

**EDMORE VILLAGE COUNCIL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
APPROVED JOURNAL OF MINUTES
March 19, 2025**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The special meeting of the Village of Edmore Council was called to order on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 11:30 ~~p.m.~~ ^{a.m. (kp)} by **President Chet Guild**.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL:** Members present – **Colburn, Griswold, Kanine, Guild**. Members absent – **McParland, Moore, Pierce**. Also present: **Mark Borden** – Village Manager, **Shirley Drain** – Village Treasurer, **Kerri Peterson** – Village Clerk
4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** **Griswold moved to approve the agenda. Supported by Kanine. VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 4-3 absent.**
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS: AGENDA ITEMS:** None.
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **DISCUSS MCSO CONTRACT TERMINATION:** The Montcalm County Sheriff's Office has advised the village they are no longer able to fulfill the current police protection contract as written. Discussion took place on continuing service and continuing to pay or release the contract early. **Motion by Griswold to terminate the contract between the Village of Edmore and the Montcalm County Sheriff's Office effective March 31, 2025. Supported by Kanine. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Griswold, Kanine, Guild. ABSENT: McParland, Moore, Pierce. MOTION PASSED 4-3 absent.**
7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
8. **COUNCIL COMMENTS:** None.
9. **ADJOURNMENT:** **President Guild called for adjournment. Motion by Griswold to adjourn. Supported by Kanine. VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 4-3 absent.**
President Guild adjourned the meeting at 11:37 a.m.



Village President



Village Clerk

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NEXT MEETING: April 14, 2025

**EDMORE VILLAGE COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR MEETING
APPROVED JOURNAL OF MINUTES
March 10, 2025**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The public hearing/regular meeting of the Village of Edmore Council was called to order on Monday, March 10, 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, **Deputy Tester** – Montcalm County Sheriff's Department.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Motion by **Griswold** to approve the agenda. Supported by **McParland**. **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:** Cindy Stratton, Home Township Supervisor; Karen Nesbitt, Home Township Treasurer; Chris Irwin, Home Township Trustee and Assistant Fire Chief; Kris Callow, Edmore DDA Board; and Matt Jordan, Edmore DDA President all spoke to the council. The Home Township representatives state there is no documentation to look into since 2003 and it is supposed to be yearly. There also needs to be written a plan for how the money will be spent. There is none. Home Township has stated they have no more money to keep giving. The DDA representatives stated there is a lot of talk of what to use the money for, but no money to work with. We will never make Edmore any better without the funds.
 - B. **COUNCIL COMMENTS:** Comments were made. There was concern that the DDA's focus was not on the downtown as it should be.
 - C. **ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING:** Motion by **McParland** 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 7:23 p.m.
ROLL CALL WAS RE-TAKEN. Colburn, Griswold, Kanine, McParland, Moore, Pierce, Guild. ALL PRESENT.
7. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** **Moore** moved to approve the agenda. Supported by **Kanine**. **VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 7-0.**
8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS: AGENDA ITEMS:**
9. **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**
 - A. **POLICE:** **Deputy Tester** was in attendance but had to leave. Report is on file.
 - B. **MANAGER: Mark Borden (Code Enforcement, DPW, DDA):** **Borden** reported on **COMMITTEES:** **DDA** - The DDA met 2-13-25 with a quorum. They voted unanimously to approve the proposal from **Snyder's Greenhouse** to provide the arrangements and maintenance for the downtown planter pots in the amount of \$10,335. **STREET COMMITTEE** - The Street Committee will be meeting before the April Council meeting to discuss a one block length of **Norway Street**. **MUSEUM DONATION:** The closing on the transfer of ownership of the **Old Fence Rider Museum** to the Village of Edmore was

