

**EDMORE VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
UNAPPROVED JOURNAL OF MINUTES
December 12, 2022**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Village of Edmore Council was called to order on Monday, December 12, 2022, at 7:03 p.m. by **President Gloria Burr**.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL:** Members present – **Colburn, Green, Griswold, Guild, Rasmussen, Burr**. Also present: **Justin Lakamper** – Village Manager, **Shirley Drain** – Village Treasurer, **Kerri Peterson** – Village Clerk, **Deputy Tanis** – Montcalm County Sheriff's Department.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Motion by **Rasmussen** to approve the agenda with addition of 10.G. Oath of Office. Seconded by **Green**. **VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 6-0.**
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
6. **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**
 - A. **POLICE: Deputy Tanis:** **Deputy Tanis** reported activity included 23 total investigations and 3 arrests. Traffic there were 22 stops, 1 citation issued, and 20 verbal warnings. Notable events included on November 10th; the township deputy observed a vehicle disregard a stop sign. When the deputy attempted to conduct a traffic stop, the vehicle sped up to elude the deputy. Early in the pursuit, a passenger in the pursued vehicle sent a text message to central dispatch stating she asked the driver to stop and let her out however he would not. The pursuit continued. The vehicle was eventually lost east of Sheridan only to be located a short time later in the ditch. The driver fled the scene, and the female was not injured in the crash. A K9 search was conducted unsuccessfully. A few hours later, a report of a suspicious person in the area of the crash resulted in the arrest of the driver of the fleeing and eluding investigation. The driver, a 44-year-old Belding man, was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine with the Intent to Deliver/Second Offense and Fleeing and Eluding. He remains in jail currently.
 - B. **FINANCE: Burr** reported for **Tracy**. Worked with Tyler Technologies to have our finance software installed on the front desk computer which will allow us to use the bill scanner.
 - C. **DDA: Lakamper** reported the next DDA meeting is December 19th at 7 p.m.
 - D. **DPW: Burr** reported for **Andy**. We replaced a leaking water valve at Sweet Serendipity. We installed a new water valve at the corner of Gilson and First Street to separate two homes which shared the same water shut off valve, so that they can be independently controlled. We had two cremains' burials and one full burial. We jetted the sewer line on Gilson between Lewis and 5th Street. We had the lift state at Sunrise fail. After investigating it was had electricians come out who identified that three floats were bad as well as an electrical relay. We had all the parts to fix it and need to reorder to replace spare parts.
 - E. **MANAGER: Justin Lakamper:** **Lakamper** reported on the following: **CODE ENFORCEMENT** – Been working with 315 S Fifth Street to deal with the large piles of rubbish in the front and back yards. The resident continues to work with me in good faith. **CVTRS REPORT** – Submitted our County Village Township Revenue Sharing reports to the State Treasury which is required for the Village to receive its portion of the revenue sharing. The State has reported that it will be 106% of what was issued last year. **EVENTS** – Christmas in the Village was this past weekend. Everything went well. **GRANTS** – Our DWAM grant was resubmitted at the

beginning of the month. We updated the scope of our grant and increased our original request by around \$10,000. The State is running a second round for this grant. I am waiting to hear back from EGLE. If awarded the grant, we will receive enough funding to have a contractor dig up 100 water services and for Flies and Vandenbrink to conduct a full-scale asset management plan for our water system. **MAIN LIFT STATION** – Jett Pump is working on repairing our pump. The parts were covered under warranty, but the Village must pay \$900 in labor costs. **TRACTOR** – As previously reported, the motor on the large John Deere tractor the DPW uses as the main plow vehicle and for pulling and operating the leaf vac, has seized up. The dealership has determined that a shaft in the oil pump snapped, starving the motor of oil, and caused it to seize. They were not sure if they would be able to rebuild it or not. A new replacement motor is \$47,000.

