!

The urban forest is a vital part of village life. It provides environmental, economic, aesthetic, and health benefits.

The Village of Elkhart Lake is a 23-year Tree City based on these qualifications: maintaining a Tree Commission, having a community tree ordinance, spending \$2.00 per capita on our urban forest, and celebrating Arbor Day with our 5th graders. Pat Robison, Frank Thielman, Anne Hatas, Steve Kapellen, and John Schott are our tree commissioners with Katrina Weir, Village Deputy Clerk, as the community liaison.

The commission is responsible for stewardship of the village park and parkway trees working with our public works department to coordinate tree planting, removal, replacement, and maintenance. Other projects include providing information to the community about the impact of the urban forest, long term planning, and the 5th grade arbor day artwork and tree planting events. In 2023 the Commission is focusing on working together with the community to protect and maintain village trees.

### *Beautification Committee*

*The Beautification Committee and Public Works crew have been hard at work throughout the Village planting and maintaining our gardens. Beautification Committee*

*Volunteers are residents of both the village and the Town of Rhine. We have also hired a part-time public works employee who helps maintain our parks and gardens. Thanks for making our Village look great. If you would like to volunteer to maintain gardens call Jessica at 876-2122.*



### YARD WASTE DUMPSTER

The dumpster at the Village Garage is open for yard waste disposal. There is signage to direct you to the appropriate dumpster. Do not leave plastic bags in or around the dumpsters. Please remember that this dumpster is for yard waste only, not lake waste! Yard waste, leaves, brush, garden debris, etc., will not be picked up curbside. A truck for large brush or trees can be obtained by calling the Village Garage at 876-2231.





# Railroad Right-of-Way

The railroad tracks running through the Village have become a popular location for family photos, graduation photos, and selfies. **Taking photos on the railroad tracks or the right-of-way is both dangerous and illegal.** In most areas, including within Village limits, the railroad owns 50 feet each way from the center of the tracks. The only places it is legal to access railroad property is at a designated pedestrian or roadway crossing. The Federal Railroad Administration reminds people to “Always Expect a Train!” and to keep these tips in mind when crossing tracks:

- Trains do not follow a set schedule, so they can come at any time of day from either direction.
- A train traveling at 55 MPH can take more than a mile to stop.
- Trains overhang railroad tracks by three feet or more on either side. Even when you are not standing directly on the tracks, you risk being hit by a train by being on railroad property.
- Despite their size, trains are relatively quiet and do not always sound warning horns when approaching a crossing.
- Never attempt to walk under, around or between train cars, even when a train is at a complete stop.

For more safety tips, view FRA's railroad website - <https://www.fra.dot.gov>

## Attention Dog Owners:

**It is unlawful for a dog to be within *any public park or beach or the fireman's park or beach* except as provided in the Village of Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah Athletic Association Park rules and regulations (1)b14.**

**VILLAGE ORDINANCE 8.27:** It shall be unlawful for any person who owns, harbors, or keeps a dog to permit such dogs to **run at large** any time of year within the Village limits. Any dog which is off the premises of its owner or keeper must be under the control of an **attendant holding a leash**, maximum of 8 feet. Any dog on owner's premise which is not leashed (15 feet maximum), fenced in, or under control of an attendant would be considered running at large.

**VILLAGE ORDINANCE 8.29:** Any person owning or having control of any animal shall **clean up** the feces of such animal immediately and dispose of it in a sanitary manner when the animal has defecated on the property of another or on **public property**. The Village has installed Dog Refuse Stations throughout the Village to help in the cleanup effort. The stations are located:

- At the North and South ends of the Lake Street Walkway
- near Village Square Park
- on South Lake Street near Elm Street
- on Osthoff Avenue
- at Lions Park
- on East Rhine Street near Charlene's
- on East Rhine Street near Cal & Gus.



