

**EDMORE VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
UNAPPROVED JOURNAL OF MINUTES
March 09, 2026**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Village of Edmore Council was called to order on Monday, March 09, 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: **Cory Hamlin** – Village Manager, **Mark Borden** – Exiting Village Manager, **Shirley Drain** – Village Treasurer, **Kerri Peterson** – Village Clerk
4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Motion by Griswold to approve the agenda with change of H. from credit card to debit card. Supported 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): Hamlin** reported the Personnel Committee met with two Village Manager candidates in February. Cory Hamlin and Kent Packer. Cory met twice before a full interview by the Village Council. Running With Scissors has been purchased by the same developer as Taco Bell, to establish a Biggby Coffee location. The old Dollar General Store is actively being pursued by O'Reilly Auto Parts. 315 S. Fifth Street has been sold, and the new owner has expressed their intent to make improvements and make it their primary residence. DPW had a couple snow events to tend to in February with plowing and salting and removal of snow quantities from downtown sidewalks. The purchase of our 2012 Vactor vacuum truck has been finalized. The truck was inspected by both Andy and Borden, and it is in good working condition. The cost was \$84,000. The DPW has made more maintenance and aesthetic improvements to the truck. There is no update from Edmore Family Dentistry. On 03/04/26, a virtual hearing was held with the Village of Edmore's attorney, and Mr. Clark's attorney. Both parties were encouraged to settle, as the claim of adverse possession was not found to be reasonable. Mr. Clark's attorney asked to drop the lawsuit. We disagree as we are countersuing for our costs and fees. Mr. Clark is now pursuing CSX. We were able to compile the appropriate letters and information to meet the deadline of 03/06/26 for a request for infrastructure projects to Congressman Moolenaar's Community Funding Proposal. A sum of \$2.4 million was applied for to aid our critical water infrastructure improvements. There are more opportunities coming from Congresswoman Slotkin and Congressman Peters in the future.
 - B. **PRESIDENT: Chet Guild: None.**
7. **TREASURER'S REPORT: Shirley Drain**
 - A. **TREASURERS REPORT & COMMENTS: Drain** reported the books for February 2026 are not closed. Tracy had a family emergency. February books are at the end of the fiscal year and she will have a report at the April meeting. All ELF loans are up to date. MAKs informed Drain that this is the time of year they could begin to struggle with payment but would still consistently be trying to stay caught up. Everything looks great. Cash balances look good. Heavy equipment funds look amazing.
 - B. **APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS: Kanine moved to pay the bills. Supported by Moore. 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/PUBLIC HEARING - FEBRUARY 09, 2026:** Colburn moved to accept the February 09, 2026, minutes as printed. Supported by McParland. **VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 7-0.**
 - B. **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING - FEBRUARY 13, 2026:** Kanine moved to accept the February 13, 2026 minutes as printed. Supported by Griswold. **VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 7-0.**
 - C. **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – FEBRUARY 25, 2026:** McParland moved to accept the February 25, 2026 minutes as printed. Supported by Colburn. **VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 7-0.**
10. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **RECONSIDER PROPERTY PURCHASE (VACANT LOT NEXT TO THE WATER TOWER):** Borden reported there is no complete deed to the property. The bottom has been cut off. The original owners are not around to get a duplicate. We can still buy it with a quit claim deed. However, if we were to apply for any type of funding it could be a problem. We would need to apply for a quiet title which is a minimum of \$5000. We can move forward with the quiet title now or wait until funding is needed. They are asking for \$10,000 and up to \$1500 in legal costs. There is no survey needed. It was asked if maybe he would work with us. The board would like to counter-offer to keep the cost down.
 - B. **DISCUSS UNIFORM RENTAL REQUIREMENTS – CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A THREE-YEAR AGREEMENT:** Hamlin reported when the uniform contract was approved it was only approved for one year, but their contract is a 3-year contract. The cost is per year, for three years. **Motion by Colburn to extend the uniform contract with Cintas to a 3-year agreement. Supported by McParland. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Griswold, Kanine, McParland, Moore, Pierce, Guild. MOTION PASSED 7-0.**
 - C. **NEW STANDARD RETAIL RENEWAL LICENSE APPROVAL:** Everything is current and paid. McParland moved to approve the New Standard Edmore retail license renewal. Supported by McParland. **ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Griswold, Kanine, McParland, Moore, Pierce, Guild. MOTION PASSED 7-0.**
 - D. **APPOINT CORY HAMLIN ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:** McParland moved to appoint Cory Hamlin as Zoning Administrator, Street Administrator, and Code Enforcement Officer. Seconded by Colburn. **ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Griswold, Kanine, McParland, Moore, Pierce, Guild. MOTION PASSED 7-0.**
 - E. **APPOINT CORY HAMLIN STREET ADMINISTRATOR:** Motion combined with 10.d.
 - F. **APPOINT CORY HAMLIN CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:** Motion combined with 10.d.
 - G. **DESIGNATE CORY HAMLIN AS SIGNATORY FOR HUNTINGTON BANK AND ISABELLA BANK ACCOUNTS:** Motion by Kanine to designate Cory Hamlin as signatory for Huntington Bank and Isabella Bank Accounts. Supported by Griswold. **ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Griswold, Kanine, McParland, Moore, Pierce, Guild. MOTION PASSED 7-0.**
 - H. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF \$3000 DEBIT CARD LIMIT FOR ANDY ANDERSEN DPW:** The bank has a minimum on their debit card cap and that is \$3000. McParland moved to approve the \$3000 debit card limit for Andy Andersen. Supported by Moore. **ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Griswold, Kanine, McParland, Moore, Pierce, Guild. MOTION PASSED 7-0.**
 - I. **CONSIDER APPROVAL FOR YEAR TWO OF THE POND TREATMENT AGREEMENT:** We are already under contract for pond treatment with the understanding if we didn't see results the

first year we could cancel or agree to the second year. The goal is to get the DDA, Nita Curtis Foundation, Biggby, and Taco Bell to also help fund the pond maintenance. **Griswold moved to approve year-2 of the pond treatment agreement. Supported by Pierce. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Griswold, Kanine, McParland, Moore, Pierce, Guild. MOTION PASSED 7-0.**

J. CONSIDER PROPERTY PURCHASE OF 8+ ACRE VACANT PARCEL OF S. FIFTH STREET: Discussion took place on the location of the property and the use. The pond could be expanded, and another portion could be used to extend maybe the ball fields. It is currently for sale. **Motion by Colburn to offer \$42,500 for the property. Seconded by McParland. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Griswold, Kanine, McParland, Moore, Pierce, Guild. MOTION PASSED 7-0.**

K. CONSIDER REQUEST FROM THE NITA CURTIS GROUP. RE: MUSEUM SALE PROCEEDS: Motion by Moore to table to gather more information and get more clarification. Supported by McParland. **VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 7-0.**

11. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

12. **COUNCIL COMMENTS:** Pierce asked what the next steps were after discovering adults smoking marijuana openly downtown and in public. They were discovered behind Brown's building in the parking lot and Gerald Brown is to be contacted.

13. **ADJOURNMENT:** Moore moved to adjourn. Supported by McParland. **VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 7-0.**

President Guild adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Village President

Village Clerk

Approved for Publication

NEXT MEETING: April 13, 2026