**EDMORE VILLAGE COUNCIL**

**PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR MEETING**

**UNAPPROVED JOURNAL OF MINUTES**

**August 11, 2025**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**: The public hearing of the Village of Edmore Council was called to order on Monday, August 11, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. by **President** **Chet Guild**.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**: Members present – **Colburn, Griswold, McParland, Moore, Guild.** Absent – **Kanine**, **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 McParland. VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 5-0 with 2 absent.**
5. **PUBLIC HEARING: VACATING AND ABANDONING THE PORTION OF NORWAY STREET WEST OF NORTH TENTH STREET IN THE PLAT OF PRESTON & CO’s ADDITION TO EDMORE**
6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None**.**
7. **COUNCIL COMMENTS**: None.
8. **ADOURNMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING: McParland moved to close. Supported by Colburn. VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 5-0 with 2 absent.**

**President Guild closed the public hearing and opened the regular meeting at 7:04 p.m.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: CHET GUILD PRESIDENT**
2. **ROLL CALL:** Members present **- Colburn, Griswold, Guild, McParland, Moore.** Absent **– Kanine, Pierce. Also present: Borden (Manager), Drain (Treasurer), Peterson (Clerk)**
3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA (REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING): Moore moved to approve the agenda. Supported by Griswold. VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 5-0 with 2 absent.**
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS: AGENDA ITEMS:** None**.**
5. **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**
6. **MANAGER: Mark Borden (Code Enforcement, DPW, DDA): Borden** reported on **COMMITTEES: DDA:** TheDDA meets every other month. Next meeting September 9, 2025. **MUSEUM**: The museum committee met on July 22nd to discuss the potential sale of the museum building. **DPW ACTIVITIES**: In addition to normal summer activities, the water tower painting began the week of August 11, 2025. Been working with Peerless Midwest to install equipment to run the water system using only our well pumps. The tower will be drained around August 8th and must be kept empty during the time the painting work is taking place. This should last around two weeks. Our leaf machine needs a key internal part to be manufactured before leaf season starts. Ryan’s Equipment will manufacture the new part. The crew is also working to lower the water level in the primary lagoon to lower the water level in the structure next to the lagoon to make necessary repairs. **CODE ENFORCEMENT: 315 S. Fifth St:** The property has been cleaned up and the primary occupant is no longer living there. The second occupant that was living in the home is still believed to be living there. New items have been placed on the rear deck, covered by a tarp. Monitoring the situation continues. **518 E. Gilson:** The dumpster is still at this location which should indicate that cleanup is still in progress. **519 E. Forrest:** Two vehicles were previously observed with out-of-date license plates. Contact was made and one vehicle is current, and one is not. The vehicle not licensed belongs to a resident who no longer resides there and is said to be removing the vehicle soon. **222 E. Pine Street**: The property has been observed parking vehicles over the sidewalk on multiple occasions. They have been notified via door tag and letter. When approached to issue a citation, photos were shown, and the resident promised to do a better job of parking and not block the sidewalk. A citation was not issued at that time, but the homeowner was notified that the next time a vehicle was observed blocking the sidewalk a citation would be issued. **126 S. Brown**: Notice is being given to the homeowner on his fence violation. Met with the homeowner in July to address complaints from neighbors about burning causing a foul odor not typical when burning wood. The homeowner is now separating or removing any trash from the wood used in his fire pit, per the homeowner, and neighbors indicate the former smoke odors are no longer offensive and smells like wood burning. **Guild** asked about the property on the hill on the corner of Gilson Street and 1st Street as it looks like nobody has done anything and wonders if they still live there. **MUSEUM DONATION:** Montcalm Community College has completed their inventory of the items they have taken to place on display in their new museum. All of the items were removed from The Old Fence Rider Museum by the end of July. Heritage Village has removed all items they had chosen. The auctioneer will be here in two weeks to prepare for the online auction which will start in early September and run through September 24th. The museum should be empty by the end of September 2025. **CMS INTERNET from Mt. Pleasant:** CMS Internet has submitted a permit application to the Village of Edmore to run telecommunications lines throughout the whole village. Per our village ordinance, a copy of the permit must be submitted to our attorney. After reviewing the permit, our attorney stated CMS will need to provide additional items including detailed plans/blueprints with their application. Andy is requesting that CMS limit the depth of the installation for fiber lines be limited to 24” in the Right of Way and 36” for road crossings. This should eliminate the chance of CMS hitting water lines. Our water mains are all at a depth of five feet or deeper. CMS is proposing to install all fiber lines crossing underneath a road at a depth of five feet. We do not have the ability to properly mark the location of every water main in town. We do not have all the old maps showing where the pipes were installed, some installed over 50 years ago. If not marked accurately, and CMS damages the pipes, it will be our responsibility to repair the damage and fix the water main break. Even if we can determine the location of the pipes, we are not able to identify the depth at which they are buried. **PINNACLE – CANNABIS RETAILER IN EDMORE:** Pinnacle is still working to bring in a replacement retailer to take over their operations at the same location and continue to employ all the Pinnacle staff that will be terminated at the end of August. They may renew their license in September and transfer it to another cannabis retailer. TBD. It still requires state approval which can take a few months to receive. It will also require approval from the Village of Edmore. **VANDALISM - PARK BATHROOMS AND BALL FIELDS:** We have had multiple incidents of vandalism at the park bathrooms in the last month. Each event involves items being forcefully removed from the walls of the bathrooms. DPW has made repairs each time an event occurs. Light sensors were knocked off the ceilings, soap dispensers ripped off the walls, and partitions also ripped off the walls. On more than one occasion fecal matter was smeared on the walls. At the ball fields, multiple types of motored vehicles have been ‘doing donuts’ in the grassy area by the fields. DPW staff stated it looked like tracks from a vehicle, a side-by-side, and a four-wheeler. We will be setting up trail cams that activate and record when motion is censored to try to determine who is responsible for the vandalism. The vandalism events have been reported to the Home Township Police Chief and to the Montcalm County Sheriff’s Office.