completed on March 7, 2025. **DPW ACTIVITIES:** The staff continues to work on equipment. They have purchased a trailer to carry repair equipment. Picnic tables are being repaired and repainted. Hydrant flushing as needed around town. Sewer jetting and lift station "dipping". We had one sewer back-up at 830 S. First St. This is the property where we will install the new manhole which will give us access to keep the sewer main clear. The lift station on Sunrise contained large amounts of a grease-like substance with a strong odor of marijuana. **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. **CODE ENFORCEMENT:** Several violations were observed. Letters were sent on 2-21-2025. Compliance is required by 3-21-2025. To date, two property owners have come to the village office with proof of ordinance compliance. The resident at 315 S. Fifth St. believes they are complying. This is still ongoing. A citation book has been ordered for the Village of Edmore. We will now be able to issue citations and fines and those cited will have to adjudicate their citations at the District Court for Montcalm County. **MONTCALM COUNTY COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT FUNDING OPPORTUNITY** – The County has placed two million dollars in a fund, and they will use the interest earned to help with community projects throughout the county.

C. PRESIDENT: President Guild: None.

10. TREASURER'S REPORT: Shirley Drain

A. TREASURERS REPORT & COMMENTS: Drain: The books for February 2025 are balanced with the bank for end of year. All ELF loans are current. Cash balances look great. Equipment fund has a good start.

B. APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion by Colburn to pay the bills. Supported by Griswold. VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 7-0.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

12. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. PUBLIC HEARING / REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 10, 2025: Motion by Moore to approve the minutes as written. Supported by Kanine. VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 7-0.

13. 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. **TABLED.**

B. CONSIDER LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR NS1 (NEW STANDARD): Fully compliant and no changes in ownership. **Motion by McParland to approve the license renewal application for NS1. Supported by Griswold. VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 7-0.**

C. CONSIDER LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR GROWER CONSULTANTS: This is for the 2024 license, which is late. The 2025 license will be submitted and paid for by their next renewal which is May 2025. Fully compliant and there are no changes in ownership. **Motion by McParland to approve the license renewal application for Grower Consultants. Supported by Colburn. VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 7-0.**

D. CONSIDER LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR HBScru: Fully compliant with the payment contract and paid in full. No changes in ownership. **Motion by Griswold to approve the license renewal application for HBScru. Supported by McParland. VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 7-0.**

E. CONSIDER FEE FOR WATER SHUT-OFF DOOR TAGS: Discussion took place. No motion. Dies due to lack of support.

F. CONSIDER CONTRACT FOR APPROVAL – CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS 2025: Discussion took place on last year's decorations and alternative companies to use. A committee was formed for the Christmas Decorations - Pierce and McParland.

G. CONSIDER ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FOR COUNCIL COMPENSATION: Some discussion took place. Last month's motion to grant the Village Council raises was null and void as it must be an ordinance amendment. **Motion by McParland to amend the current ordinance, Ordinance No. 2015-1, to increase the trustee compensation amount to \$200 and to increase the president, treasurer, and clerk compensation amount to \$300. Seconded by Colburn. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Griswold, McParland, Pierce. NO: Kanine, Moore, Guild. MOTION PASSED 4-3.**

H. SET COUNCIL COMPENSATION: NOT NEEDED.

I. DISCUSS MUSEUM BUILDING, PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATION FOR OPTIONS: MCC is meeting about how many items in the collection they can take for exhibit. CMU would also like some items for exhibit. Some discussion took place on what to do with the items that are left after MCC and CMU are finished. Schedule a walkthrough of the museum with Carm and Shirley and the council, to help guide the next steps of what to do with the building. **Guild** would like to see a monument honoring the Drains, placed on the property. Bring monument ideas to the next meeting.

14. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Matt Jordan inquired if the grow licenses must be renewed every year. He also asked what the council compensation was for. Some discussion took place between the council and Jordan about whether offering compensation is a good idea for councils or if it draws people in to be on the board just for the money. Karen Nesbitt asked the board to please try to decide soon as to what they are going to do with the Old Fence Rider Museum building as the gossip and rumors are getting bad. She also stated there are a lot of residents complaining about the marijuana revenue and that they shouldn't have to pay property taxes because of it.

15. **COUNCIL COMMENTS:** None.

16. **ADJOURNMENT:** President Guild called for adjournment. Motion by Kanine to adjourn. Supported by Colburn. **VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 7-0.**

President Guild adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.



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