EDWARDSBURG VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES

April 19, 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, Terry Bidwell, Jay Penny, Laura Hughes and Kellen VanHulle. Absent: Nancy Stoner

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 Penny to approve the minutes of the 3/15/2021 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 3/31/2021 as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Check Register Report: Motion made by Bidwell, seconded by VanHulle to approve the Check Register Report checks #34748-34816. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The March 2021 (unaudited) report indicated that for the month receipts totaled $83,692.97, and the status of the certificates of deposit and savings accounts.

Public Hearing Alley Vacation: At 7:15 Trustee Bidwell made a motion to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing, supported by Trustee Hughes. All in favor. Motion carried. President Peak began with a history of the alley vacation request. He then asked for any public comment. Property owners Gerald & Rosanne Flanders and James Warren (grandson to Lowell Harmon) were in attendance. Mr. Flanders said he was willing to pay for a survey on the alley on his side of the street. Mr. Warren said he was not necessarily in favor of paying for a survey since he is not the one requesting the abandonment of the alley. After board discussion it was decided a resolution would be drawn up including the language that the homeowners will pay for the survey's and when the surveys are completed and presented to the Village Council the resolution will be adopted.

At 7:41 Trustee VanHulle made a motion to close the Alley Vacation public hearing and open the Marihuana Ordinance Amendments public hearing, supported by Trustee Garwood. All in favor. Motion carried.

President Peak introduced the amendments to be adopted. Section 7.e) The language "If the number of complete applications exceeds the number of licenses available, the Village shall award licenses from those completed application by a random lottery process" has been removed. Section 8.d) the language "Operating hours for Medical marihuana Facilities and Marihuana Establishment shall not exceed the hours between 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. daily" has been change to 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. Section 9.a)2. The language "Use signage with the symbol or image or a marihuana leaf, portion of a marihuana leaf or green cross;" the green cross has been removed from the list. There was no public comment.

At 7:45 Trustee VanHulle made a motion to close the public hearing and reopen the regular meeting, supported by Trustee Bidwell. All in favor. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alley Vacation: After board discussion it was decided a resolution would be drawn up including the language that the homeowners will pay for the survey's and when the surveys are completed and presented to the Village Council the resolution will be adopted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Presidents Report: President Peak presented the Appointments 2021-2022 list.

President Peak read the resignation letter of Street Superintendent Chris Powers effective May 7, 2021. Motion made by VanHulle, supported by Bidwell to accept Chris' resignation. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Invoices for Approval: None

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: Police Chief Doug Westrick provided the statistics for the month of March 2021 within the village, they are as follows: Calls for Service totaled 208, 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 March 2021. Total number of incidents was 92. Edwardsburg 19, Ontwa 45, Milton 1, Mason 2, Jefferson 1, Porter 1, Dowagiac 7, Niles Twp. 2, Cassopolis 4, Howard Twp. 1, Niles City 5, Bertrand Twp. 1, Three Rivers 1, St. Joseph 1, and Other 1. 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: Village DPW staff got two quotes to repave Elkhart Road. Cass County Road Commission Chairman Robert Thompson was in attendance to go over their quote and lend some guidance. The CCRC performed several core samples of both lanes. The quote from Cass County Road Commission was $168,470.00 to mill 5" of entire road and replace with 5" of asphalt, rework the shoulders and concrete manholes. Estimated to last 25+ years. Motion made by Bidwell, supported by Penny to accept the bid of $168,470.00 from the CCRC. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried. The project will begin late spring or early summer.

Building & Grounds: None

Equipment Supervisor: None

Recycling/Refuse Administrator: None

Planning Commission: Will meet on Tuesday, March 27th at 7:00 p.m.

Chamber of Commerce: No Memorial Day Festival, hopefully a Labor Day Festival.

NEW BUSINESS

Marihuana Ordinance Amendments: Motion made by Bidwell, supported by Penny to amend Ordinance 2020-01 (See Appendix A) Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer-Delinquent Water/Refuse Assessments: The treasurer will compile a list of parcels that are delinquent on their sewer special assessments to be applied to the 2021 Village tax rolls.

Resolution 2021-01: President Peak read Village Council Resolution No. 2021-01 (Appendix B). Motion made by Bidwell, supported by VanHulle to adopt Resolution No. 2021-01. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Annual Exemption to PA 152: Motion made by Penny, seconded by Hughes to exercise the right to opt out of the PA 152. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Adjournment: With no objection President Peak adjourned the meeting at 8:35.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next Village Council Meeting – Monday, May 17th at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula S. Ralph, Clerk
Village of Edwardsburg