

**EDMORE VILLAGE COUNCIL  
APPROVED JOURNAL OF MINUTES**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The regular session of the Village of Edmore Council was called to order on April 13, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the Curtis Community Building by **President Karl Kluwe**.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Members Present-**Kluwe, Adams, Ashbaugh, Ballard, Davis, Deja, Kohn**. Absent: **None**. Also present were: James Lower-Village Manager, Elaine Leak-Village Treasurer, Tracy Clark-Village Finance Director/Clerk, Luke Sawyer-Police Chief, and James Nessen-DPW Supervisor.
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion by **Ballard**, supported by **Ashbaugh** to approve the agenda. MOTION APPROVED unanimously.
4. **GUESTS:** None
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None
6. **POLICE REPORT** on file. **Chief Sawyer** thanked the village for the opportunity to work here and to please give this new change a chance. **President Kluwe** presented **Chief Sawyer** with an award thanking him for his service to the village.
7. **FINANCE REPORT** on file.
8. **CLERK REPORT-Tracy Clark**-Minutes presented from March 10, 2015 and March 16, 2015(regular and special meeting) for approval. MOTION BY **Ballard**, supported by **Davis** to accept the minutes as presented. MOTION APPROVED unanimously.
9. **TREASURER'S REPORT-Elaine Leak** reported books balanced thru month of January.
  - A. **LAKELAND MILLS**-Is now current.
  - B. **PAYMENT OF BILLS**-MOTION BY **Deja**, supported by **Adams** bills presented be approved for payment. MOTION APPROVED unanimously.
10. **MANAGER'S REPORT-James Lower**
  - A. **FACEBOOK**-Transitioned over to regular village page.
  - B. **BAG FACTORY PROJECT**-First phase has been approved, now a second phase. Will have architectural design proposal for next month. Costs would count towards our match.
  - C. **POLICE MERGER**-Contract approved by the Montcalm County Board. Will go into effect on May 1. Chief Sawyers last day with Village is April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
  - D. **LAKELAND MILLS**-Account now current
11. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - A. **WATER TOWER-Utility Services** was able to come down in price to an actual cost of **\$506,167.00** versus **Dixon Engineering** estimated cost of **\$525,153.64**. **Utility Services** also added recommendations to contract and a performance bond. **Ballard** stated would like independent contractor to come in upon completion for thickness test. **Ashbaugh** voiced concerns regarding quality of work on other towers. **Nessen** again felt **Utility Services** was way to go. **Kohn** went over costs. MOTION BY **Ballard** supported by **Davis** to enter into the proposed **Utility Services Co.** maintenance contract and authorize appropriate signatures with a private company to come in and inspect tower

once completed up to \$5000. **Yes-Davis, Ballard, Kohn, Adams, Deja, Kluwe. No-Ashbaugh.** MOTION APPROVED.

**12. NEW BUSINESS**

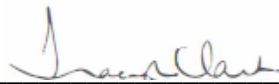
- A. WATER RATE INCREASE-Ballard** noted would like letter to go out and like to see on the website explaining reasons for the increase. MOTION BY **Ballard**, supported by **Deja** to increase the water rates by 7.2% starting with the June 2015 billing cycle. MOTION APPROVED unanimously.
- B. WATER AND SEWER BILLING CHANGES-MOTION BY Ballard** supported by **Kohn** to move the shut off day to the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month and payments need to be in the office by 5 PM on the 16<sup>th</sup> or late charge applies and no longer accepting postmark, no exceptions. MOTION APPROVED unanimously.
- C. REVISED ELF AGREEMENT-Ballard** voiced concern regarding Peggy Campbell not wanting to sign a personal guarantee on loan. Ensured will now have Campbell Industrial Force Co., added as guarantor along with Rick Campbell. MOTION by **Ballard** supported by **Ashbaugh** to approve loan to MAK Custom Assembly LLC in the amount of \$75,000 less \$500 for legal fees and Rick Campbell and Campbell Industrial Force sign guarantees backing loan. MOTION APPROVED unanimously.

**13. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**14. COUNCIL COMMENTS:** None

**15. MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 8:06 P.M. BY Ballard**, supported by **Deja**. MOTION APPROVED unanimously.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ May 11, 2015

  
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Tracy L Clark, Village Clerk