

**EDMORE VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
UNAPPROVED JOURNAL OF MINUTES
September 09, 2024**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Village of Edmore Council was called to order on Monday, September 09, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. by **President Gloria Burr**.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL:** Members present – **Colburn, Griswold, Guild, McParland, Moore, Pierce, Burr**. Also present: **Mark Borden** – Village Manager, **Shirley Drain** – Village Treasurer, **Kerri Peterson** – Village Clerk, **Deputy Coon** – Montcalm County Sheriff’s Department.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** **Guild moved to approve the agenda. Supported by Griswold. VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 7-0.**
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS: AGENDA ITEMS:** None.
6. **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**
 - A. **POLICE:** **Deputy Coon** reported there were 129 total hours, 22 total investigations, 1 arrest, 3 traffic stops with 2 verbal warnings issued and 1 citation, 1 car investigated, 89 property inspections, 10 liquor inspections, and 590 total miles of patrol. Notable activities included two malicious destruction of property investigations. The first was on August 18th in the 600 block of West Pine Street and the second was on August 23rd in the 200 block of West Main Street. Both involved damage to the windows of vehicles. The two complaints are believed to be related, and the investigation is ongoing. On August 2nd, a larceny in the 1100 block of East Main Street was reported. The business reported that an individual took gasoline without paying for it. At the request of the business, the suspect was contacted by the deputy and instructed to return to pay for the gasoline. Deputy Coon is expecting to be our deputy through the end of the year.
 - B. **MANAGER: Mark Borden (Code Enforcement, DPW, DDA):** **Borden** reported on **COMMITTEES:** Parks and Recreation met to discuss the merry-go-round. The Streets and unmotorized committee met to discuss a one block section of a street that is not currently on our official ACT 51 street map. **DEVELOPMENTS:** Dollar General should be open before our next council meeting. **CODE ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS:** The following requests were sent to the Montcalm County Sheriff’s Office on August 15th – 119 N. Second Street. Two vehicles in the front yard are covered in tarps. Owner has been notified 3 times of blight violation. 222 E Pine. Homeowners continue to park vehicles across the village sidewalk. Multiple attempts have been made. 315 S. Fifth. Ongoing blight. Resident was notified by Deputy Paulsen on or about 7-15-24 they had 30 days to bring the property into compliance with the county’s junk and rubbish ordinance. We are approaching the 30 days, and no clean-up efforts have been made. As of 9-6-24, there has been no feedback from MCSO on these locations. **DDA:** Did not meet. **DPW ACTIVITIES:** Water main break in the 500 block of E. Gilson. The water first appeared on the surface on Wednesday, 8-29-24. We cannot determine how long it was leaking. The leak itself was a small hole in the pipe which is a 2” galvanized pipe. Andy and his team worked all day to find the source of the leak to make the repair. They used our vac truck to hydro excavate the holes so they wouldn’t risk any damage to other utility lines in the area. Unfortunately, our DPW vac truck stopped working when a pump and the primary filter tank got clogged with material. The crew took the truck back to the shop to try and resolve the

problem. This has happened before, and the repair time is usually about 3-4 hours and involves disassembling part of the truck. Andy located a company in Greenville that has a vac truck, and they were available to help. It cost \$270 per hour with no disposal fee. The DPW repaired our vac truck a day or two later. The watermain is a 2" galvanized line that only services two houses on the block. There is a 6" water main on the south side of Gilson Street. The recent leak was from age and pipe quality so we can expect additional leaks if we do not act. There were 80 Miss Dig requests for locating water and sewer along M-46. MDOT is updating road signs. Staff were on site on Saturday 9-7-24 to manage infrastructure from a planned power outage for Edmore. Also worked on all other summer tasks. **DWAM/CDSMI:**

DWAM – Drinking Water Asset Management. The state required municipal water supplies to positively identify 20% of the water service lines in town. Our grant allowed for 98 locations to be hydro-excavated out by the shut-off valves near the street or sidewalk. We have identified the material types at all 98 locations. In addition, we have inspected and identified the material type inside the same 98 locations. We only found one water service line that was connected to lead piping. We are getting estimates to replace that water service which is required by the state. EGLE will allow us to use money from the grant to physically identify additional locations in town. We have additional grant money to use because the engineering estimate for the hydro-excavation of 98 locations was over \$80,000 and the lowest bid was \$34,000. Originally EGLE said we couldn't use the extra money for more locations but now they are allowing it. The contractor plans to be back in October 2024 for additional digging.

