

**EDMORE VILLAGE COUNCIL
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Special Meeting and Public Hearing
December 4, 2017**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** A special meeting session of the Village of Edmore Council was called to order on Monday, December 4, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Curtis Community Building by **President Art Schuitema**.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL:** Members Present –**Ashbaugh, Burr, Davis, Deja, Hadley, Kohn, Schuitema**. Also present were: **Elaine Leak** – Village Treasurer, **Michelle Leak-Rensland** – Village Clerk, **Neil Rankin** – Village Manager.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion by **Deja** to approve agenda as published, supported by **Ashbaugh**. MOTION PASSES 7-0

5. **PUBLIC HEARING: DDA Tax Capture**

Schuitema opened a public hearing concerning DDA Tax Capture at 7:02 P.M.

Members Present: **Ashbaugh, Burr, Davis, Deja, Hadley, Kohn, Schuitema**.

This ordinance 2017-7 will repeal ordinance 272-04, and reset the DDA Tax Capture to 100%

Public Comments:

- a. Mrs. Drain – Citing DDA Law 1975, she feels the public hearing was not properly published as affected parties did not receive certified letters. The notices published only included ordinance numbers and no details.
- b. Officer Irwin – Representing Township Fire and Police, this ordinance would affect already limited budget. Loss of funds could result in higher ISO ratings (higher insurance costs for residents).
- c. Ms. Monroe – Can the public vote on ordinances? (No, council votes representing public). Public needs more voice in approving ordinances.
- d. Mr. Adgate – This is not a tax increase. This is a tax allocation change.
- e. Mr. Schuitema – Pleased to see turnout of public and business representatives.

Schuitema closed the public hearing at 7:09 P.M.

***Burr** made a motion to adjourn the meeting, supported by **Deja**.

Discussion: **Burr** feels the meeting is not legal since the taxing units were not notified by certified mail about changes to the tax plan. **Ashbaugh** – Why were requirements not met? **Rankin** – Said notification needs to be made only if there are changes to plan. We are not changing plan, just changing ordinances. **Burr** – Tax will be taken from MCC, township, and county. They should have

been notified in writing about hearing. **Kohn** – Are we changing the plan? Not changing wording of actual plan. Parties have been notified each year we are only collecting only 50%. **Rankin** – There is no stated plan that requires us to notify for ordinance changes. **Burr** – We are changing the amount of money involved. **Kohn** – Notification is only needed when we change plan. **Leak-Rensland** – Proper notifications were made for holding a public hearing. **Ashbaugh** – We are changing back to the original meaning of the plan. **Rankin** – Ordinance changes direction of money to specific areas. **Deja** – Since we are changing the ordinance and not the tax plan, the meeting is legal. **Burr** – Still takes money away from other groups. **Davis** – We are claiming money that was ours to begin with. **Ashbaugh** – Groups had extra money for years the ordinance has been in effect.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YES – **Burr, Schuitema**. NO – **Ashbaugh, Davis, Deja, Hadley, Kohn**. MOTION FAILS 2 – 5.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 2017-7 – Motion by **Hadley** to adopt Ordinance 2017-7 to repeal Ordinance 272-04, supported by **Davis**. Discussion: **Burr** – We can't vote tonight because this is just a public hearing. **Rankin** – Agenda was approved to include vote. Wording on Notice “Special Meeting including a Public Hearing”. **Burr** – Does that match motion made last month? **Hadley** – Had a special budget meeting, did we vote that night? **Rankin** – Can hold a public hearing within special meeting. **Ashbaugh** – So it is legal to hold vote after the hearing. **Deja** – Residents asking: Instead of doing 100%, could we do a 70/30? **Rankin** – DDA asked for repeal not for adjustment. **Hadley** – We would have to repeal the new ordinance and make new ordinance to change percentage, or could amend ordinance at a later date. **Deja** – Will send questions/people to DDA. **Burr** – Do we do what DDA asks, can we ask DDA for changes? Who is asking, DDA or Neil? **Ashbaugh** – DDA is asking, Neil is facilitating. **Hadley** – Could pass this tonight and evaluate DDA budget in future. **Davis** – Any improvements made with DDA funds benefit the township also. **Kohn** – Have not heard from constituents, beside Officer Irwin, how they feel about change. **Burr** – Does public know how much money is involved? DDA will receive \$155,400 if approved, 50% would be \$77,700 (estimated). Want to know where money is going, should not all go for Bag Factory project. Should be designated. **Hadley** – Council approves DDA budget. **Kohn** – We are talking about receiving an extra \$77,000. **Ashbaugh** – Council has to vote to approve DDA budget. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES - **Ashbaugh, Davis, Deja, Hadley, Kohn**. NO - **Burr, Schuitema**. MOTION PASSES 5-2.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- a. Ms. Dodson wondered about other DDA projects being planned, not all should go to Bag Factory.
- b. Mrs. Garvey, representing Home Township Library Board, stated they have no more room for cuts. Are currently having to cut services. Cuts to services impacts community in many ways.
- c. Mr. Leak restated he was not welcome on DDA due to views about Bag Factory. Downtown is going downhill.
- d. Mr. Macklin supported suggestion considering a percentage other than 100%. DDA did not get full amount requested from Curtis. May cost up to \$3 million, take 17 years for

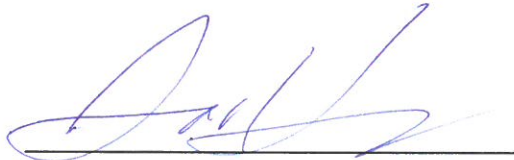
Bag Factory to break even. Request for better budgeting and financial planning. Would like to see current costs and how it fits with budgeted amounts/plans.

- e. **Kohn** would like to see budget for bag factory on agenda for next meeting.
- f. Mrs. Drain is not for or against Bag Factory. It has been decided by past council. Feels it is poor policy not to notify affected parties concerning tax collection.

8. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Motion by Hadley to adjourn, supported by Davis. Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M.



Village Clerk



Village President

Approved for Publication

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Monday, December 12, 2017 at 7:00 PM