

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Village of Edmore Council was called to order on Monday, September 12, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. by **President Gloria Burr**.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL:** Members present – **Colburn, Green, Griswold, Guild, Moore, 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 **Colburn** to approve the agenda as written. Seconded by **Green**. **VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 7-0.**
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
6. **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**
  - A. **POLICE: Deputy Tanis** reported Total Investigations 22, Total Arrests 0. Traffic Stops 35, Citations Issued 0, Verbal Warnings Issued 35. Highlights included it was an unusually quiet month in August. The number of reported crimes was low and were not significant. **Guild** asked for an update on the junk and/or unlicensed vehicles sitting around town. **Deputy Tanis** responded that they need to be reported to dispatch and he would be notified.
  - B. **FINANCE: Burr** reported for **Tracy**. Completed and submitted the ACT 51 Investment Reporting information for streets. Completed and submitted the ADARS Asset Management information for streets. Completed and submitted the PA 57 Annual TIF report. Tax season was in full swing and anticipate a very busy 2 weeks in September.
  - C. **DDA: Lakamper** reported he has discussed the Council's concerns with the tree project with the DDA Chair and they would like to hold a joint meeting with the Council to discuss. A meeting was discussed among the Council, and it was determined that the Council would hold a workshop with the DDA in attendance. The workshop will be held on October 10, 2022, at 6pm with the regular Council meeting following at 7pm. **Lakamper** went on to report that the Arts Council is now fully moved from the first floor of the Marketplace to the basement.
  - D. **DPW: Burr** reported for **Andy**. We had one cremains burial and 1 full burial. We have been training the new DPW employee. He is working out well. We have begun our annual sewer flushing and have been jetting any slow runs. We are planning on having Aaron take the water exam in November.
  - E. **MANAGER: Justin Lakamper: Lakamper** reported on **Code Enforcement:** Final reminders were sent to the owners of vacant buildings in town that need to become compliant with the vacant building ordinance by occupying the building, listing them for rent or sale, or registering the buildings as vacant. One building is being used again. Three stores are now listed for sale with an MLS realtor, and the owner of two other vacant fronts is working on interior and exterior updates and will be listing them for rent within 30 days. The owner of the last remaining vacant building has not replied to letters and there was a possible mix up in the address. They will have extra time to comply. The County Building Department came and inspected two homes in town suspected as being worthy of being condemned. The property located at 120 E. Forrest has been condemned. The owner will be informed of their duty to repair or demolish the structure. The homeowner would like to repair the structure

and the Building Department is going to issue him a permit to bring it up to standard to not be condemned. He has been allotted extra time to accomplish this. He has 30 days to become compliant with the ordinance and come up to code on the exterior. The rest of the repairs and renovations are to be done in the timeline of the building permit. The other home was deemed not worthy of being condemned. There have been several complaints about 139 N. Eleventh St. They are in violation of the blight ordinance. The renters are moving out. The property owners have agreed to clear the property of all rubbish. **Developments:** The new grow facility on Industrial Drive has begun construction. They have successfully completed all municipal utility connections. The home on Sheldon and Forrest has also broken ground and construction has begun. The sale of Hansen's Pharmacy is still being finalized but should all go through. Once finalized it will be a dollar store. **Fall Cleanups:** Home Township is hosting a fall cleanup on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. Residents can drop off bulk items at Albrings Salvage. The Village's is scheduled for October 15<sup>th</sup>. **Main Life Station:** We had a sewage pump at the main lift station fail. There are two pumps. When this happened last time, we purchased a replacement pump and the DPW was able to install the replacement without issue or downtime. The failed pump will be brought back to Jet Pump in Oak Park to be inspected to determine repair under warranty. **Marihuana License:** The license for the building downtown for the marihuana dispensary will be put on hold for now and a hearing will be held to discuss the status of their lease with the building owner. **Park Equipment:** We are still planning on installing the equipment we received. The seesaw was the incorrect one and they are replacing it with the correct one. Once we receive the proper piece, we will no longer be working with Midstate Recreation. We are currently waiting on excavators to begin the project. **Quarterly Water Billing:** We still have a steady trickle of people coming in and paying monthly. When asked if they know they are not required to come in, most do know, but some don't and choose to wait until they receive their bill. There have been more people coming in than initially expected but has still lessened the workload. It's anticipated that as people become used to the quarterly billing again, fewer will come in monthly. **Recycling Compactors:** We have begun construction on the recycling compactor site. The conduit has been laid by Petersheim's, the compactors have been ordered, and we have purchased video camera equipment. Republic Waste has given a 5–6-week timeline on delivery of compactors. The County will be covering half of the cost of the installation. We recently received an ELF loan application, but it was lacking in a lot of documentation. They were asked to provide the missing documentation before it would be brought to the committee for consideration. We also received a letter from Hitachi's lawyers about Sunrise and the restrictive covenant. They believe that some of the construction that has been occurring has not been up to the environmental standards listed in the restrictive covenant originally. They have sent over an edited version of the restrictive covenant for all the property owners to agree with. The main change is they enumerate the actual rules to be followed instead of just saying applicable laws. Our lawyer has been in contact with Hitachi's lawyers to go over details. Our attorney has instructed that we will have to comply with the edited version of the covenant to be in compliance with the original agreement that was signed.

**F. PRESIDENT: Gloria Burr:** None.

**7. TREASURER'S REPORT: Shirley Drain**

**A. TREASURER'S REPORT & COMMENTS:** Drain reported the books are closed and reconciled for August. ELF loans – All current. Cash balances look good.

- B. **APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS:** Motion by **Guild** to approve the payment of the bills. Seconded by **Rasmussen**. **ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Green, Griswold, Guild, Moore, Rasmussen, Burr. MOTION PASSED 7-0**
8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.
9. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
- A. **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING August 08, 2022:** **Guild** moved to accept the minutes. Supported by **Green**. **VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 7-0**
10. **NEW BUSINESS**
- A. **CONSIDERATION OF PARADE PERMIT APPROVAL FOR HOMECOMING:** Some discussion took place among members on the insurance provided with the application. **Green** moved to approve the parade permit for homecoming provided they show current insurance. Seconded by **Colburn**. **ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Green, Griswold, Guild, Moore, Rasmussen, Burr. MOTION PASSED 7-0**
- B. **SETTING HALLOWEEN HOURS:** Motion by **Guild** to set trick-or-treat hours as 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Halloween night. Supported by **Moore**. **VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 7-0**
11. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
12. **COUNCIL COMMENTS:** Members asked questions and discussed locations and multiple details of the 2022 Potato Festival.
13. **ADJOURNMENT:** **Moore** moved to adjourn. Supported by **Griswold**. **VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 7-0.**  
**President Burr** adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

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Village President

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Village Clerk

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**NEXT MEETING: October 10, 2022**