EDWARDSBURG VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES
December 19, 2022

The meeting of the Edwardsburg Village Council was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Dennis Peak, those in attendance were Paula Ralph (Clerk), Meryl Christensen (Treasurer), and Trustees Sam Garwood, Nancy Stoner, Terry Bidwell, Jay Penny, Laura Hughes and Kellen Van Hulle.

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Bidwell, seconded by Hughes to approve the agenda as presented. 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 Stoner to approve the minutes of the 11/21/2022 Regular Boad Meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Revenue/Expenditure Report: Motion made by Bidwell, seconded by Van Hulle to approve the Revenue/Expenditure Report for the period of 04/01/2022 to 11/30/22 as presented. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Check Register Report: Motion made by Van Hulle, seconded by Bidwell to approve the Check Register Report checks #36304-36382, grand total of $101,232.68. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The November 2022 (unaudited) report indicated that for the month receipts totaled $84,805.60 and the status of the certificates of deposit and savings accounts.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Elkhart Road Path: Ontwa Township Planning Commission representative Sandra Seanor brought path information to the Village Council and was available to answer questions. After discussion, a motion was made by Bidwell, supported by Hughes that the Village commit to move forward to join the township in applying for a grant to fund part of the path project. If a grant is not awarded the Village will have to rethink the path possibility. Roll call vote: Garwood-yes, Stoner-no, Bidwell-yes, Penny-yes, Hughes-yes and Van Hulle-yes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Presidents Report: President Peak thanked the council for their time and commitment for the past year. He also added as it has been several years since we adopted Ordinance 2020-01 there have been changes and updates by the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act (MRTMA) so we will need to look at updating our Ordinance in 2023.

Invoices for Approval: Motion made by Van Hulle, supported by Bidwell to pay Kotz Sangster Wysocki P.C. $2,035.82 (101-104-826) for legal fees. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

DPW Report: None

Cemetery Board: None

Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator: None

Building/Electrical/Plumbing/Mechanical Reports: Building Permits: 2 permits issued; $1,018.00 collected.

Police Board: Police Chief Doug Westrick provided the statistics for the month of November 2022 within the village, they are as follows: Calls for Service totaled 182, total Traffic Crashes 4.

Ambulance Board: Ambulance Administrator Dennis Closson provided the Agency Activity Summary report for the month of November 2022. Total number of incidents was 107. Edwardsburg 29, Ontwa 43, Mason 2, Jefferson 2, Calvin 1, Porter 2, Dowagiac 3, Niles Twp. 5, Cassopolis 6, Niles City 7, Sturgis 2, Three Rivers 2, Watervliet 1 and other 1.

Fire Board: Fire Board Representative Jackie Tighe provided stats for runs. Calendar Year to Date: Village of Edwardsburg 31, Ontwa Township 134, Jefferson Township 37, Milton Township 39 and Mutual Aide 32.

Parks Administrator: None

Water Commissioner: Frank Williams with Peerless Midwest reported that the revisions requested by EGLE on the Iron Filtration Plant are done and it has been sent back to EGLE.

Street Administrator: None

Building & Grounds: None

Equipment Supervisor: None

Recycling/Refuse Administrator: None

Planning Commission: None

Chamber of Commerce: None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2022-04: A resolution supporting and authorizing the development of a joint master plan between the Village of Edwardsburg and Ontwa Township. (Appendix A) Motion made by Bidwell, seconded by Van Hulle to adopt Resolution 2022-04. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Budget Amendment: Motion made by Van Hulle, supported by Garwood to approve the December 2022 Budget Amendments as presented by Clerk Ralph. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Adjournment: With no objection President Peak adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Village office closed Friday, December 23rd & Monday, December 26th and Friday, December 30th & Monday, January 2nd.
- Next Village Council Meeting – Monday, January 16th @ 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula S. Ralph, Clerk
Village of Edwardsburg

Appendix A

Resolution 2022-04

VILLAGE OF EDWARDSBURG

CASS COUNTY, MICHIGAN

At a regular meeting of the Edwardsburg Village Council held on December 19, 2022 beginning at 7:00 p.m., the following motion to adopt this Resolution was made by Council Member Bidwell and was supported by Council Member Van Hulle

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AND AUTHORIZING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINT MASTER PLAN BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF EDWARDSBURG AND ONTWA TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, The Village of Edwardsburg and Ontwa Township have performed reviews of their respective applicable Master Plans as required by the Michigan Planning Enabling Act (Act 33 of 2008, as amended), and determined that each Master Plan is in need of an update; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Edwardsburg and Ontwa Township desire to foster a collaborative relationship for the benefit of all citizens of the greater Village/Township Edwardsburg community; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Edwardsburg and Ontwa Township seek to pool their financial resources in the development of a joint Master Plan that will result in a more effective use of public funds than if the Plans were developed separately; and

WHEREAS, the futures of The Village of Edwardsburg and Ontwa Township are inextricably linked, and a joint Master Plan that explores and addresses the issues of each community will serve the greater Village/Township Edwardsburg community more effectively than separate Master Plans.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. **The Village of Edwardsburg and Ontwa Township agree to develop a joint Master Plan pursuant to the applicable requirements of the Michigan Planning Enabling Act (Act 33 of 2008, as amended).**

2. **The Village of Edwardsburg and Ontwa Township will work together in good faith to develop a joint Master Plan that furthers the use, preservation, and development goals and strategies of the Village and Township.**

The vote to adopt the above Resolution was as follows:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT/ABSTAIN:

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing is a Resolution duly made and passed by the Edwardsburg Village Council at their regular meeting held on Monday, December 19, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., with a quorum present.

Dennis Peak, Village President	**Date**
Paula S. Ralph, Village Clerk	**Date**