**EDMORE VILLAGE COUNCIL**

**REGULAR SESSION**

**UNAPPROVED JOURNAL OF MINUTES**

**October 11, 2021**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**: The regular session of the Village of Edmore Council was called to order on Monday, October 11, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. by **President** **Gloria** **Burr**.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**: Members present – **Colburn, Green, Griswold, Guild, Rasmussen, Burr.** Absent **– Moore.** Also present: **Deputy Josh Lyster** – Montcalm County Sheriff’s Dept, **Justin Lakamper** – Village Manager, **Shirley Drain** – Village Treasurer, **Kerri Peterson** – Village Clerk.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**: Motion by **Rasmussen** to approve the agenda as written. Seconded by **Griswold**. **VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 6-0.**
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS: AGENDA ITEMS: Leonard Jordan** asked if the Village still had a junk ordinance and if so, could they look into getting an address on 1st Street, where the old greenhouse used to be, near the old Webb Elementary, in compliance with the ordinance. Lakamper stated he has had multiple conversations with them and there will be more enforcement efforts.
6. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**:
7. **POLICE**: **Deputy Josh** **Lyster** reported on September 28th during a random property inspection, the deputy located a damaged window on a door of the Township Fire Department building. No indications that the building was entered. The building was inspected by a fire department member earlier in the day who was able to confirm the damage did not exist then. There are no suspects, and the deputy will continue to provide extra patrols. There was also a warrant arrest made on an unrelated incident.
8. **FINANCE**: **Burr** reportedfor Tracy. Finished collecting taxes this month. The tax rolls have been balanced and submitted to the County. Tyler Technologies is still working on our payment page for the website. We have not received word back on which credit card reader we need. We have followed up with them twice since the last meeting.
9. **DDA**: **Lakamper** reported. The next DDA meeting will be held at 8:00 am on October 20th. Trying a new meeting time to increase attendance. The DDA makeup meeting was held on September 22nd, 2021. At that meeting the following was discussed. The DDA is sponsoring a Halloween and Christmas decorating contest where residents and businesses can participate for prize money. Anyone can vote on their three favorite locations and drop off a completed ballot at the Village office. The DDA will also be holding “Edmore’s Spooky Halloween Affair” at the Bag Factory on Halloween weekend which will include carnival rides, a movie, a haunted house, and a trunk or treat.
10. **DPW**: **Burr** reported for Andy. We had 1 full burial and 2 cremains at the cemetery. We finished sewer flushing this month. Put barricades out for the Potato Festival and the Homecoming Parade. Patched streets from water leaks last month. Chipped all the branches from the fallen trees on Wyman and Main that were on the sidewalk. Leaf vacuuming begins in October and chipping will go on through November.
11. **MANAGERS**: **Lakamper** reported. American Recovery Plan Act Funds: We received our first payment of $62,383.50 from ARPA. We have deposited it as deferred revenue in the water account. Code Enforcement: We continue with regular grass notices. Have issued several blight notices coming up to fall cleanup. We will be moving forward with notices and tickets for those who did not take advantage of the opportunity. 130 N. Tenth Street: Home is still in probate and the family is keeping in contact with the Village with updates. Halloween Events: Most of this is being pushed by Joelle Betts and it is turning out nicely. Newsletter: It was a little later than usual because the printing company had some issues with their machines and had to assemble them by hand. Turnaround was about a week as opposed to the normal 2 days. Park Equipment: Midstate Recreation states the workout equipment is shipping this week and the park equipment is estimated shipping out in December. Well 6 Rebuild: Peerless had an opening on October 11th to come do the work. They came out and pulled well 6 and it’s already at the shop for rebuilding. Could take about a month to get done and reinstalled. Halloween hours will be Sunday, October 31st from 5pm-7pm.
12. **PRESIDENTS**: **Gloria Burr**: None.
13. **TREASURER’S REPORT**: **Shirley** **Drain**
14. **TREASURER’S** **REPORT** **& COMMENTS:** **Drain**: Books are closed and balanced for the month of September 2021. All loans are current except MAKS, LLC which is 2 months behind. ELF committee needs to meet and decide on a course of action. Cash balances look good. Water looks good. Equipment fund looks good.
15. **APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS**: **Green** moved to pay the bills. Seconded by **Rasmussen**. **ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL YES: Colburn, Green, Griswold, Guild, Rasmussen, Burr. MOTION PASSED 6-0.**
16. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.
17. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**:
18. **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING August 9, 2021:** Motion by **Colburn** to approve minutes with typo correction. Seconded by **Griswold**. **VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 6-0.**
19. **OLD BUSINESS:**
