EDWARDSBURG VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES
December 20, 2021

The meeting of the Edwardsburg Village Council was called to order at 6:00 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 VanHulle.

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Garwood, seconded by Bidwell to approve the agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.

President Peak explained that the Council is in receipt of its attorney's request to advise Council regarding trial and settlement strategy in the pending litigation of Attitude Wellness v. Village of Edwardsburg. Motion was made by Bidwell, supported by Hughes to go into closed session to discuss pending litigation in Attitude Wellness v. Village of Edwardsburg. All in favor. Motion carried. Following the end of discussion in closed session a motion was made by Bidwell, supported by Hughes to reconvene in open session. 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.

Pat Bellaire, 26903 Main Street, wants to thank the DPW for putting up the garland around the library, along with support from the library. She would like to see the snowflakes moved onto US 12 in the "old village". We need to work on getting power on some poles in order to do that so it would need to be included in the budget. She suggests maybe a committee could work on the decorations and come up with some ideas for next year.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Bidwell, seconded by Hughes to approve the minutes of the 11/15/2021 Regular board meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Revenue/Expenditure Report: Motion made by Penny, seconded by Bidwell to approve the Revenue/Expenditure Report for the period of 04/01/2021 to 11/30/2021 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 #35315-35392. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The November 2021 (unaudited) report indicated that for the month receipts totaled $168,701.19, and the status of the certificates of deposit and savings accounts.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Presidents Report: President Peak entertained a motion to proceed as advised by the Village attorney in the pending litigation of Attitude Wellness v. Village of Edwardsburg. Motion made by Stoner, supported by Bidwell. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

DPW Report: None

Invoices for Approval: None

Cemetery Board: Met December 14th. The sextons have the cemetery cleared and ready for winter. The cemetery board packet is available on the Village website.

Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator: None

Building/Electrical/Plumbing/Mechanical Reports: Building Permits: 2 permits issued; $1,057.00 fees collected.

Police Board: Police Chief Doug Westrick provided the statistics for November. A complete transcript of the police board minutes can be found at www.edwardsburg.net

Ambulance Board: Ambulance Administrator Dennis Closson provided the Agency Activity Summary report for the month of November. A complete transcript of the ambulance board minutes can be found at www.edwardsburgambulance.org

Fire Board: Fire Board representative Jackie Tighe provided the statistics for October and November.

Parks Administrator: None

Water Commissioner: There was some discussion on the iron filtration plant, but no decisions were made. Garwood is going to look into some local contractors.

Street Administrator: Street Administrator Bidwell has a list of sidewalks that need to be replaced. Some tree and root work will also need to be done. The Council will consider this when budgeting for 2022-2023.

Building & Grounds: None

Equipment Supervisor: None

Recycling/Refuse Administrator: None

Planning Commission: None

Chamber of Commerce: Will meet Wednesday, January 5th for their monthly meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval-Employee Appreciation 2021: Motion made by Bidwell, supported by Garwood to spend $1,082.86 for the annual employee appreciation pay. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Resolution 2021-05 (DNR Grant): Motion made by Bidwell, supported by VanHulle to adopt Resolution 2021-02 allowing the Village to apply for a DNR Grant (Appendix A). Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Adjournment: With no objection President Peak adjourned the meeting at 7:45.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Village office closed Friday, December 24th & Monday, December 27th and Friday, December 31st & Monday, January 3rd.
- Next Village Council Meeting – Monday, January 17th @ 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula S. Ralph, Clerk
Village of Edwardsburg

Appendix A

RESOLUTION 2021-05
VILLAGE OF EDWARDSBURG
CASS COUNTY MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION TO MATCH FUNDS FOR DNR RECREATION PASSPORT GRANT PROGRAM

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS: The Edwardsburg Village Council has adopted the following:

WHEREAS, the Village of Edwardsburg supports the submission of an application titled, "Park Grant" to the Recreation Passport Grant Program for development of the lake front, playground and pavilion at Gunn Park; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed application is supported by the Community's 5-Year Approved Parks and Recreation Plan OR Current Annual Capital Improvement Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Village of Edwardsburg is hereby making a financial commitment to the project in the amount of $37,500.00 matching funds, in cash and/or force account; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Edwardsburg hereby authorizes submission of a Recreation Passport Grant Program Application for $150,000.00 , and further resolves to make available its financial obligation amount of $37,500.00 (25%) of a total $150,000.00 project cost, during the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

AYES: NAYES: ABSENT:

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 20, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., with a quorum present.

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Dennis Peak, Village President Date

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Paula S. Ralph, Village Clerk Date