EDWARDSBURG VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES
August 16, 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 Sam Garwood, 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: 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 7/19/2021 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 04/01/2021 to 7/31/2021 as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Check Register Report: Motion made by VanHulle, seconded by Hughes to approve the Check Register Report checks #35029-35099. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The July 2021 (unaudited) report indicated that for the month receipts totaled $118,348.85, and the status of the certificates of deposit and savings accounts. Treasurer Christensen reported a property tax issue of a special assessment accidently put on a Village tax bill. Motion made by Bidwell, seconded by Van Hulle to approve the removal of $2,898.88 special assessment from parcel 14-091-100-039-00. All in favor. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution 2021-04: A public hearing was held at the April 19, 2021 Village Council meeting for discussion to vacate the alley running north and south between Hamilton Street and the alley running East and West between Lake Street and Cass Street. The Village received a letter from Gerald and Rosanne Flanders requesting the Village to vacate said alley and award it to them for access to the back of their property. With no opposition from neighbors at the public hearing the Village then proceeded with Resolution 2021-04 (See Appendix A). Motion made by Bidwell, supported by Hughes to adopt Resolution 2021-04. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Presidents Report: None

Invoices for Approval: None

Cemetery Board: None

Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator: None

Building/Electrical/Plumbing/Mechanical Reports: Building Permits: 2 permits issued; $289.00 fees collected. Electrical Permits: 1 permit issued; $200.00 fees collected. Mechanical & Plumbing Permits: 5 permits issued; $1,109.00 fees collected.

Police Board: Police Chief Doug Westrick provided the statistics for the month of July 2021 within the village, they are as follows: Calls for Service totaled 236, total Traffic Crashes 2. 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 July 2021. Total number of incidents was 99. Edwardsburg 23, Ontwa 44, Mason 2, Jefferson 3, Dowagiac 5, Niles Twp. 3, Cassopolis 6, Niles City 4, Three Rivers 6, St. Joseph 1, and Watervliet 2. 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 Hughes to approve $1,095.00 for water testing to Eurofins and the State of Michigan labs (591-205-925).

Street Administrator: None

Building & Grounds: None

Equipment Supervisor: None

Recycling/Refuse Administrator: None

Planning Commission: None

Chamber of Commerce: Business Expo and Fall Festival September 18th at the fire station.

NEW BUSINESS

Recycling/Refuse Contract: Bids were turned in by Borden Waste Away and Waste Management. Bids were opened on Thursday, August 12th by the Village President, Clerk, and Council representative Penny. Motion made by Penny, supported by Hughes to grant a three year contract with Borden Waste Away.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Next board meeting will be on Monday, September 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Paula S. Ralph, Clerk
Village of Edwardsburg

Appendix A

RESOLUTION 2021-04

VILLAGE OF EDWARDSBURG

CASS COUNTY MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION TO VACATE ALLEY

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

WHEREAS, there is currently a public alley running north and south between the following parcels: 26823 Hamilton Street (14-091-100-020-01), 68790 Cass Street (14-091-100-019-00), 68804 Cass Street (14-091-100-018-00) and 68818 Cass Street (14-091-100-017-00), and;

WHEREAS, the Village of Edwardsburg has received a request from one of the adjacent property owners to vacate the above-described public alley,

WHEREAS, the Village Council held a public hearing on Monday, April 19, 2021 to consider vacation of the above-described public alley.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Edwardsburg, hereby vacates the above-described public alley with reservation of a full width utility easement. The proposed alley will be awarded to (14-091-100-020-01) 26823 Hamilton Street.

Resolved this 16th day of August, 2021.

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