EDWARDSBURG VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES

February 26, 2018

The meeting of the Edwardsburg Village Council was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Scott Mackling, those in attendance were Paula Ralph (Clerk), Lisa Withers (Treasurer) and Trustees Jacque Tighe, Dennis Peak, Terry Bidwell, Jim Meltinos, and Laura Hughes. Absent Suellen Hawks.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Peak, seconded by Meltinos to approve the agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

County Commissioner Roseann Marchetti provided the board with topics of interest within the county.

- At the first meeting in February the Board approved the purchase of tax software for the treasurer's office and we heard Troy Clay of the EDC who outlined his plans for the upcoming year. We also received a copy of the County Planning Commission's annual report. I am happy to report that the first visioning session for the Cassopolis SBEI project with Michigan State's School pf Planning, Design and Construction was hugely successful and attended by 200 people which does not include those from Michigan State. Now MSU will collate what was discussed and narrow it down to a few topics with a common theme, and those topics will be discussed at the meeting in in April or May. Then this summer, MSU will provide a portfolio of suggestions and ideas. Thank you to all who attended from Ontwa and Edwardsburg. There were 14. At the COW February we had a lengthy presentation from two attorneys who are involved in a mass action suit which will be filed against a number of pharmaceutical companies. They asked Cass to become part of the suit and we will approve that at Thursday's meeting. A number of counties, cities and townships have signed on. There are no fees for this unless the attorneys are successful.
- At the second meeting in February, we passed a resolution honoring Deputy Clerk Ruth Gardner on her retirement. We had a presentation from Prosecutor Fitz regarding the opioid crisis. We also approved moving two Law and Court employees from grade two to four, approved funds for the conservation district, and funds for the district court bond account. At tomorrow's COW we will discuss sending out an RFP for a new compensation study. The approval is on Thursday's agenda .

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Bidwell, seconded by Tighe to approve the minutes of the 1/22/18 regular board meeting as amended. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Revenue/Expenditure Report: Motion made by Peak, seconded by Bidwell to approve the Revenue/Expenditure Report for the period of 04/01/17 to 12/31/17 as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Check Register Report: Motion made by Meltinos, seconded by Peak to approve the Check Register Report checks #31967-32036. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The January 2018 (unaudited) report indicated that for the month receipts totaled $100,738.98, wastewater additional principal of $19,500.41 and penalties of $3,586.11, and the status of the certificates of deposit and savings accounts.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Presidents Report: President Mackling reported that Rich Low was in on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day to plow snow, the plow broke down and Rich had to do repairs. Mackling expressed appreciation to the village employees for keeping everything running. He also congratulated the Eddies that made it to state in wrestling.

Cemetery Board: The Cemetery Board will postpone their March meeting until April 10th.

Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator: Mr. Krempec discussed some water issues in the Village following the heavy rains. All formal complaints need to be reported to Mr. Krempec. Letters were sent to Dollar General and KJK (Taco Bell) about cleaning out drains. There was not a quorum at the January 30th Planning Commission Meeting so another meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, March 28th at 7:00 p.m.

Building/Electrical/Plumbing/Mechanical Reports: Building Permits: 1 permit issued, $260.00 fees collected. Electrical Permits: 1 permit issued, $243.00 fees collected.

Police Board: Representative Meltinos provided the statistics for the month of January 2018 within the village, they are as follows: Calls for Service totaled 178, total Traffic Crashes 14. Year-to-date figures, Calls for Service 178 and Traffic Crashes 14, with the remaining stats 0. A complete transcript of the police board minutes can be found at www.edwardsburg.net

Fire Board: Representative Tighe provided the statistics for the month of December 2017. Total runs equaled 20 with 3 of those within the Village and YTD total of 228 runs, 31 of those within the Village. January 2018 total runs equaled 17 with 2 of those within the Village. The department will be purchasing a new fire truck this fiscal year.

Ambulance Board: Representative Hughes provided the Agency Activity Summary report for the month of January 2018. Total number of incidents was 66. Edwardsburg 8, Ontwa 36, Mason 1, Jefferson 2, Porter 1, Niles Twp. 2, Cassopolis 1, City of Niles 4, Buchanan Twp. 1, and Other 10. A complete transcript of the ambulance board minutes can be found at www.edwardsburgambulance.org

Parks Administrator: None

Water Commissioner: Midwest Energy had 2 scheduled power outages. In preparation the heat was turned up prior to the outage and the tank was filled up to summer levels. All went well.

Street Administrator: Trustee Peak made a motion to spend $2,000.00 on sidewalk replacement ($1,000.00 from 202-448-818 and $1,000.00 from 203-448-818) and to carry over the remainder to the 2018-2019 fiscal year. Supported by Bidwell. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried. President Mackling added that Rich Low put down 6 tons of cold patch in a week. Major repairs need to be made.

Building & Grounds: Trustee Bidwell will look into maintenance on the back parking lot and President Mackling will look into replacing the lights in the garage.

Equipment Supervisor: Trustee Meltinos updated the council on the snow plow search. There was one bid for the old water truck. Motion by Meltinos, supported by Bidwell to sell the old water truck as is for $1,008.00. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Recycling/Refuse Administrator: None

Planning Commission: Plans to meet on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Chamber of Commerce: The annual dinner is March 7, 2018. The speaker will be Patty Lawton.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Amendments 2017-2018 Fiscal Year: Motion made by Peak, seconded by Bidwell to approve the budget adjustments for fiscal year 2017-2018 dated February 26, 2018 as submitted. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of 2018 Audit: Motion made by Meltinos, seconded by Hughes to have Siegfried Crandall conduct the Village audit at the cost of $7,500.00. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion made by Tighe, seconded by Meltinos to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:24 p.m. All in favor, Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ontwa Township Clean-Up Dates: Friday, April 27th noon to 4:00 & Saturday, April 28th 9:00 to noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula S. Ralph, Clerk
Village of Edwardsburg