

**EDMORE VILLAGE COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR MEETING  
APPROVED JOURNAL OF MINUTES  
April 14, 2025**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The public hearing/regular meeting of the Village of Edmore Council was called to order on Monday, April 14, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. by **President Chet Guild**.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL:** Members present – **Colburn, Griswold, Kanine, McParland, Moore, Pierce, Guild**  
Also present: **Mark Borden** – Village Manager, **Shirley Drain** – Village Treasurer, **Kerri Peterson** – Village Clerk.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Motion by Griswold to approve the agenda. VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 7-0.**  
**President Guild** closed the regular meeting and opened the public hearing at 7:01 p.m.
5. **PUBLIC HEARING: AMENDMENT TO THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN – VILLAGE OF EDMORE DDA**
  - A. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** **Matt Jordan** spoke to the council stating that things are the same as they were last month and they just want to see some things get done downtown.
  - B. **COUNCIL COMMENTS:** Comments were made. Discussion took place on DDA boundaries.
  - C. **ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING: Moore moved to adjourn the public hearing. Supported by Griswold. VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 7-0.**
6. **CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: President Guild** closed the public hearing and reopened the regular meeting at 7:08 p.m.  
**ROLL CALL WAS RE-TAKEN. Colburn, Griswold, Kanine, McParland, Moore, Pierce, Guild. ALL PRESENT.**
7. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Motion by Kanine to accept the agenda. Supported by McParland. VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 7-0.**
8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS: AGENDA ITEMS: County Commissioner Matt Murray** spoke to the council and updated them on the situation with the Montcalm County Sheriff's Office. He stated this is a complex problem and the Board of Commissioners is looking at different options. Discussion took place about why they can't hire and keep officers. **Murray** stated there is a culture problem going on and it's not all about money. There are several issues that need to be addressed.
9. **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**
10. **MANAGER: Mark Borden (Police, Code Enforcement, DPW, DDA):** **Borden** reported on **COMMITTEES: DDA** - The DDA met twice in March. The purpose was to discuss potential downtown projects. A list was put together of proposed projects by the DDA that was asked for by Home Township. The council has a copy of the list. **POLICE:** Final report from the Montcalm County Sheriff's Department is on file. **DPW ACTIVITIES:** Winter equipment is being cleaned, serviced and stored until next season. Extensive clean-up work in the cemetery, including tree removal. Driveway approach onto Quicksilver Lane is being widened. (near the recycling). Back up portable generator for the DPW building, well #3, and all lift stations arrived 4-9-2025. Meeting with Fleis & Vandenbrink related to corrosive damage at the sewer ponds. Brush chipping began April 1<sup>st</sup>. Yard waste pick up is underway. Hydrant flushing as needed in various locations. Picnic tables are placed in the park. Empty planter pots to prepare for new plants with fresh soil and fertilizer. **CODE ENFORCEMENT:** An update to the violations observed in February

was given to the council, along with a copy of the original violations observed. Over half of the people who received blight letters in late February have fully complied or are in the process of bringing their property into compliance. We now have a citation book for the Village of Edmore. Before ordering the citations, the Magistrate in Stanton was contacted for approval and he said the citations should be acceptable. **MUSEUM DONATION:** The Hitachi exhibit will be moved in its entirety to the Pine Forest Museum. MCC will be opening a museum inside one of their school buildings, separate from Heritage Village. MCC would like to take most of the exhibits from The Old Fence Rider Museum to place in the new MCC Museum. The inventory and cataloging of items, along with interviews with the Drain's, is scheduled to take place in May or June. Transferring items is scheduled for July. The building should be empty by the end of August. **EDMORE FAMILY DENTISTRY:** Dr. Kinser has been given a deadline of August 31, 2025, to be removed from our existing sewer system or to take ownership of our existing sewer system. An email was sent to Dr. Kinser on April 7<sup>th</sup>, updating him on the operations completed by our DPW. There has been no response as of today. **EDMORE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY (SEWER PONDS/LAGOONS):** Our sewer lagoons were updated in 2012 using Fleis & Vandenbrink as our design and construction engineering firm. Our primary lagoon was designed, updated and outfitted with a cover covering the entire lagoon. Connected to the primary lagoon are two concrete structures that house the valves used to regulate the flow of wastewater and transfer from one pond to another. The structures and the valves were all brand new in 2012. During a recent routine inspection, Andy discovered that the valves inside the structures are highly corroded, and the concrete structures are also in a state of deterioration. We will probably need to spend \$100,000 or more to get this resolved. We also need to determine if that lagoon cover is the cause of all this corrosive destruction. **CURTIS PARK – MERRY GO ROUND:** A letter has been submitted to the Glenn Curtis Trust/Foundation on behalf of the village, requesting funds for a new merry go round.

- B. PRESIDENT: President Guild:** Guild updated the council on the rock memorial for the Drain's at the museum.
- 11. TREASURER'S REPORT: Shirley Drain**
- A. TREASURERS REPORT & COMMENTS:** Drain: The books are balanced with the bank. All ELF loans are current. Cash balances look great.
- B. APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS:** Motion by McParland to pay the bills. Supported by Griswold. **VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 7-0.**
- 12. COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.
- 13. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
- A. PUBLIC HEARING / REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 10, 2025:** MOTION COMBINED WITH SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING.
- B. SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 19, 2025:** Moore moved to accept the public hearing/regular meeting March 10, 2025 and the Special Council meeting March 19, 2025 with time correction. Supported by Kanine. **VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 7-0.**
- 14. NEW BUSINESS**
- A. CONSIDER ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – TAX CAPTURE INCREASE FROM 60% TO 80%:** DDA Michigan law states there must be a written plan for how the money will be spent. A plan was submitted. Some discussion took place and explanation was given on the tax capture. **Motion by McParland to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 2025-0414, An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No 2019-2, Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan for the Downtown Development**

Authority. Supported by Moore. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Griswold, Kanine, McParland, Moore, Pierce, Guild. MOTION PASSED 7-0.

**B. CONSIDER CONTRACT FOR APPROVAL = CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS 2025:** Discussion took place on making Edmore look more festive during the holidays. **Motion by McParland to increase our Christmas decorating budget for 2025 to \$10,220 and use a combination of Hometowndd.com and DeVries Christmas Décor. Supported by Moore. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Griswold, Kanine, McParland, Moore, Pierce. NO: Guild. MOTION PASSED 6-1.**

**C. DISCUSS MUSEUM BUILDING, PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATION FOR OPTIONS:** Museum Committee to meet and bring back options for the museum building to the council in May.

**15. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. CONSIDER SECOND OPINION PROPOSAL FOR LAGOON OPERATIONS:** Discussion took place on how to fix the issue. **Motion by Kanine to authorize up to \$4000 for two quotes/opinions from engineering consultants with experience in wastewater treatment facilities. Supported by McParland. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Griswold, Kanine, McParland, Moore, Pierce, Guild. MOTION PASSED 7-0**

**16. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**17. COUNCIL COMMENTS:** McParland asked for clarification as to why the village is no longer hanging door tags for water shut offs, as stated in the spring newsletter. The council only stated that they did not want to charge for door tags, not that they did not want door tags put out. Borden stated he had misunderstood and door tags will continue to be used as needed. Drain let the council know how happy Carm is about everything happening.

**18. ADJOURNMENT:** President Guild called for adjournment. **Motion by McParland to adjourn. Supported by Moore. VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 7-0.**  
President Guild adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.



Village President



Village Clerk

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NEXT MEETING: May 12, 2025