

**EDMORE VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
UNAPPROVED JOURNAL OF MINUTES
AUGUST 10, 2026**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Village of Edmore Council was called to order on Monday, August 10, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. by **President Chet Guild**.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL:** Members present – **Colburn, Griswold, McParland, Moore, Guild**. Absent – **Kanine, Pierce**. Also present: **Cory Hamlin** – Village Manager, **Shirley Drain** – Village Treasurer, **Kerri Peterson** – Village Clerk.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** **Griswold moved to approve the agenda. Supported by McParland. VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 5-0 with 2 absent.**
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS: AGENDA ITEMS:** Christa Merritt addressed the council about the overabundance of feral cats in her neighborhood on 4th Street near Crescent Drive. They have anywhere from 15-17 cats in their yard at any given time and none of them belong to her. She has called multiple agencies with no results. She is asking the Village for their help if there is any help to be given. The council, although they sympathize with Christa, does not have a solution to the problem either. All that can be done is to keep reporting to Animal Control and hope they can do something. There are no ordinances known in the state that cover feral cats. Other states also have this same issue.
6. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**
 - A. **DDA, DPW, CODE ENFORCEMENT, MANAGER CORY HAMLIN:** **Hamlin** reported on **Developments** – Our DPW is actively searching for a new employee. Our blight agreement with the County should go before the Montcalm County Board of Commissioners on either the 10th or 24th of August, according to Sheriff Mike Williams. We officially own Lot 166 neighboring the water tower. O'Reilly Auto Parts has owned the old Dollar General building since February 2026. **Legal** – The deeds for the railroad bed have been completed. **Code Enforcement** - We have 47 notable violations to our blight ordinance. The worst offenses have been contacted, and conversations were held with the homeowners encouraging them to begin working toward compliance. Most have been receptive and are making progress.
 - B. **PRESIDENT: CHET GUILD:** **None.**
7. **TREASURER'S REPORT: Shirley Drain**
 - A. **TREASURER REPORT & COMMENTS:** **Drain:** Books are not balanced. Bills are balanced. MAKs still making payments.
 - B. **APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS:** Motion by McParland to pay the bills, except for the township tax bill which is in question. Supported by Colburn. **ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Griswold, McParland, Moore, Guild. MOTION PASSED: 5-0 WITH 2 ABSENT.**
8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** **None.**
9. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - A. **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING JULY 13, 2026:** **Moore moved to accept the July 13, 2026, minutes as printed. Supported by McParland. VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 5-0 with 2 ABSENT.**
10. **OLD BUSINESS:** **None.**
11. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **SPECIAL EVENT AND PARADE PERMIT – MONTABELLA HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING PARADE:** Everything is satisfactory for approval. **McParland moved to approve the Special Event & Parade Permit for the Montabella High School Homecoming Parade. Supported by Moore. VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 5-0 WITH 2 ABSENT**
 - B. **LAND DIVISION APPLICATION – 124 W. PINE:** Hamlin addressed the board stating the property owners at 124 W. Pine Street and the property owners at 218 S. First Street have come to an agreement to move their shared property line as it was found through a survey that the residence of 124 W. Pine Street sits over the boundary line. This is to adjust the property line to an angle. **Motion by Griswold to approve the land division application for 124 W. Pine Street. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Griswold, McParland, Moore, Guild. MOTION PASSED 5-0 with 2 ABSENT.**
 - C. **LAND DIVISION APPLICATION – 218 S. FIRST:** Motion by McParland to approve the land division application for 218 S. First Street. **ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Griswold, McParland, Moore, Guild. MOTION PASSED 5-0 with 2 absent.**
 - D. **DISCUSSION – FRONTIER/VERIZON DISCONTINUATION OF COPPER LINES:** Frontier/Verizon is discontinuing copper lines. Our water infrastructure runs through copper lines for its control systems. There are no more spare parts on the shelves for our system. Copper is being eliminated everywhere. We need to discuss and explore upgrades for our systems. It does not need to be done right now. But something will need to be done soon, probably next year. There was concern that eliminating the copper opens us up to more cyberattacks, as they are saying copper helps to deter that. The company Kennedy comes highly recommended to work with by Stanton and others. Hamlin is to continue exploring options for a solution.
 - E. **DISCUSSION – OFFICE CLOSURE TO PUBLIC – TYLER TECHNOLOGIES TRAINING:** Hamlin asked the council to allow the Village of Edmore office to close for training and transition to Tyler Technologies. It is going to take a lot of hours for this transition. There are 100-150 hours of training, coursework, and building the program. There are also data recovery days where they are harvesting data. Currently, August 20th and 21st are days needed for training and all systems will be occupied therefore will not be available to help the public. There will be more days in the future that are currently undetermined. The council asked that general notice be given to the community to inform them of the upcoming closures and individual notices each time the office needs to close for training. **Motion by McParland to give Hamlin permission to use his judgement on closing the Village office as needed and to inform the public accordingly. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Griswold, McParland, Moore, Guild. MOTION PASSED 5-0 WITH 2 ABSENT.**
12. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Christa Merrit acknowledged the 5 businesses in Edmore who sell tobacco. She works for the Montcalm County Health Department and was happy to report that all 5 businesses follow the law on sales of tobacco to minors with no violations through the Tobacco Enforcement Operation in 2026.
13. **COUNCIL COMMENTS:** None.
14. **ADJOURNMENT:** Moore moved to adjourn. Seconded by McParland. **VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 5-0 with 2 absent.**
President Guild adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Village President

Village Clerk

Approved for Publication

NEXT MEETING: September 14, 2026