

**EDMORE VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
UNAPPROVED JOURNAL OF MINUTES
May 12, 2025**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The public hearing/regular meeting of the Village of Edmore Council was called to order on Monday, May 12, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. by **President Chet Guild**.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL:** Members present – **Colburn, Griswold, Kanine, McParland, Moore, Guild**. Absent - **Pierce**. Also present: **Mark Borden** – Village Manager, **Shirley Drain** – Village Treasurer, **Kerri Peterson** – Village Clerk.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** **McParland** moved to approve the agenda. **Supported by Kanine**. **VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 6-0 with 1 absent.**
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS: AGENDA ITEMS:** **Scotland Stivers**, resident of 315 S Fifth St, spoke to the council about the property, his health, and why the property looks the way it does. He already has a partial fence. If granted a fence permit extension, he would continue to fence his entire property which would hide all the items.
6. **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**
 - A. **MANAGER: Mark Borden (Police, Code Enforcement, DPW, DDA):** **Borden** reported on **COMMITTEES:** The museum committee met on May 7th to discuss options for The Old Fence Rider Museum property. **DDA:** The DDA met on May 13th for a regularly scheduled meeting. **DPW ACTIVITIES:** Heavy concentration in the cemetery for spring cleanup continues. Mowing season has started. We had a DPW staff member resign and will probably make a hiring decision the week of May 12th. Working with engineers on corrosion issues at the lagoons. Preparing the park and trail bathrooms to be open for the season. Working with a tree service to remove dead trees in town and at the cemetery. The tree contractor does the aerial work, and our crew does the rest. Inspection and supervision of the new water line installation at Ryan's Equipment. Obtaining quotes for asphalt placement for the expanded driveway into Quicksilver Lane. Obtaining new quotes for the installation of our new generator. **CODE ENFORCEMENT: 315 S. Fifth St** – A citation was issued on April 30th to the resident living there for violation of our blight ordinance. **830 S. First St** – A citation was issued on May 9th for dogs running at large. **126 S. Brown St** – On May 2nd was informed by resident they are in the process of selling off the equipment they have stored on the property. There will be follow-up. **114 E. Forrest St** – Resident was spoken to about the trash in her yard blowing all around before spring clean-up. Some of it was taken care of and some was not. **111 E. Pine St** - In late April there was a stack of approximately 40 pallets on the side of the house. The homeowner stated he intended to move them off the property in the next few days. The pallets have all been moved. **MUSEUM DONATION:** The information was shared last month and nothing has changed. **EDMORE FAMILY DENTISTRY:** On April 30th, Dr. Kinser called to say he has made the decision to take ownership of the lift station and the water and sewer lines connecting his office to the village limits. Our attorneys are preparing an agreement for the transfer of ownership of the infrastructure from the village to Edmore Family Dentistry. Included in the transfer will be the easement allowing EFD/Shawn Kinser, DDS, the continued right to access the lift station for maintenance, etc. Dr. Kinser will continue to pay double utility rates as a township customer. The only difference will be that he will be responsible for

maintenance and upkeep on the lift station and utility lines. **EDMORE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY (SEWER PONDS/LAGOONS):** Fleis and Vandenbrink, the company that designed the lagoon improvement project in 2012, stands behind their design and says that the primary lagoon was designed to have a cover. They do not feel that the gas created by the system is greater than it would be without the cover. The cover is not causing corrosion in the structures and valves per F&V. Prein and Newhof, an engineering firm, was hired to provide us with an independent analysis of the lagoon systems functionality and to determine the causes or reasons behind the corrosion occurring on either side of the lagoon with the cover. The engineer made some interesting observations while he was at our treatment facility. He thought it was interesting that the most extensive corrosion was occurring in the structure on the outlet side of the primary lagoon. Meaning the most corrosive gases were coming from under the cover. He stated that we would have the same amount of odor with or without the cover because we still get odor from the lagoon next to the primary lagoon. He said the solids were probably building up at a faster rate than they would if we did not have the cover on our primary lagoon. He said that the other two lagoons were darker in color than he generally likes to see. Which means they are more septic than lagoons in other communities. Plummers Environmental has given us a proposal to line the concrete structures, which is what Fleis and Vandenbrink recommends. Once re-bar is showing through the concrete the structures will have to be replaced and lining is no longer an option. In addition to the lining, we need to replace or rebuild at least four valves. Until we can get the water levels in the structures below the valves and pressure clean the valves, we won't know whether or not we will need new valves and piping. At a minimum we will have to spend \$25,100 on lining and \$8000 on valve parts. Worst case scenario is \$34,500 on lining and \$40,000-\$50,000 for valves, piping, and installation. **CURTIS PARK – MERRY GO ROUND:** The Glenn Curtis Foundation approved our request for a new merry-go-round. The merry-go-round was ordered on April 30th and will be here and hopefully installed by the end of June at the latest.

