EDWARDSBURG VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES

March 19, 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, Terry Bidwell, Jim Meltinos, Laura Hughes and Suellen Hawks. Absent Dennis Peak.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Meltinos, seconded by Tighe 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 March 1, 2018 meeting Judge Sue Dobrich gave a presentation on the effects of the opioid crisis on the county court system. She asked one of the drug court's success stories to talk about his addictions and the help he received from the county drug court programs and how he became a mentor to others trying to overcome their addictions. At that meeting Sheriff Behnke introduced Jennifer Robinson who has been appointed the new 911 dispatch coordinator.
- At the March 15, 2018, Board of Commissioners meeting we had a presentation from Sheriff Rick Behnke on the opioid crisis and how if effects the Sheriff's office. Sheriff Behnke explained that each officer carries narcan a nasal spray, which reverses the effects of a drug overdose. Narcan is $600.00 a dose. All of the officers carry it with them. Fortunately the Sheriff's office is supplied through a grant that Woodlands received. So far this year, four doses of narcan have been used. In other action this month the Board made appointments to the veteran's advisory board, the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission, the Board of Public Works, Kinexus Board and the EDC. The next visioning with MSUE on the Village of Cassopolis will be on Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at Samuel Adams school cafeteria.
- Two events of interest: On March 24, 2018, Spring Eggstravaganza at Lawless Park egg hunt for ages 2-4 11:30 am and 5-10 12:30 pm. Hazardous Waste drop off at the Fair Grounds on Saturday, May 19, 2018 9:00 am until noon.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Bidwell, seconded by Hughes to approve the minutes of the 2/26/18 regular board meeting as amended. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Revenue/Expenditure Report: Motion made by Tighe, seconded by Bidwell to approve the Revenue/Expenditure Report for the period of 04/01/17 to 1/31/18 as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Check Register Report: Motion made by Meltinos, seconded by Bidwell to approve the Check Register Report checks #32037-32086. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The February 2018 (unaudited) report indicated that for the month receipts totaled $74,443.30, and the status of the certificates of deposit and savings accounts.

Public Hearing 2018-19 Proposed Budget: At 7:15 Trustee Tighe made a motion to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing. Supported by Trustee Meltinos, motion carried. President Mackling asked for any public comment and explained that there was very little change from last year's budget. At 7:23 Trustee Tighe made a motion to close the public hearing and return to the regular meeting. Supported by Trustee Meltinos, motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Presidents Report: None

Cemetery Board: None

Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator: Mr. Krempec updated the board on the water issues on and around Pleasant Lake. The county drain commissioner Bruce Campbell and David L. Smith Cass County Office of Emergency Management have both been informed of the situation. Several beaver damns have been removed but more still needs to be done. A Planning Commission Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 28th at 7:00 p.m.

Building/Electrical/Plumbing/Mechanical Reports: None

Police Board: Representative Meltinos provided the statistics for the month of February 2018 within the village, they are as follows: Calls for Service totaled 179, total Traffic Crashes 10. Year-to-date figures, Calls for Service 357 and Traffic Crashes 24, with the remaining stats 0. A complete transcript of the police board minutes can be found at www.edwardsburg.net

Fire Board: None

Ambulance Board: Representative Hughes provided the Agency Activity Summary report for the month of February 2018. Total number of incidents was 70. Edwardsburg 12, Ontwa 33, Milton 1, Jefferson 1, Calvin 2, Porter 1, Niles Twp. 5, Cassopolis 3, Howard Twp. 1, City of Niles 4, and Other 7. A complete transcript of the ambulance board minutes can be found at www.edwardsburgambulance.org

Parks Administrator: None

Water Commissioner: The water department will do a full system flush the Week of April 30-May 4.

Street Administrator: Street Administrator Peak was absent but Trustee Tighe brought up the need to look into replacing some faded street signs. President Mackling said he would contact Street Superintendent Low and have him make a priority list of the signs that need to be replaced.

Building & Grounds: Trustee Bidwell reiterated that the back parking lot needs some attention. The uniform contract with Cintas needs to be renewed. It will stay at the current pricing for the next 18 months. Motion by Bidwell to renew the contract was supported by Hughes. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Equipment Supervisor: Trustee Meltinos there was no update on the snow plow search.

Recycling/Refuse Administrator: None

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

Chamber of Commerce: The next meeting is April 4th.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Amendments 2017-2018 Fiscal Year: Motion made by Meltinos, seconded by Bidwell to approve the budget adjustments for fiscal year 2017-2018 dated March 19, 2018 as submitted. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of 2018-2019 Proposed Budget: Motion made by Tighe, supported by Hughes to adopt the 2018-2019 proposed budget as presented. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion made by Tighe, seconded by Meltinos to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:32 p.m. All in favor, Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The office will be closed on Good Friday, March 30th.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula S. Ralph, Clerk
Village of Edwardsburg