EDWARDSBURG VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES

July 20, 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), Lisa Withers (Treasurer) and Trustees Debb Martin, Dennis Peak, Terry Bidwell, Jay Penny, Laura Hughes, and Kellen VanHulle.

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

Public Comments: The following individuals spoke on behalf of their company or the company they represent.

- Lindsay Johnston - previously employed by The Happiest Camper
- Megan Callahan – Lake Effect and BRT Capital 3
- Doug Mains – Lume
- Peter Bobeck – True Organics

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 VanHulle to approve the minutes of the 6/15/2020 Regular board meeting. 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 04/01/2020 to 6/30/2020 as presented. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Check Register Report: Motion made by VanHulle, seconded by Peak to approve the Check Register Report checks #34118-34197. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The June 2020 (unaudited) report indicated that for the month receipts totaled $48,876.15, and the status of the certificates of deposit and savings accounts.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Recommendation on marihuana applicants: Motion made by Peak, As a member of the committee under Ordinance 2020-01 5B.,h), based on the outcome of a public meeting held on Friday, July 17, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. and the recommendation scoring of the marihuana applicants, I

move that the Village Council accept the committee's recommendations that the Edwardsburg Village Council grant a license for a medical marihuana facility and an MRTMA adult use facility license to applicants NOBO Michigan LLC and Alvarez Cultivation LLC. Supported by Bidwell. During council discussion Clerk Ralph explained scoring was based on criteria under Ordinance 2020-01 Section 5B.,h) 1 – 11. Each of the criteria was rated from 1 to 3. One being Unsatisfactory/Not Completed, Two being Meets Min. Qualifications and Three being Most Qualified. No one scored a 1, that would have been unsatisfactory/not completed and that application would have been disqualified. Everyone scored at least a 2, meeting the minimum qualifications. Peak said experience/history and diversity was one of the areas that received a score of 3 from him. Mackling added that filling vacant buildings and not displacing current businesses was important to him. He also added that every applicant offered some benefit of revenue sharing to the Village and the Village categorically rejects any offers or promises of any such compensation. Ralph said the possibility of expansion at the two locations picked was a plus. The two applicants recommended were the two highest scores. Roll call vote: Peak-yes, Bidwell-yes, Penny-yes, Hughes-yes, VanHulle-no and Martin-yes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Presidents Report: Motion made by Bidwell, supported by Peak to pay Kotz Sangster Wysocki P.C. $3,827.00 (101-104-826) for legal fees. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Cemetery Board: None

Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator: None.

Building/Electrical/Plumbing/Mechanical Reports: None

Police Board: Representative VanHulle provided the statistics for the month of June 2020 within the village, they are as follows: Calls for Service totaled 178, total Traffic Crashes 1. A complete transcript of the police board minutes can be found at www.edwardsburg.net

Ambulance Board: Representative Hughes provided the Agency Activity Summary report for the month of June 2020. Total number of incidents was 151. Edwardsburg 22, Ontwa 34, Milton 1, Mason 2, Jefferson 2, Calvin 3, Porter 3, Dowagiac 42, Niles Twp. 7, Cassopolis 8, City of Niles 23, Other 4. A complete transcript of the ambulance board minutes can be found at www.edwardsburgambulance.org

Fire Board: None.

Parks Administrator: The lake access at Gunn Park needs some attention. DPW will be asked to take care of this.

Water Commissioner: Motion made by Bidwell, supported by Martin to start applying penalties to the utility bills again starting with the August 1st billing. 5 in favor, 1 opposed. Motion carried.

Motion made by Penny, supported by Peak to pay Bender Electric $490.00 to repair conduit to a panel at the water tower (591-552-930). Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion made by Penny, supported by Hughes to pay $231.00 to the State of Michigan for the 2020 Annual Water Testing (591-205-925). Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Street Administrator: Motion made by Bidwell, supported by Peak to pay A-1 Striping Service, Inc. $1,056.78 (202-474-818) to paint portions of Section Street and Elkhart Road. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried. Motion made by Bidwell, supported by Hughes to pay Michigan Pavement Markings $1,992.10 (202-474-818) to paint portions of Section Street and Elkhart Road. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Building & Grounds: None

Equipment Supervisor: None

Recycling/Refuse Administrator: None

Planning Commission: Will meet on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Chamber of Commerce: None

NEW BUSINESS

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Next board meeting will be on Monday, August 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Paula S. Ralph, Clerk
Village of Edwardsburg