EDWARDSBURG VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES

January 18, 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, Terry Bidwell, Jay Penny, Laura Hughes, and Kellen VanHulle. The meeting was held via Zoom.

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Bidwell, seconded by Hughes to approve the agenda. Roll call vote. 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 Hughes to approve the minutes of the 12/21/2020 Regular board meeting. Roll call vote. 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 12/31/2020 as presented. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Check Register Report: Motion made by VanHulle, seconded by Bidwell to approve the Check Register Report checks #34564-34622. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The December 2020 (unaudited) report indicated that for the month receipts totaled $72,577.09, and the status of the certificates of deposit and savings accounts.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Presidents Report: President Peak recommended Nancy Stoner to fill the vacant Village Council seat. It is a four-year term. Motion made by Bidwell, supported by Hughes to accept that recommendation. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried. Nancy Stoner was then sworn in by Clerk Paula Ralph.

President Peak appointed Jackie Lazaro to the Village Planning Commission and Mary Anne Hoebeke was reappointed to the Library Board.

Invoices for Approval: Motion made by Bidwell, supported by VanHulle to pay Kotz Sangster Wysocki P.C. $11,173.80 (101-104-826) for legal fees. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Cemetery Board: None

Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator: Dawn Bolock gave an update on current and previous violations, what has been done and what further action is being taken.

Building/Electrical/Plumbing/Mechanical Reports: None

Police Board: Representative VanHulle provided the statistics for the month of December 2020 within the village, they are as follows: Calls for Service totaled 145, 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 December 2020. Total number of incidents was 113. Edwardsburg 22, Ontwa 40, Milton 1, Mason 4, Jefferson 2, Porter 3, Dowagiac 12, Niles Twp. 4, Cassopolis 2, LaGrange 1, Howard Twp. 2, Niles City 12, Bremen 1, Three Rivers 6 and Other 1. A complete transcript of the ambulance board minutes can be found at www.edwardsburgambulance.org

Fire Board: None

Parks Administrator: None

Water Commissioner: Motion by Penny, supported by Bidwell to send water samples to the State to be tested for PFAS at the cost of $400.00 (591-205-925). Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Penny, supported by Hughes to purchase a Force Flow Electronic Scale to measure chlorine from RS Technical Services at the cost of $3,095.00 (591-552-970 & 591-553-970). Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Street Administrator: None

Building & Grounds: None

Equipment Supervisor: Motion by Bidwell, supported by Penny to approve $354.44 (641-850-930) for the purchase of 4 cutting edges for the snowplow from Truck & Trailer Specialties. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Recycling/Refuse Administrator: None

Planning Commission: Will meet on Tuesday, January 26th.

Chamber of Commerce: None

NEW BUSINESS

Set a date for February budget work session: The Village Council will meet on Saturday, February 13th at 9:00 a.m. for a budget work session.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Paula S. Ralph, Clerk
Village of Edwardsburg