EDMORE VILLAGE COUNCIL
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS / REGULAR MEETING
UNAPPROVED JOURNAL OF MINUTES
OCT. 12, 2026

1. **CALL TO ORDER**: The zoning board of appeals / regular meeting of the Village of Edmore Council was called to order on Monday, October 12, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. by **President Chet Guild**.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**: Members present – **Colburn, Griswold, Moore Pierce, Guild.** Absent **– McParland, Kanine.** 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 Pierce. VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 5-0 WITH 2 ABSENT**
5. **PUBLIC HEARING: ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS TO CONSIDER VARIANCE REQUEST, 1110 E. MAIN ST. EDMORE:**
   A. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None
   B. **COUNCIL/ZBA COMMENTS: Hamlin** reported Mr. Bunce is requesting a variance to the side yard setbacks in the B-2 Highway Business District. The structure to be placed is a 16'x16' stand-alone awning to be placed next to an existing accessory building. Noted: This structure will be placed next to an accessory building that has already received this exact variance. The neighboring parcel, 041-628-033-10, was once the property of the applicant. This property was acquired by the State of Michigan through imminent domain. If Mr. Bunce still owned that parcel we would not need this.
   C. **ZBA DECISION ON VARIANCE REQUEST FOR 1110 E. MAIN ST. EDMORE, MI 48829: Motion by Colburn to approve the variance request for 1110 E. Main St. Edmore, Mi 48829. Supported by Moore. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Moore, Griswold, Pierce, Guild. MOTION PASSED 5-0 WITH 2 ABSENT**
   D. **ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING: Motion by Moore to adjourn the public hearing and open the regular meeting. Supported by Griswold. VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 5-0 WITH 2 ABSENT**
6. **CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR CONCIL MEETING: CHET GUILD, PRESIDENT: President Guild** opened the regular meeting at 7:04 p.m.
7. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Motion by Pierce to approve the agenda. Supported by Colburn. VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 5-0 WITH 2 ABSENT**
8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS: AGENDA ITEMS:** None**.**
9. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**:
   A. **DDA, DPW, CODE ENFORCEMENT, MANAGER CORY HAMLIN**: **Hamlin** reported that Lucky Budz has contacted us with interest in a retail and grow marijuana establishment. O'Reilly Auto Parts will begin stocking shelves at the end of October. CMs Internet is continuing fiber install. Office is continuing Tyler Technologies training. DPW had to repair the Vac Truck at approximately $3150.00. Christmas lighting for Edmore has been chosen for 2026.
   B. **PRESIDENT: CHET GUILD:** None**.**
10. **TREASURER'S REPORT**: **Shirley Drain**
    A. **TREASURER REPORT & COMMENTS: Drain**: Books for August are balanced and reconciled with the bank. Books for September are not closed. All looks good. MAKS still behind but

making payments expects to resolve by November. Monies received from marijuana businesses have decreased due to a loss in marijuana businesses in Edmore. **Drain** would like to see $65-75,000 from the marijuana money we receive each year from the State put away into water infrastructure.

   B. **APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS**: **Motion by Pierce to pay the bills. Supported by Griswold. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Griswold, Moore, Pierce, Guild. MOTION PASSED: 5-0 WITH 2 ABSENT.**

11. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.
12. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**:
   A. **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 14, 2026: Griswold moved to accept the September 14, 2026, minutes as printed. Supported by Pierce. VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 5-0 with 2 ABSENT.**
13. **OLD BUSINESS: None.**
14. **NEW BUSINESS**:
   A. **SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT – AMEND TO INCLUDE RESPONSIBILITY OF SIGNAGE, TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES: Hamlin** reported that after the Potato Festival Fireman's Parade where vehicles ignored blockades and signage, it has became apparent that there is need for more accountability when it comes to signage responsibilities and traffic control. **Motion by Colburn to add the following wordage to our Special Event Permit. (1) The permittee is responsible for the arrangement of traffic control measures from outside sources, such as a local fire department or law enforcement agency. (2) If the event is outside of the regular hours of the Edmore Department of Public Works, the permittee will be responsible for the uncovering and covering of detour signage. Additionally, the permittee will be required to move road-closure barricades into position, which will be staged by the Village of Edmore DPW. After completion of the event, the permittee will be responsible for returning them to their staged location. (3) A failure to do any of the above will affect future chances of approval. Supported by Moore. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Griswold, Moore, Pierce, Guild. MOTION PASSED 5-0 WITH 2 ABSENT**
   B. **EDMORE INN – RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT: Tony Maxfield** addressed the council asking for consideration and approval of a resolution supporting the Edmore Inn's application to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission for a Resort Hotel License under MCL 436.1545. This would allow them to serve and sell alcohol at the Edmore Inn to their patrons. There is a possibility in the future for the hotel bar to be opened to the public. **Motion by Moore to accept the Resolution of Support for Resort Hotel License. Supported by Colburn. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Griswold, Moore, Pierce, Guild. MOTION PASSED 5-0 with 2 absent.**
   C. **GRANGER WASTE SERVICES – REQUEST FUEL SURCHARGE:** Granger is requesting a diesel fuel surcharge to be added to our monthly bill. This is optional. It would cost approximately an additional $100 per month and would allow the surcharge to be added automatically whenever fuel prices are above $5.00 per gallon if we are contracted with them. The council would like to hold off and have Hamlin contact Granger. Revisit later.
   D. **DISCUSSION – VILLAGE OF EDMORE OFFICE: Hamlin** asked the council if there was any interest in the Village of Edmore having their own office building as he had heard from multiple people internally there had been an interest due to lack of space. The Village has never had its own space. The council responded that maybe in the future there would be interest in moving but they are not interested in actively looking for that space right now.

E. **SET TRICK-OR-TREATING HOURS TO 5PM – 7PM ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2026: Motion by Griswold to set trick-or-treating hours to 5pm – 7pm on Saturday, October 31st. Supported by Pierce. VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 5-0 WITH 2 ABSENT**

15. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**: **Jennifer Sternisha** addressed the council about her husband Ed Sternisha who is running for 8th Circuit Court Judge. **Megan Hunter** addressed the council representing Lori Schearer running for 8th Circuit Court Judge. **Mrs. Whetstone** asked for an update on the feral cats in town. The **council** responded that they have exhausted all resources for feral cats and there is just no good answer as to how to deal with them. **Mrs. Whetstone** then asked for an update on a 5th Street resident. The **council** responded that there is a new owner of the property and the original occupant is no longer living there.
16. **COUNCIL COMMENTS: Guild** asked who does the street sweeping downtown as it has not been done very well. **Hamlin** responded that Sani Sweep is who takes care of Main Street and our local streets. **Drain** asked if the County still does it**. Guild** stated it's expensive and would like to check into other businesses that do it.
17. **ADJOURNMENT**: **Colburn moved to adjourn. Seconded by Moore. VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 5-0 with 2 absent.**
    President Guild adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

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Village President **Village Clerk**

Approved for Publication

NEXT MEETING: November 09, 2026