7. **PRESIDENT**: **President Guild**: **Guild** passed on a message to the board that Stephanie Kanine thanks the Village for the flowers after her daughter’s passing.
8. **TREASURER’S REPORT**: **Shirley** **Drain**
9. **TREASURERS** **REPORT** **& COMMENTS:** **Drain**: Tracy has been out on medical leave and just came back part time. The books are not yet balanced with the bank. All ELF loans are current.
10. **APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS**: **Motion by Colburn to pay the bills. Supported by Griswold. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Griswold, McParland, Moore, Guild. MOTION PASSED 5-0 with 2 absent.**
11. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Museum committee met on July 22nd.
12. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**:
13. **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING July 14, 2025:** **McParland moved to accept the minutes as printed for July 14th regular meeting and August 4th special meeting. Supported by Griswold. VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 5-0 with 2 absent.**
14. **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 4, 2025: Motion combined with regular council meeting.**
15. **OLD BUSINESS**
16. **CONSIDER RESOLUTION TO VACATE AND ABANDON THE PORTION OF NORWAY STREET WEST OF NORTH TENTH STREET:** This resolution is to finalize vacating one block of Norway Street at N. Tenth Street going west one block. **McParland moved to approve resolution No. 2025-0811, a resolution vacating and abandoning the portion of Norway Street west of North Tenth Street in the plat of Preston & Co’s addition to Edmore. Supported by Colburn. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Griswold, McParland, Moore, Guild. MOTION PASSED 5-0 with 2 absent.**
17. **CONSIDER PROPOSED SALE OF PROPERTY TO GREAT LAKES TACO, LLC:** Bob Grabowski with Great Lakes Taco, LLC., presented a purchase agreement for parcel #041-628-003-00 (approximately 1 acre +/-) to the board, for the construction of a new Taco Bell. He will not buy the property if he does not get favorable engineering results, approval for the trail relocation, and approval from the Drain Commissioner to use the retention pond for his stormwater. However, he is not willing to spend the time and money to make these determinations without a signed purchase agreement. **Motion by McParland to approve the intent to sell parcel #041-628-003-00 (approximately 1 acre +/-) to Great Lakes Taco, LLC., for $42,500. Seconded by Colburn. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Griswold, McParland, Moore, Guild. MOTION PASSED 5-0 with 2 absent.**
18. **CONSIDER PROPOSED SALE OF THE OLD FENCE RIDER MUSEUM BUILDING AND PARTIAL PARCEL TO NEW HAVEN ASSITED LIVING: Joshua Schaub, co-owner of New Haven Assisted Living,** presented to the board their interest in purchasing the Old Fence Rider Museum to create and assisted living facility. The proposed facility would include 20 beds and would house 13-20 people. The rates for living there are approximately 35% less per month than other facilities, to help the lower income and working-class income people. This would only be assisted living without nursing care for those with advanced mental states or are bedridden. They would be transferred to a nursing home facility if they can no longer be cared for safely at the assisted living facility. New Haven Assisted Living has been in operation for 4.5 years with zero violations and several other facilities around the state. The Edmore facility would create approximately 15 jobs ranging in pay from $17 -$25 per hour. The build would take approximately 6-8 months before opening. Discussion took place that the board would like to see the assisted living home come to Edmore, but the price offered is too low. The board would like to talk about it more to come up with a fair price for both parties.
19. **CONSIDER AMENDED PROPOSAL FROM MICHIGAN LAKEFRONT SOLUTIONS FOR TREATING THE POND BY THE CURTIS BUILDING: Steve, the owner of Michigan Lakefront Solutions** was here and launched a boat in the pond to see the condition firsthand and determine pond depths for treatment. He is confident he could fer the pond under control with the proper treatments. He also contacted the Montcalm County Drain Commissioner to discuss treatments. According to the Drain Commissioner, he supports the efforts to clean up and will provide written permission if deemed required. In looking at the tax parcel map on the Montcalm County website, it lists the Village of Edmore as the property owner for the bottomlands of the pond so the Village would have to give permission also. A modified contract was presented which included one treatment for 2025 and a regular program for 2026. If the Village does not see improvement this year, they are not obligated to continue the 2026 treatments. The new proposal is for $1400 (plus $250 EGLE permit) this year and $2800 for next year. **Motion by Moore to approve a total of $1650 for 2025 to Michigan Lakefront Solutions for treating the pond by the Curtis Community Building. Supported by Colburn. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Griswold, McParland, Moore, Guild. MOTION PASSED 5-0 with 2 absent.**
20. **PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.**
21. **COUNCIL COMMENTS:** Discussion took place about the selling price and about an ELF loan being offered to New Haven Assisted Living to help with the purchase of the building. Drain would feel comfortable offering a loan of up to half of the money in the ELF account. Sale price was discussed as the resale estimate changed after a mistake was found and the selling amount changed drastically from $200,000-$250,000 up to $322,000. The board authorized Borden to offer New Haven Assisted Living a selling price of $250,000 firm.
22. **ADJOURNMENT**: **President Guild called for adjournment. Moore moved to adjourn. Seconded by McParland VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 5-0 with 2 absent.**

**President Guild** adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

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**Village President Village Clerk**

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 **NEXT MEETING: September 08, 2025**