CDSMI – Complete Distribution System Materials Inventory. Have continued working with Fleis and Vandenbrink on the CDSMI to be submitted to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy by October 16, 2024. We do not know what EGLE's final determination will be for the Village of Edmore. Any lines connected to lead, presumed to have been connected to lead, or even suspected to have been connected to lead will have to be replaced. Ninety-nine percent of the lines inspected through hydro-excavation have copper or plastic piping on the municipal side of the shut-off valve. Only one was lead. We have about 50% of our water service lines that are galvanized from the curb stop to inside the home. We feel that we can prove that these galvanized lines were never connected to lead if we can excavate around the rest of the valves in town and show that 99% of the lines on the public side are copper or plastic which do not require replacement. This would be a great use of ARPA money which was previously set aside for water service line replacements.

C. **PRESIDENTS:** Gloria Burr: None.

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

A. **TREASURER'S REPORT & COMMENTS:** Drain: Books for August are closed and balanced with the bank. All ELF loans are current. Cash balances look good.

B. **APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS:** Motion by Griswold to pay the bills. Supported by McParland. **ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Griswold, Guild, McParland, Moore, Pierce, Burr. MOTION PASSED 7-0.**

8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Street Committee met but is gathering more information.

9. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A. **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING August 12, 2024:** Motion by Colburn to accept the August 12, 2024, minutes as printed. Supported by Moore. **VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 7-0.**

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. CONSIDER LAND DIVISION APPLICATION – EDMORE STORAGE, 1459 E. MAIN STREET, EDMORE: Edmore Storage has a purchase agreement in place with Dollar General to purchase the north 6+ acres from the back part of the site of the new Dollar General. Dollar General won't discharge the mortgage until the land division is approved. Both parties have agreed on the sale/purchase of the property. **McParland moved to accept the land division request made by Edmore Storage. Supported by Moore. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Griswold, Guild, McParland, Moore, Pierce, Burr. MOTION PASSED 7-0.**

B. CONSIDER REQUEST FOR M-46 ROAD CLOSURE AND PARADE – HOMECOMING COMMITTEE: All the same as in past years. **McParland moved to approve the Special Event and Parade Permit for Montabella High School homecoming on Friday, October 4, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 7-0.**

C. CONSIDER KISA ENTERPRISES “PINNACLE” RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL: No changes or reason to deny the renewal. **Motion by Colburn to approve KISA Enterprises renewal application. Supported by Griswold. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Griswold, Guild, McParland, Moore, Pierce, Burr. MOTION PASSED 7-0.**

D. CONSIDER ADDING BUSINESS LISTING TO OUR WEBSITE: Tabled.

E. CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE – MERRY-GO-ROUND: Tabled. Asking for Curtis grant to purchase a new merry-go-round in spring.

F. CONSIDER GENERATOR PURCHASE OPTIONS FOR DPW BUILDING (UPDATED INFORMATION): Discussion took place on what was going to be the best option for a generator. A permanent generator or one on a trailer. Andy would like one on a trailer that can be used where it's needed. There is concern that removing the generator to use at another location would leave the DPW building vulnerable during that time. The question is whether the old generator will work for a permanent one at the DPW building. **Motion by McParland to proceed with the purchase of the generator on a trailer for \$45,000 that was quoted in the budget. Seconded by Colburn. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Griswold, Guild, McParland, Moore, Pierce, Burr. MOTION PASSED 7-0.** Checking on how to proceed at the DPW building with the old generator.

G. CONSIDER INVESTMENT OPTIONS (CDS) WITH COMMERCIAL BANK. APPROVAL REQUIRES A BOARD VOTE TO APPROVE THE CDS AND TO NAME TWO SIGNERS ON THE ACCOUNT: A memo was given to the board from Tracy and Shirley recommending that the village move \$500,000 into Certificate of Deposits. We can get 7-month CDs at 4.80% interest with an APY of 4.887%. We would like to recommend two separate CDs. The first from General Fund, a \$250,000 CD and the other from Major and Local Streets, a \$250,000, with each contributing \$125,000. Several banks were checked, and Commercial Bank has the best rate. A motion will need to be made authorizing the above and two signers, which need to be named in the motion. **Motion by Guild to approve moving \$500,000 into CDs at Commercial Bank and designate Tracy Sanchez and Shirley Drain as signers. Supported by McParland. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Griswold, Guild, McParland, Moore, Pierce, Burr.**

11. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

12. **COUNCIL COMMENTS:** None.

13. **ADJOURNMENT:** Moore moved to adjourn. Seconded by Griswold. VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 7-0.

President Burr adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Village President

Approved for Publication

NEXT MEETING: September 09, 2024

Village Clerk