

**EDMORE VILLAGE COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
UNAPPROVED JOURNAL OF MINUTES  
February 25, 2026**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The special meeting of the Village of Edmore Council was called to order on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. by **President Chet Guild**.
  2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
  3. **ROLL CALL:** Members present – **Colburn, Griswold, Guild, Kanine, McParland**. Absent – **Moore, Pierce**. Also present: **Mark Borden** – Village Manager, **Shirley Drain** – Village Treasurer, **Kerri Peterson** – Village Clerk
  4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** **Kanine** moved to approve the agenda. **Seconded by Colburn**. **VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 5-0 with 2 absent.**
  5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS: AGENDA ITEMS:** None.
  6. **NEW BUSINESS**
    - A. **INTERVIEW WITH CORY HAMLIN, VILLAGE MANAGER POSITION:** An interview for the Village Manager position took place with Cory Hamlin from the Six Lakes/Lakeview area. The council asked Cory questions about his plans for the future, what his opinion was on taking some courses through the MML, experience in managing others, computer knowledge and grant writing, and handling conflict. **Cory** responded to the council that he was raised in Montcalm County and doesn't see himself ever leaving. He has a young family and has been working away from home for long periods of time and is ready to stay home and work and watch his kids grow up. He prides himself in his knowledge of computer software and says he is well written. He is very interested in taking courses and learning through the MML and whatever other learning opportunities arise. He likes to learn and troubleshoot and fix things. In his previous position he oversaw 3 engineers of a ship, multiple ages. He was put in his position there to keep things running smoothly and conflict does not bother him. He is stern about what needs to be done. He is comfortable with the number of people within the Village's operations. In the past, he has worked for the Village of Lakeview and the City of Stanton. He has DPW experience, holds a Class B CDL, and has water/sewage treatment experience. **Guild** reported to the council that Cory comes highly recommended by Mr. Dode from Lakeview, Senator Outman, and Mr. Laur. **Motion by Kanine to hire Cory Hamlin as the Village Manager and follow the personnel committee's recommendation for salary of \$82,000 yearly with a 6-month evaluation the first year with possible raise. Start date to be March 09, 2026. Seconded by McParland. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Griswold, Kanine, McParland, Guild, Colburn. MOTION PASSED 5-0 with 2 absent.**
  7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
  8. **COUNCIL COMMENTS:** None.
  9. **ADJOURNMENT:** **McParland** moved to adjourn. **Supported by Griswold. VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 5-0 with 2 absent**  
**President Chet Guild** adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.
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**Village President**

**Village Clerk**

**Approved for Publication**

**NEXT MEETING: March 09, 2026**