

**EDMORE VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APPROVED JOURNAL OF MINUTES
April 13, 2026**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Village of Edmore Council was called to order on Monday, April 13, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. by **President Chet Guild**.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL:** Members present – **Colburn, Griswold, Guild, Kanine, McParland, Pierce**. Also present: **Cory Hamlin** – Village Manager, **Shirley Drain** – Village Treasurer, **Kerri Peterson** – Village Clerk. Trustee **Moore** entered the meeting at 7:10 p.m.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** **Griswold** moved to approve the agenda. **Supported by Colburn.**
VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 6-0.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS: AGENDA ITEMS:** **Mr. Tom Olrich** spoke to the council and asked for their help in sorting out the property line mess from the auto body building he owns, east to beyond the water tower. He wants to sell the property adjoining the water tower property to us but cannot get a clear title due to property line issues. He agreed to accept our offer for the property after the lines are cleaned up. Discussion took place among the council, and it was agreed that the property surveys are not accurate as they are arial surveys and the Village needs to survey at least the water tower property. **Motion by Moore to authorize Hamin to get the water tower property surveyed at a cost of up to \$3000. Supported by Kanine. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Griswold, Kanine, McParland, Moore, Pierce, Guild MOTION PASSED 7-0**
6. **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**
 - A. **MANAGER: Cory Hamlin (Code Enforcement, DPW, DDA):** Hamlin reported no committees met. **DEVELOPMENTS: Biggby Coffee** is moving forward with opening with a date of 4-5 weeks out, according to their Facebook page. **Taco Bell** has poured the concrete sidewalk connecting the Curtis Pond Trail with the Taco Bell sidewalk. **Former Museum:** Construction has begun inside and an inquiry was made about a water service being installed for a fire suppression system. No timelines regarding opening. **Old Dollar General:** A representative of O'Reilly Auto Parts was seeking an assessor for the Village of Edmore and was referred to Ms. Zemla. **Edmore Family Dentistry:** Contact has been made with Dr. Kinser, and we are back on track regarding resolution of the out-of-limits utilities. Options have been provided for you for moving forward. **Detention Pond Property Purchase:** The Village was able to obtain vacant property at 3rd/5th Street for \$48,000. Closing was Thursday, April 9th, 2026. **Curtis Pond Treatment:** Bob Grabowski from Taco Bell agreed to contribute to the treatment. The DDA did not come to a decision, nor did the Nita Curtis Foundation. **CMS:** No update but last update indicated work in 2027. **Frontier:** Frontier is looking to do nearly 4,000 feet of boring and nearly 18,000 feet of aerial wires. **Lagoon Operators Committee:** The Village of Edmore will be hosting a Lagoon Operator Committee on April 23rd. We will gather over lunch, have an informative meeting, and travel to our sewer lagoons. We were selected because of our peculiar lagoon arrangement and hopefully there will be more discussion over the intake lagoon regarding its cover. **FINANCE DEPARTMENT:** In addition to regular tasks, we are actively being audited. Things are progressing well. Tracy has been fantastic at educating and assisting with whatever is needed or any questions asked. Additionally, Alexis' training is going well. She handled all the utility billing on her own and is now doing all equipment payroll. Alexis has also been an incredible help. **DPW:** Our DPW had some winter weather to deal with

