EDWARDSBURG VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES

February 15, 2021

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 Debb Martin, Nancy Stoner, 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: Brett Thompson President of Gromart approached the council inquiring the possibility of opening a Marijuana Micro Business. Council President Peak said this is not something we are going to do at this time and our current ordinance does not allow for Micro Businesses. But we would be in contact with Mr. Thompson if something should change.

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 1/18/2021 Regular board meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Revenue/Expenditure Report: Motion made by VanHulle, seconded by Bidwell to approve the Revenue/Expenditure Report for the period of 04/01/2020 to 1/31/2021 as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Check Register Report: Motion made by VanHulle, seconded by Stoner to approve the Check Register Report checks #34623-34685. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The January 2021 (unaudited) report indicated that for the month receipts totaled $112,127.93, and the status of the certificates of deposit and savings accounts.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Presidents Report: President Peak read the resignation letter of council member Debb Martin.

Invoices for Approval: Motion made by Bidwell, supported by Hughes to pay Kotz Sangster Wysocki P.C. $14,727.50 (101-104-826) for legal fees. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.
Motion by VanHulle, supported by Martin to pay Garrett Laboratories $500.00 (591-205-925) for PFOS state test. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Cemetery Board: None

Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator: None

Building/Electrical/Plumbing/Mechanical Reports: Building Permits: 1 permit issued; $78.00 fees collected. Electrical Permits: 3 permits issued; $485.00 fees collected.

Police Board: Representative VanHulle provided the statistics for the month of January 2021 within the village, they are as follows: Calls for Service totaled 171, total Traffic Crashes 2. 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 January 2021. Total number of incidents was 114. Edwardsburg 26, Ontwa 46, Mason 1, Jefferson 3, Dowagiac 14, Niles Twp. 6, Cassopolis 6, Niles City 5, Sturgis 2, Three Rivers 2, Watervliet 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.

Parks Administrator: None

Water Commissioner: None

Street Administrator: None

Building & Grounds: None

Equipment Supervisor: None

Recycling/Refuse Administrator: None

Planning Commission: PC representative Stoner presented an ordinance amendment for Council approval. Zoning ordinance Section 9.12 General Sign Regulations: No sign shall be erected at any location where, by reason of the position, size, shape, color, movement, or illuminations, it may interfere with, obstruct the view of, or be confused with any authorized traffic sign, signal, or device so as to interfere with, mislead, or confuse traffic. Consideration of traffic visibility and injurious effects on adjacent properties is essential. All signs shall be designed, constructed, and maintained so as not to change the essential character of such area. No signage with profanity is allowed in any district within the Village limits. Motion made by Bidwell, seconded by Stoner to approve the amendment. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chamber of Commerce: None

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Amendments 2020-2021 Fiscal Year: Motion made by Bidwell, seconded by Hughes to adopt the budget amendments dated 2/15/2021. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

2021 Audit: Motion made by Bidwell, seconded by Stoner to hire Siegfried Crandall for the 2021 Audit not to exceed $8,300.00. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Hearing: A public hearing will be held during the March 15th regular board meeting at 7:15 p.m.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next Village Council Meeting – Monday, March 15th @ 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula S. Ralph, Clerk
Village of Edwardsburg