EDWARDSBURG VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES

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

The August meeting was held at the Edwardsburg Sports Complex located at 27566 US Highway 12, Edwardsburg, Michigan 49112

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.

- David Frazer 69150 Section Street addressed the council in regard to a zoning violation letter he received for Noxious Weeds and Grass.
- Max Weaver 26830 Hamilton Street addressed the council in regard to the alley next to his property. This has been an ongoing discussion with the previous owner and is still being researched.
- Steve Petersen, Starboard Properties LLC, 68502 Daily Road, Shawna Mondich 68656 Cass Street and neighbor Paul Williams all attended the meeting to discuss issues with Lindburg Park. There is no trash can and the "weeds" need to be cut. People are at the park all hours of the day and night being loud, playing loud music, leaving trash behind and trespassing on private property. Starboard Properties LLC would be willing to negotiate purchasing the property and would put a plaque at the location to recognize the "Lindburg's landing" for which the park is named.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Bidwell, seconded by Peak to approve the minutes of the 7/14/2020 Special board meeting and the 7/20/2020 Regular board meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Revenue/Expenditure Report: Motion made by Peak, seconded by VanHulle to approve the Revenue/Expenditure Report for the period of 04/01/2020 to 7/31/2020 as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Check Register Report: Motion made by VanHulle, seconded by Bidwell to approve the Check Register Report checks #34198 - 34262. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The July 2020 (unaudited) report indicated that for the month receipts totaled $97,055.94, and the status of the certificates of deposit and savings accounts.

- Treasurer Withers explained that the checking account that was recently opened at G.W. Jones bank is not interest baring and charges a monthly fee. On the recommendation of our auditor's we really cannot have an account that cost the Village money. Motion made by Bidwell, supported by VanHulle to close the G.W. Jones account, and move the money to our TCF (Chemical) Bank account. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Treasurer Withers recently got a promotion at Cass County that will cause a conflict of interest being with the Village. Motion made by Peak, supported by Bidwell to post the Village treasurer position on Indeed. All in favor. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Presidents Report: None

Cemetery Board: None

Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator: None.

Building/Electrical/Plumbing/Mechanical Reports: Building Permits: 2 permits issued, $160.00 fees collected.

Police Board: Representative VanHulle provided the statistics for the month of July 2020 within the village, they are as follows: Calls for Service totaled 158, 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 July 2020. Total number of incidents was 181. Edwardsburg 33, Ontwa 49, Milton 1, Mason 4, Jefferson 3, Calvin 1, Porter 2, Dowagiac 47, Cassopolis 10, Howard Twp. 1, City of Niles 20, Other 5, Three Rivers 1 and Watervliet 4. 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. June had 25 runs: Village 0, Ontwa 13, Jefferson 2, Milton 8, and Mutual Aid 2. Total runs YTD 108. July had 30 runs: Village 5, Ontwa 21, Jefferson 1, Milton 2, and Mutual Aid 1. Total runs YTD 138.

Parks Administrator: Motion made by Hughes, seconded by Bidwell to pay Signworks $268.00 (101-717-740) to replace the Park sign in Gunn Park that was damaged when a tree limb fell on it. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Water Commissioner: None

Street Administrator: None

Building & Grounds: None

Equipment Supervisor: None

Recycling/Refuse Administrator: None

Planning Commission: None

Chamber of Commerce: None

NEW BUSINESS

Adjournment: With no objection President Mackling adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Next board meeting will be on Monday, September 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Paula S. Ralph, Clerk
Village of Edwardsburg