

**EDMORE VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
UNAPPROVED JOURNAL OF MINUTES
January 12, 2026**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Village of Edmore Council was called to order on Monday, January 12, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. by **President Chet Guild**.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL:** Members present – **Colburn, Griswold, Guild, Kanine, 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. **Seconded by McParland**. **VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 7-0.**
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS: AGENDA ITEMS:** None.
6. **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**
 - A. **MANAGER: Mark Borden (Code Enforcement, DPW, DDA):** **Borden** reported the DDA has a meeting on January 13, 2026. The DPW has had equipment issues. The tractor has a tire defect. Discount Tire cannot repair the tire. We have two new tires in next year's budget. We can do used but it will cost more in the long run. We are looking at getting one new one now and the other new one in March under the 2026/2027 budget. The dump truck transmission went out. We found a refurbished transmission and the dump truck is currently being fixed. Our current VAC truck is from the 1990s and it is showing its age. We have found a truck in Grand Rapids for \$87,500. It is a 2012 Vactor model. The truck was purchased new by the City of Wyoming and traded in to the dealership for another new truck. The dealership has all the service records. We are going to test drive the truck in the next couple weeks and if approved by Andy, a letter of intent to purchase will be sent to the dealership which will hold the truck until we start our 2026/2027 budget in March when the purchase can be made. The cost of a new truck is \$500,000 - \$800,000. The property owner at 320 N. Third wants to acquire the property adjoining his property directly to the south. Property #041-621-933-00. The property owner hired a lawyer to pursue legal action to take possession of the property he has maintained for many years. The property owner offered \$1000 to purchase the property and also offered to pay for a survey if needed for the transaction. The village manager countered with \$3000 to purchase the property. There is still legal action occurring between the property owner and the village. **Jim Clark**, the owner of 320 N. Third, spoke to the council and explained step by step what happened, starting in the 1980s to current. He does not feel he should have to purchase something he has maintained all these years. The property in question is the old railroad bed. Some discussion took place. **Motion by Kanine to table property #041-621-933-00 decision until February meeting. Seconded by McParland. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Griswold, Kanine, McParland, Moore Pierce, Guild. MOTION PASSED 7-0.**
 - B. **PRESIDENT: Chet Guild:** None.
7. **TREASURER'S REPORT: Shirley Drain**
 - A. **TREASURERS REPORT & COMMENTS: Drain:** Drain reported, the books for December 2025 are closed and balanced with the bank. All ELF loans are current. Cash balances look great.
 - B. **APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS: Colburn** moved to pay the bills. **Supported by Griswold. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Griswold, Kanine, McParland, Moore, Pierce, Guild. MOTION PASSED 7-0.**

8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.
9. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - A. **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING December 08, 2025:** McParland moved to accept the December 08, 2025, minutes as printed. Supported by Kanine. **VOICE VOTE: ALL YES MOTION PASSED 7-0.**
10. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **CONSIDER APPROVAL FOR “RETAIL SALE OF AUTO PARTS” AS AN ALLOWED USE IN THE B-2 HIGHWAY BUSINESS DISTRICT:** A national auto parts retailer is interested in acquiring the old Dollar General building for a new store in Edmore. **McParland moved to find that retail sales of auto parts use is of the same general character as the other permitted uses in the B-2 district and is allowed. Supported by Pierce. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Griswold, Kanine, McParland, Moore, Pierce, Guild. MOTION PASSED 7-0.**
 - B. **SET DATE FOR FY 2026/2027 BUDGET WORKSHOP:** Motion by Guild to set the date for the budget workshop to Monday, January 26, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. Supported by Moore. **VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 7-0.**
11. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
12. **COUNCIL COMMENTS:** **Guild** asked the council to think about what needs to be done with the property situation between the Village and Jim Clark and a decision needs to be made at February’s meeting.
13. **ADJOURNMENT:** **Pierce** moved to adjourn. Supported by Moore. **VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 7-0.**
President Guild adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Village President

Village Clerk

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NEXT MEETING: February 09, 2026