

**EDMORE VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
UNAPPROVED JOURNAL OF MINUTES
JULY 13, 2026**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Village of Edmore Council was called to order on Monday, July 13, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. by **President Chet Guild**.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL:** Members present – **Colburn, Griswold, McParland, Moore, Pierce, Guild**. Absent – **Kanine**. Also present: **Cory Hamlin** – Village Manager, **Shirley Drain** – Village Treasurer, **Kerri Peterson** – Village Clerk.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Motion by **Griswold** to approve the agenda. Supported by **Colburn**. **VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 6-0 with 1 absent.**
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS: AGENDA ITEMS:** None.
6. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**
 - A. **DDA, DPW, CODE ENFORCEMENT, MANAGER CORY HAMLIN:** **Hamlin** reported on **Developments** – Mr. Olrich is moving forward, Biggby Coffee is officially open and very busy, Former Museum construction is ongoing, Old Dollar General has been sold to O'Reilly Auto Parts, Edmore Family Dentistry officially purchased the lift station (need to switch Consumers), CMS & Frontier moving forward, Tennis Courts work underway within the next 10 days. **Legal** – railroad bed we are awaiting deeds. **Curtis Building** – The pond was treated on July 2nd for algae and will be receiving another application within 14 days to address the thin-leaf.
 - B. **PRESIDENT: CHET GUILD:** None.
7. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** **Shirley Drain**
 - A. **TREASURER REPORT & COMMENTS:** **Drain:** Books are balanced for June and are \$66 off for July. **MAKS** are behind two months but making payments. Cash balance looks good.
 - B. **APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS:** Motion by **McParland** to pay the bills. Supported by **Moore**. **ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Griswold, McParland, Moore, Pierce, Guild. MOTION PASSED 6-0 with 1 absent.**
8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.
9. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - A. **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING JUNE 08, 2026:** **Pierce** moved to accept the **June 08, 2026, minutes as printed**. Supported by **Griswold**. **VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 6-0 with 1 absent.**
10. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **VILLAGE OF EDMORE BLIGHT ELIMINATION ORDINANCE:** **Hamlin** reported after speaking with the Montcalm County Prosecutor's Office, we will be allowed to remove the repealer from the Montcalm County Draft ordinance. Now the two may work together. This ordinance allows us to use our ordinance first and if there is a lack of or no cooperation it allows us to report the violation to the County to take over enforcement. We can also begin with the County from the start of a violation. There is no cost to the Village. We must sign an agreement with the County but may cancel the agreement with 7 days' notice if needed. **Motion by McParland to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-2, Village of Edmore, County of Montcalm, and to enter into an enforcement agreement with Montcalm County. Supported by Moore. ROLL**

CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Griswold, McParland, Moore, Pierce, Guild. MOTION PASSED 6-0 with 1 absent.

11. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **SPECIAL EVENT AND PARADE PERMIT – EDMORE POTATO FESTIVAL:** Everything is satisfactory for approval. **Griswold moved to approve the Special Event & Parade Permit for the Edmore Potato Festival. Supported by Colburn. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Griswold, McParland, Moore, Pierce, Guild. MOTION PASSED 6-0 with 1 absent.**
- B. **BUCKET TRUCK:** Hamlin addressed the board about the purchase of a bucket truck. Andy found several in the price range of \$5500 - \$7000 in Sparta where we went and tested them. Currently, we are projecting \$13,000 in excess in the equipment fund. We are asking for \$8000 to shop around for a deal. **McParland moved to approve up to \$8000 for the purchase of a bucket truck. Supported by Pierce. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Griswold, McParland, Moore, Pierce, Guild. MOTION PASSED 6-0 with 1 absent.**
- C. **GRASS AND NOXIOUS WEEDS – LAWN VIOLATIONS – COST INCREASE:** Hamlin reported that \$160.04 is the current cost of one hour to address a lawn in violation. We should not be losing taxpayer money to address a lawn violation. The current fine for the first violation is \$150, and for the second violation it is \$200. **Motion by Moore to increase costs for lawn violations to \$175 for the first offense and \$225 for the second offense. Seconded by McParland. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Griswold, McParland, Moore, Pierce, Guild. MOTION PASSED 6-0 with 1 absent.**

12. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Austin Myers spoke about his property being mowed without him knowing. He was out of town during the time it was done. He noticed it when he came back. He feels he should have been notified by mail or phone. The DPW placed the door tag on a water spigot on the property. (There is no home) He stated he hadn't mowed in 4 weeks due to equipment failure. He is asking for leniency on the fine due to him not knowing it was going to be mowed. He did not notify the Village of his intentions or the situation before leaving on vacation. The board stated that Mr. Myers knew the grass needed to be mowed and did nothing to correct it. The DPW notified him the same as every other property owner within the Village. They are not willing to reduce the amount of the fine. After hearing there would be no reduction in the fine, Mr. Myers told the board that since they were unwilling to work with him, he is no longer allowing the Potato Festival to hold any of their festival activities on the property. He is now planning to farm his property and plant alfalfa instead of mowing.

13. **COUNCIL COMMENTS:** McParland asked if the board could discuss the situation with Mr. Myers property and give him a break. She stated he does not live there, there is no home, and this is his first offense. If it was ongoing things would be different. Discussion took place and the board is not willing to change their mind. **Nicole Hadley** addressed the board asking about alternative locations for their fireworks since they can no longer use Mr. Myers' property. A couple of alternative locations were discussed. **Motion by Colburn to approve the change of fireworks venue for the Edmore Potato Festival contingent on insurance as determined by Hamlin. Supported by McParland. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Griswold, McParland, Moore, Pierce, Guild. MOTION PASSED 6-0 with 1 absent.** McParland asked with the pending purchase of a bucket truck if we were to go for the Hometown Hero banners. The answer was yes.

14. **ADJOURNMENT:** **Motion by McParland to adjourn. Seconded by Moore. VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 6-0 with 1 absent.**

President Guild adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Village President

Approved for Publication

NEXT MEETING: July 13, 2026

Village Clerk