# Garbage Collection Holiday Schedule 2023

Memorial Day – Tuesday, May 30, 2023

Independence Day – Normal Monday Pick up

Labor Day- Tuesday, September 5, 2023

Thanksgiving Day – Normal Monday Pick up

Christmas Day – Tuesday, December 26, 2023

New Year's Day – Tuesday, January 2, 2024



## Garbage Collection Issues

Please call Waste Management at 1-888-960-0008 if you have any questions, they miss your pick-up, or for repairs to carts. Make sure to use our Customer ID# 82300982379. Then please call the Clerk's office at 920-876-2122 and let us know. There have been some issues with the transition to Waste Management and the Village is trying to keep track of the issues people are experiencing.

## Household Hazardous Waste

Sheboygan County has established three (potentially four) periodic collection sites for disposing of hazardous wastes. The majority of the program is funded with County tax dollars, so be prepared to show proof of residency. When those funds are depleted, the sites will be closed until funds are again available. The fees are: \$15 – Vehicles with hazardous waste only, \$40 – Vehicles with household size electronics only (for each 6 items), and \$40 – Vehicles with both hazardous waste and household size electronics (for each 6 electronic items). For more information on the days, times, and locations please visit <https://www.sheboygancounty.com/home/showpublisheddocument/17380/637804434735600000>.

## From the Elkhart Lake Police Department:

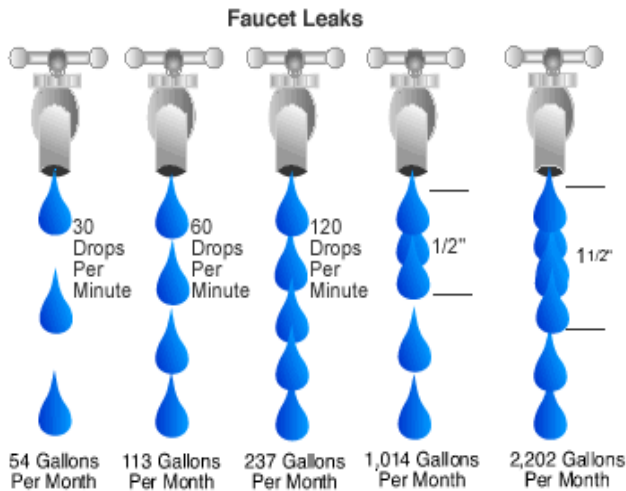


Medicines go here...



...not here

**Please do not put medications in the Police Drop Box on the outside of the Village Hall.** The Police Department has a secure medications drop box located in the lobby of the police department. It is available to have any pill medications dropped during normal business hours. This program is in cooperation with the Sheboygan County Planning Department and is intended to keep old harmful medications from entering our water supply. Any old medications can be dropped off in the box and will be disposed of without charge. **Medications should be removed from their containers so medicine only goes in.** This means no packaging (bottles, blister packages, etc.) should go into the box. **Also very important: please do not place any other medical waste, syringes, or liquids in the drop box.** Any questions, please contact us at 920-876-2244.



You may not realize how a small leak can be costly. Below is an image that shows that a faucet dripping only 30 drops per minute can mean that 54 gallons are lost a month. If you have a leaking toilet that is leaking at  $\frac{1}{4}$  gallon per minute, it can use 10,800 gallons per month and can cost over \$125 in water and sewer charges in one month in the Village of Elkhart Lake. If you suspect your toilet is running or leaking you can contact the public works department and they can check for a leaking toilet. If you have any questions, please call 920-876-2122.

Pay your water bill automatically!  
Call the Village Clerk's Office at  
920-876-2122 for more information.



The Village is continually testing its water for contaminants. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amounts of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Elkhart Lake Water Utility annually files a report about the water quality in the Village. The 2021 Consumer Confidence Report is available to view online or via paper copy.

To view it online visit  
[www.elkhartlakewi.gov/departments/water](http://www.elkhartlakewi.gov/departments/water).  
To obtain a paper copy, please stop in at the Clerk's Office at 40 Pine Street, call 876-2122 or email [clerk@elkhartlakewi.gov](mailto:clerk@elkhartlakewi.gov).