B. PRESIDENT: President Guild: Guild reported.

(Trustee Kanine left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.)

7. 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 good.

B. APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion by Griswold to pay the bills. Supported by McParland. VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 5-0 with 2 absent.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 14, 2025: Motion by Colburn to accept the minutes as printed. Seconded by Griswold. VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 5-0 with 2 absent.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSIDER RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR GROWER CONSULTANTS: Everything is current. No changes. **Motion by McParland to accept the municipal marihuana license renewal application from Grower Consultants, LLC / Edmore Farms. Supported by Colburn. VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 5-0 with 2 absent.**

B. CONSIDER ZONING PERMIT APPLICATION FOR A FENCE AT 315 S. FIFTH STREET: Some discussion took place. **Motion by Griswold to table until the June meeting. Supported by McParland. VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 5-0 with 2 absent.**

C. DISCUSS THE UPCOMING PAINTING PROJECT FOR THE OUTSIDE OF THE WATER TOWER: Utility committee to meet and discuss. This project is already paid for. Some of the council would like to see the ball logo design eliminated. Would like 'Village of Edmore' on the side. Possibly change the color of the tower. The contract with the company doing the work was discussed.

D. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FUTURE USE FOR THE OLD FENCE RIDER MUSEUM PROPERTY: The museum committee met and discussed options. They would like to get quotes for a remodel of the building for the Village offices. Possibly to also include an office for the DPW while they are working there and an office for a future enforcement officer. Also include a larger meeting room. They want to weigh the cost savings versus expense of moving the offices. What is the probability of selling the building? This would be a huge project. The board would also like to know what the taxpayers of Edmore's opinion is of moving the Village offices to the museum building. Discussion also took place about whether the Village of Edmore or the Curtis Foundation owns the property the Curtis Building sits on. There is an investigation ongoing to determine who owns the property.

11. **PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. Stivers** spoke to the board again about his health and why the property at 315 S Fifth Street is in the condition it is in and what he intends to do about it. He states he has repeatedly asked what he needs to do to fix the situation. **The council** responded by telling Borden to be very specific and physically point to the things that needs to be remedied. A citation was issued on April 30th and has 30 days to pay the fine and remedy the situation. At that point if nothing is done another citation can be issued. **Gerald Kinsey**, property owner of 315 S Fifth St, was in attendance and when asked why he hasn't done anything about the rental condition, he informed the board that Stivers does not pay rent but just lives there. Mr. Kinsey was asked if he could assist in any way in cleaning up the property and responded that he wants to get rid of it but he can't give it away. He didn't pay the taxes for 2 years, but Stivers found a way to pay the taxes. The council stated they would just keep issuing citations. The fence will fix the blight situation from sight, but it's still there.

12. **COUNCIL COMMENTS: None.**

13. **ADJOURNMENT: President Guild called for adjournment. Motion by Colburn to adjourn. Supported by Moore. VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 5-0 with 2 absent.**
President Guild adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Village President

Village Clerk

Approved for Publication

NEXT MEETING: June 09, 2025