EDWARDSBURG VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES

February 17, 2020

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), and Trustees Debb Martin, Dennis Peak, Terry Bidwell, Jay Penny, and Kellen VanHulle. Absent: Laura Hughes and Lisa Withers (Treasurer).

Pledge of Allegiance:

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Bidwell, seconded by Peak 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. A complete transcript of the minutes can be found at www.casscountymi.org.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Bidwell, seconded by Penny to approve the minutes of the 1/20/2020 Regular board meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Revenue/Expenditure Report: Motion made by VanHulle, seconded by Peak to approve the Revenue/Expenditure Report for the period of 04/01/19 to 1/31/2020 as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Check Register Report: Motion made by Peak, seconded by Bidwell to approve the Check Register Report checks #33788-33857. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The January 2020 (unaudited) report indicated that for the month receipts totaled $101,665.13, and the status of the certificates of deposit and savings accounts.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Marihuana Ordinance: Trustee Peak gave an update stating that the council is working on firming up some details to the ordinance and will take it back to the attorney before the March Village Council Meeting. Mackling, Peak and VanHulle will be meeting with the Kotz Sangster Law Firm out of Niles, Michigan, as our current attorney is having some health issues. Motion made by Bidwell, supported by Martin to approve using Kotz Sangster if it is a good fit. All in favor. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Presidents Report: None

Cemetery Board: None

Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator: None

Building/Electrical/Plumbing/Mechanical Reports: Electrical Permits: 1 permit issued, $160.00 fees collected.

Police Board: Did not meet but statistics were provided. The statistics for the month of January 2020 within the village, they are as follows: Calls for Service totaled 298, total Traffic Crashes 5. A complete transcript of the police board minutes can be found at www.edwardsburg.net

Ambulance Board: Did not meet but statistics were provided. The Agency Activity Summary report for the month of January 2020. Total number of incidents was 137. Edwardsburg 22, Ontwa 41, Milton 1, Porter 1, Dowagiac 36, Niles Twp. 2, Cassopolis 4, City of Niles 27, Bremen 1 and other 2. A complete transcript of the ambulance board minutes can be found at www.edwardsburgambulance.org

Fire Board: Fire run statistics were provided by Jacque Tighe. December had 20 runs: Village 0, Ontwa 13, Jefferson 4, Milton 2, and Mutual Aid 1. Total runs YTD 231. January 2020 had 14 runs: Village 3, Ontwa 8, Jefferson 0, Milton 2, and Mutual Aid 1. Total runs YTD 14.

Parks Administrator: None

Water Commissioner: Motion made by Peak, supported by VanHulle to approve $1,121.00 paid to Ferguson to purchase a small inventory of water repair parts (591-553-930). Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion made by VanHulle, supported by Bidwell to approve $250.00 for Chris Powers to attend a 2-day Oden Training class (591-205-960). Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion made by Peak, supported by Martin to approve $467.00 for a 20-yard dumpster to clean out buildings (591-553-930). Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Street Administrator: Motion made by Bidwell, supported by Peak to contract with Walsh & Kelly to Mill & Pave Elkhart Street from M62 to Cass for $34,800.00 (202-463-818). Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Building & Grounds: None

Equipment Supervisor: Motion made by Bidwell, supported by Peak to pay North Side Auto $449.00 for a cutting edge on the water truck (641-850-930). Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Recycling/Refuse Administrator: None

Planning Commission: Will meet on February 25th.

Chamber of Commerce: Annual dinner will be on Wednesday, March 4th.

Motion made by VanHulle, supported by Hughes to pay Cass County Drain Commissioner $1,034.84 (101-104-818) for the 2019 Special Drain Assessment for Pleasant Lake. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Amendments 2019-2020 Fiscal Year: Motion made by VanHulle, seconded by Peak to adopt the budget amendments dated 2/17/2020. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

2020 Audit: Motion made by Bidwell, seconded by Martin to hire Siegfried Crandall for the 2020 Audit. All in favor. Motion carried.

Adjournment: With no objection President Mackling adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next board meeting will be on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 7:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula S. Ralph, Clerk
Village of Edwardsburg