early in April. They spent the better part of a week in the cemetery preparing it for spring. We have also had several graves opened since we last met. Many equipment items due to be used soon have received maintenance, as well as the leaf vacuum. Bagged leaves pickup and brush and limb chipping began the first Tuesday of this month. Our guys successfully removed the fencing at the East end of the Curtis Building to allow access for concrete to be poured for a new slab for the new furnace. Uniforms were selected, opting to go with CLS on a 3-year contract, with a maximum 3% increases for years two and three. Service began in April, coming in at a cost of \$83.82 per week. We were able to have name and logo patches added for no extra charge. There is no auto-renewal at the end of the contract, and it may be cancelled any time. Cory and Andy spent time visiting our wells, lifts, and properties. **ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT:** Issued a zoning permit for **Biggby Coffee's** signage, including a wall sign and freestanding sign. Issued a zoning permit for a freestanding sign to replace one of the two existing signs at **PaddyLock's Storage**. Issued a permit to build on the lot at **621 S. Fifth Street to Kevin Fairress**. Information, zoning applications, and ordinance were dispersed to several parties, including Sunrise Heating and Cooling who will be plumbing the Old Fence Rider Museum, a homeowner on first street investigating putting in an accessory building, and several homeowners looking at fences. A homeowner was addressed regarding burning yard waste in village limits and they were receptive. A copy of our "Burning Ordinance" was distributed to them. Another homeowner was addressed regarding their dog being at large. They were informed of the Village's "Dog Ordinance" and the repercussions of them continuing to allow the dog to roam. **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES: MSHDA, CDBG:** Our letter of intent to MSHDA for a Community Development Block Grant was approved. If selected, we would receive \$400,000 for residents to make home improvements, and an additional \$87,000 for administration. We will need to draft a procurement policy in the next month to be approved. This may require an attorney's assistance for review. We should expect to have a public hearing at our May council meeting regarding the CDBG and hopefully submit our application after that. **Water Infrastructure:** We have applied for two Congressional Directed Spending opportunities for water infrastructure upgrades. A total of four, two state level and two federal levels, have been applied for. In each one, \$2.4 million was applied for, with a 20-25% match. The match may be waived depending on demographic statistics. It is Hamlin's hope that we will receive funding and complete phase one of our DWAM plan. **DDA MEETING – 03-10-2026:** The DDA's new business on March 10th included an agreement with Serentiy Schei of Nature's Charm Greenhouse to pot, maintain, and water spring, summer, and fall flowers. This came to a total cost of \$17,000. Hamlin has been in contact with Home Township Supervisor Cindy Stratton regarding unpaid DDA funds. We are working together to find out whether the resolution they passed that would cap their contribution to the DDA at 60% was possible and if so what "agreement" was made that would allow it. The documentation discovered was that there was no agreement, but a unilateral adjustment for the year in question. **Curtis Building:** The Curtis group called a special meeting for 04-08-2026. We discovered errors in operation that were addressed and will be corrected going forward. An additional meeting was scheduled for 04-17-2026 in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. At our May meeting, we will need to appoint members to the Nita Curtis foundation and immediately following the Nita Curtis Foundation should have their annual meeting to appoint officers.

B. PRESIDENT: Chet Guild: None.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT: Shirley Drain

- A. **TREASURERS REPORT & COMMENTS:** Drain reported the books for February and March and balanced. All ELF payments are current.
- B. **APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS:** McParland moved to pay the bills. Supported by Pierce. **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 - MARCH 09, 2026:** Colburn moved to accept the March 09, 2026, minutes as printed. Supported by Griswold. **VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 7-0.**
 - B. **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING - MARCH 19, 2026:** Kanine moved to accept the March 19, 2026, minutes as printed. Supported by Colburn. **VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 7-0.**
 - C. **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – APRIL 01, 2026:** Griswold moved to accept the April 01, 2026, minutes as printed. Supported by Pierce. **VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 7-0.**
- 10. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MANAGER CORY HAMLIN AS STREET ADMINISTRATOR:** McParland moves to accept the resolution for designation of street administrator, naming Cory Hamlin as street administrator. Supported by Moore. **ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Griswold, Kanine, McParland, Moore, Pierce, Guild. MOTION PASSED 7-0.**
- 11. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **CONSIDER PROPOSAL FOR EDMORE FAMILY DENTISTRY:** Discussion took place among the board about the options moving forward according to the lawyer. **Motion by McParland to present Dr. Kinser of Edmore Family Dentistry with a letter of intent with the options as discussed with our attorney, with a deadline of July 31, 2026, when the Village will discontinue service. Supported by Kanine. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Griswold, Kanine, McParland, Moore, Pierce, Guild. MOTION PASSED 7-0.**
 - B. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SPLITTING CURTIS POND TREATMENT LESS THAN 4 WAYS:** This was discussed in the past and is still ongoing. The DDA and Nita Curtis Foundation have not met to vote on this. **Motion by Colburn to pay for the pond treatment and bill the DDA, Nita Curtis Foundation, and Taco Bell. Supported by McParland. VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 7-0.**
 - C. **CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIUN FOR RAILROAD BED:** Following recommendations from our attorney the board discussed our next steps with Mr. Clark. **Motion by McParland to countersue Mr. Clark on the plot south of his property for \$1000 and for Clark to quit claim any remaining interest in the remaining property. Supported by Colburn. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Griswold, Kanine, McParland, Moore, Guild. ABSTAIN: Pierce. MOTION PASSED 6-0 with 1 abstain.**
 - D. **REVIEW TABLE ITEM - \$10,000 DONATION FOR CARMEN DRAIN SCHOLARSHIP:** Discussion took place and because the museum was considered a donation to the Village, it would have had to have a stipulation placed that a scholarship be made in the name of Carmen Drain if the building were to be sold. Since there was no stipulation, the Village cannot donate the money.
- 12. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
- 13. **COUNCIL COMMENTS:** None.
- 14. **ADJOURNMENT:** Moore moved to adjourn. Supported by McParland. **VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 7-0.**

President Guild adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Village President

Village Clerk

Approved for Publication

NEXT MEETING: May 11, 2026