

EDWARDSBURG VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES

March 18, 2024

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), Sarah Overgaard (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 Stoner to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

- Joyce Brown, 68768 First Street addressed the council concerning the development of Gunn Park and the impact on neighboring properties.
- The following Village residents spoke in favor of the Elkhart Road ROW: Pat Bellaire, 26903 Main Street and Gordon Carr, 26919 Church Street.
- The following township residents spoke in favor of the Elkhart Road ROW: Meryl Christensen, 69844 Elkhart Road, Sandi Seanor, 68351 Eagle Lake Road, Jerry Duck, 69443 Christiann Creek, John Bossler, 25464 Haley Court, Todd Haberland, 68656 West Banks Drive, and Jeff Kozinski, 70116 Sheridan Drive.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Bidwell, seconded by Stoner to approve the minutes of the 02/26/2024 Regular Boad Meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Revenue/Expenditure Report: Motion made by Van Hulle, seconded by Penny to approve the Revenue/Expenditure Report for the period of 04/01/2023 to 02/29/2024 as presented. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Check Register Report: Motion made by Bidwell, seconded by Van Hulle to approve the Check Register Report checks #37600-37661, grand total of \$71,453.67. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The February 2024 (unaudited) monthly receipts totaled \$203,174.66.

Public Hearing Proposed 2024-2025 Budget: At 7:15 Bidwell made a motion to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing, supported by Van Hulle. All in favor. Motion carried. President Peak asked for any public comment. With no public comment at 7:18 Bidwell made a motion to close the public hearing and return to the regular meeting, supported by Stoner. All in favor. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Presidents Report: None

Invoices for Approval: None

Cemetery Board: Met on March 12th and discussed the need to straighten the curve in the East drive prior to sealing all the drives this spring. The Village will be taking lawn care bids for the cemetery. More information can be found on the Village website. The Cemetery Board is looking into options for cremains.

Library Board: There will be a groundbreaking ceremony at the old library on Wednesday, May 8th at 10:00 a.m.

Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator: Three properties have been issued citations.

Building/Electrical/Plumbing/Mechanical Reports: Plumbing & Mechanical Report: 3 permits issued; \$625.00 collected.

Police Board: Police Chief Doug Westrick provided the statistics for the month of February 2024 within the village, they are as follows: Calls for Service totaled 180, total Traffic Crashes 2.

Ambulance Board: No Stats.

Fire Board: None

Parks Administrator: The Village has a road end proposal from Selge Construction to install 8 concrete pads at the road end of Lake Street at Pleasant Lake. Motion made by Bidwell, supported by Hughes to pay Selge Construction \$12,500.00 (101-717-818) to install 8 concrete pads at the road end of Lake Street in Pleasant Lake. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Water Commissioner:

- Frank Williams with Peerless Midwest reported that the iron filtration project is on schedule.
- Motion made by Penny, supported by Stoner to purchase a cylinder barricade rack for \$1,063.80.00 (591-553-970). Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Motion made by Penny, supported by Bidwell to purchase a single cylinder cart for 349.40 (591-553-970). Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Motion made by Penny, supported by Van Hulle to purchase a free-standing stainless-steel sink for \$279.99 (591-553-970). Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Street Administrator: The Village will be addressing the sidewalk issue in front of the new library in the future.

Building & Grounds: None

Equipment Supervisor: The DPW currently has gas cards for the Marathon Station but would like to apply for cards for the new Amoco Station. Motion made by Bidwell, seconded by Stoner to approve the application for Amoco gas cards. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Recycling/Refuse Administrator: None

Planning Commission: Will meet in April to discuss bylaws and select new officers .

Chamber of Commerce: None

NEW BUSINESS

ROW Elkhart Path: Motion made by Garwood, supported by Hughes to approve the Elkhart Path ROW agreement with Ontwa Township. Roll call vote. Garwood-yes, Stoner-no, Bidwell-yes, Penny-no, Hughes-yes and Van Hulle-yes. Motion carried.

2024-2025 Proposed Budget: Motion made by Van Hulle, seconded by Penny to adopt the Proposed Budget for 2024-2025. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

March Budget Amendments: Motion made by Van Hulle, seconded by Penny to approve the March budget amendments as presented. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Adjournment: With no objection President Peak adjourned the meeting at 7:47.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Office closed on Good Friday, March 29, 2024.
- Next Village Council Meeting – Monday, April 15th @ 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula S. Ralph, Clerk
Village of Edwardsburg