EDWARDSBURG VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES

January 22, 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, Laura Hughes and Suellen Hawks.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Peak, 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.

- This month the Board of Commissioners has two projects that require community participation. One was the survey for the strategic plan and the deadline for that was extended to January 19, 2018. Thank you to Paula and Hannah for placing it on the Village web site. The other is the visioning session on January 31, 2018 at the COA beginning at 6:00 and lasting until 8:00 pm. Refreshments will be served. You may reserve a spot at the visioning on the county website or tell me and I will make sure you are registered. When you go to the county web site scroll down to Imagine Cass. You can reserve a spot at the session by clicking on that link. We are asking you to reserve a spot because we need to set up the tables and order refreshments. We have close to 90 people signed up for the visioning.
- The last invoice has been paid for the improvements to Dodd Park and I attended the grand opening and the additions to the park are great, ADA Bridge, two cabins for rent, pavilion, and play equipment. So once the weather gets really nice a visit to the park is in order. Also, at Lawless Park there is tubing, cross country skiing, sleigh rides, crafts and refreshments. Those dates are January 27, February 3 & 10, 2018.
- Now, I would like to pass along some information that I received from Brian Gunderman of the DNR. This is the 100th year anniversary of elk that were introduced in the state after the elk population died out. There is an excellent video about the elk who reside in Pigeon River Country State Forest. Here is the video information: www.bit.ly/MIELKVideo.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Bidwell, seconded by Hughes to approve the minutes of the 12/18/17 regular board meeting as amended. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Revenue/Expenditure Report: Motion made by Peak, seconded by Meltinos to approve the Revenue/Expenditure Report for the period of 04/01/17 to 11/30/17 as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Check Register Report: Motion made by Peak, seconded by Meltinos to approve the Check Register Report checks #31886-31966. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The December 2017 (unaudited) report indicated that for the month receipts totaled $54,781.51, and the status of the certificates of deposit and savings accounts.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Presidents Report: None

Cemetery Board: None

Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator: Mr. Krempec discussed the topics that will be on the agenda for the Planning Commission Meeting that will be held on Tuesday, January 30th at 7:00 p.m.

Building/Electrical/Plumbing/Mechanical Reports: Mechanical Permits: 1 permit issued, $235.00 fees collected.

Police Board: Representative Meltinos provided the statistics for the month of December 2017 within the village, they are as follows: Calls for Service totaled 218, total Traffic Crashes 13. Year-to-date figures, Calls for Service 2,099 and Traffic Crashes 102, 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 December 2017. Total number of incidents was 105. Edwardsburg 12, Ontwa 59, Milton 3, Jefferson 4, Calvin 1, Porter 3, Dowagiac 2, Niles Twp. 5, Cassopolis 2, Howard Twp. 1, City of Niles 8, Buchanan Twp. 1, and Other 5. A complete transcript of the ambulance board minutes can be found at www.edwardsburgambulance.org

Parks Administrator: None

Water Commissioner: None

Street Administrator: None

Building & Grounds: Trustee Bidwell mentioned that the parking lot needs some attention. It will be discussed at the upcoming budget work session.

Equipment Supervisor: Trustee Meltinos updated the council on the snow plow search. Street Superintendent Low is getting bids on new & used snow plow trucks. It will be discussed at the upcoming budget work session. Motion was made by Meltinos, supported by Peak to put the old water truck up for auction with a minimum bid of $2,500.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Recycling/Refuse Administrator: None

Planning Commission: Plans to meet on Tuesday, January 30, 2018.

Chamber of Commerce: The next Chamber meeting is February 7, 2018, at noon at the Ontwa Township Hall. Kimberly Barton, invasive species expert from the Cass County Conservation District, is the speaker. The annual dinner is March 7, 2018.

NEW BUSINESS

School Choice Week: Motion made by Tighe, seconded by Bidwell to declare by Proclamation and recognize January 21-27, 2018 as the Village of Edwardsburg **School Choice Week**, and call this observance to the attention of all of our citizens. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion made by Tighe, seconded by Peak to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:44 p.m. All in favor, Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Budget work session - Saturday, February 10, 2018 at 9:00 am.
- Office closed Monday, February 19th for President's Day.
- February Regular Council Meeting Will Be Held on Monday, February 26, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula S. Ralph, Clerk
Village of Edwardsburg