20. **DISCUSSION – MOVING OF POND SIDEWALK/HEARTLAND TRAIL:** Discussion took place. Has been no conclusion from the owner. Could be legal but it would be the Trails responsibility to pursue because it belongs to the Trail. The Village gave the Trail an easement to use part of the sidewalk for the trail before the trail was built. We could still move the sidewalk if we want. Cannot contact anyone at the Trail. Meeting minutes from the late 90s showed the Village gave an easement to the Trail to use the sidewalk. It then goes on to state that the Village could pay for the building of the sidewalk, but they were giving it to the Trail. The problem is at the time the easement was given; the Village didn’t own that property. The owner at the time had the opportunity to express discontent with it and stop the process from happening and he didn’t. He also has told Lakamper that he knew they were putting it there and he didn’t care. There is a 15-year statute of limitation and it does not reset if the property sells. **Lakamper** went on to state that it’s a wait and see if the owners of the property want to pursue it or not. More discussion took place on the width of the Trail versus the sidewalk, and who was responsible for fixing any holes or broken sidewalk. The agreement stated that the Village can maintain it but is not required to do so. **Lakamper** will continue to try to get in contact with the representative of the Trail. Tabled until spring.
21. **DISCUSSION – PLACEMENT OF THE EXOFIT WORKOUT MACHINES**: No discussion. Motion by **Green** to keep the workout equipment at the park as planned with the DPW doing the install. Supported by **Colburn. VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 6-0.**
22. **NEW BUSINESS**
23. **APPROVAL – TRUGRO ADULT-USE MARIHUANA PROCESSOR LICENSE: Lakamper** reported after reviewing the TruGro, LLC, application and speaking with business owner, Ron Schafer, on multiple occasions, he is quite confident that TruGro, LLC, will be able to run a successful marihuana processing facility while meeting the requirements set forth by the State and our local ordinance and should be granted the license. The intention is to build a marihuana/hemp processing facility on Sunrise lots 7, 8. 9. Discussion ensued on the odor that may come from this business. **Lakamper** stated the Village has the right to inspect any business at any time. **Green** moved to approve the TruGro, LLC Adult-Use Marihuana Processor License. Supported by **Colburn. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Green, Griswold, Guild, Burr. NO: Rasmussen**. **MOTION PASSED 5-1.**
24. **APPROVAL – HOMETOWN HEROES POLE CONTRIBUTION: Green** reported that the Ladies Auxiliary Post 2292 would like to know if the Village of Edmore would be interested in partnering with them and possibly Vestaburg, for the 2022 Hometown Heroes Banner Project. The banners would fly from Memorial Day to Veterans Day for 3 years. The whole thing could fall apart if the VFW is unable to come up with their quota of donors who want to do this but there is a big interest at this point. Flag prices are still pending. Our current brackets are too small to hold these banners, so brackets would have to be purchased and installed. Discussion took place as to which light posts would be used and possibly installing them throughout town and not just on Main Street. **Guild** asked about other surrounding towns participating, also. More discussion ensued on what flags are already on the poles downtown and what can be done to rearrange some of them so that we can still have some American flags, also. Motion by **Green** to approve the idea in principle that we participate in the Hometown Heroes program with VFW Auxiliary Post 2292, with up to 50 brackets for banners, not to exceed $3000. Details pending. Supported by **Burr. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL YES: Colburn, Green, Griswold, Guild, Rasmussen, Burr. MOTION PASSED 6-0.**
25. **APPROVAL – HALLOWEEN HOURS 5:00PM – 7:00 PM:** Motion by **Griswold to set the Halloween hours – October 31st from 5:00pm – 7:00pm.** Supported by **Rasmussen. VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 6-0.**
26. **APPROVAL – SELL/SCRAP ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT IN THE GARAGE ON LOT 8**: Discussion was heard. **Lakamper** has an individual who has offered to buy the equipment but not sure if it’s set in stone. The building is sold but the owners have gave permission for us to leave equipment there until they need it to begin their construction on the property. We will probably just take the stuff to the scrap yard if needed. **Lakamper** has permission to do what is needed to empty the building under overseeing the management of all property in the Village Managers description.
27. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**: None.
28. **COUNCIL COMMENTS: Guild** asked if it was going to be possible to move back into the small office in the near future and we continue to not have any public show up for the meetings. It is currently up to the council as there are no restrictions at this time. We will play it by ear depending on the Covid restrictions and rate of the infections at the time. **Drain** commended Lakamper on the very nice newsletter. She went on to inform the council that the water bill drop box is very hard to get to and hard to reach from your car. You still need to get out of your car to drop it in the box. **Green** stated it is still better than having to walk from the parking lot to the drop box on the building or go inside.
29. **ADJOURNMENT**: Motion by **Colburn** to adjourn. Supported by **Griswold**. **VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 6-0.**

**President Burr** adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

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**Village President Village Clerk**

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 **NEXT MEETING: November 08, 2021**