F. PRESIDENT: Gloria Burr: Burr wished everyone Happy Holidays.

7. TREASURER’S REPORT: Shirley Drain

A. TREASURER’S REPORT & COMMENTS: Drain reported the books are closed and balanced for November and all looks good. The cash balances look good. ELF loans – All current. **Guild** asked for an update on the payment schedule for Averyville Acres.

B. APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion by Griswold to approve the payment of the bills. Seconded by **Green**. **ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Green, Griswold, Guild, Rasmussen, Burr. MOTION PASSED 6-0**

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 14, 2022: Motion by Colburn to accept the minutes with addition of first motion in 11.B. Seconded by **Rasmussen**. **VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 6-0**

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. CHRISTMAS BONUS: Motion by Guild to give all fulltime Village employees a \$225 Christmas bonus. Supported by **Rasmussen**. **ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Green, Griswold, Guild, Rasmussen, Burr. ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 6-0**

B. RENEWAL OF GROWER CONSULTANTS RECREATIONAL MARIHUANA LICENSE: Green moved to approve the renewal of Grower Consultants recreational marihuana license. Supported by **Colburn**. **ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Green, Griswold, Guild, Burr. NO: Rasmussen. MOTION PASSED 5-1**

C. RENEWAL OF HBS CRU MEDICAL MARIHUANA LICENSE: Guild moved to approve the renewal of HBS Cru medical marihuana license. Seconded by **Griswold**. **ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Green, Griswold, Guild, Burr. NO: Rasmussen. MOTION PASSED 5-1**

D. APPROVAL OF MANAGER ATTENDANCE AT MME WINTER INSTITUTE: Motion by Rasmussen to approve the attendance of the manager at the MME winter institute at a cost of \$829.55. Seconded by **Green**. **ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Green, Griswold, Guild, Rasmussen, Burr. MOTION PASSED 6-0**

E. APPROVAL TO PURCHASE NEW MUD VALVE FOR WATER TOWER: At the base of the water tower is a 3” valve that is used to drain the tower. This valve has begun to leak slightly. After many attempts it will no longer seal up and fully close. A replacement valve is \$2,360. Motion by Guild to purchase mud valve for water tower at a cost of \$2360 from Hamlett Environmental Technologies. Supported by **Griswold**. **ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Green, Griswold, Guild, Rasmussen, Burr. MOTION PASSED 6-0**

F. AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM GF TO HEF FOR TRACTOR REPAIRS: The motor on the large John Deere tractor the DPW uses as the main plow vehicle and for pulling and operating the leaf vac, has seized up. The dealership has determined that a shaft in the oil pump snapped, starving the motor of oil, and caused it to seize. They were not sure if they would be able to rebuild it or not. A new replacement motor is \$47,000, complete inhouse rebuild is \$39,284, and remanufactured block + rebuild is \$34,174. The repair timeline is 1-2 weeks for new motor, and is unknown due to parts availability, on the complete inhouse rebuild and the remanufactured block + rebuild. Motion by **Guild** to approve option #1 - new motor, and to transfer \$46,417 from GF to the HEF for the tractor repairs. Seconded by **Green**. **ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Green, Griswold, Guild, Rasmussen, Burr. MOTION PASSED 6-0**

G. OATH OF OFFICE: The oath of office was given to **Burr, Rasmussen** and **Colburn** by **Clerk Peterson**.

11. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** **Erv Preston** presented to the board that he is still having recurring issues with his drain, and he would like permission to hire Monte Linton, at his expense, to cut down 2 trees to possibly help eliminate the problem. Discussion took place on the location of the trees and details of what needs to be done. **Preston** and **Lakamper** will meet on this issue, Tuesday, December 13, 2022.

12. **COUNCIL COMMENTS:** **Green** reported that she attended the Christmas Ball this past weekend and it was very nice and a good time.

13. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by **Rasmussen** to adjourn. Supported by **Griswold**. **VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 6-0.**

President Burr adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Village President

Village Clerk

Approved for Publication

NEXT MEETING: January 09, 2023