

**EDMORE VILLAGE COUNCIL**  
**APPROVED JOURNAL OF MINUTES**  
**October 9, 2017**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The regular session of the Village of Edmore Council was called to order on Monday, October 9, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Curtis Community Building by **President Pro-Tem Aaron Hadley**.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL:** Members Present –**Ashbaugh, Burr, Davis, Deja, Hadley, Kohn**. Also present were: **Elaine Leak** – Village Treasurer, **Michelle Leak-Rensland** – Village Clerk, **Neil Rankin** – Village Manager, **Sergeant Steven Snyder** – Sheriff Deputy.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Delete presentation as Mr. Schuitema is unable to attend the meeting. Motion by **Deja** to accept the amended agenda, support by **Kohn**. MOTION PASSES 6-0.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No comments at this time.
6. **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**
  - a. **POLICE REPORT:** Presented by **Sergeant Steven Snyder**. Report on file. Animal Control is closed as of October 1, 2017.
  - b. **FINANCE REPORT:** Report on file. 2 loans are past due, 1 is current.
  - c. **DPW REPORT:** Activities include leaf clean-up, cemetery cleaning, and fencing projects. Village clean-up day is October 10, 2017. Problems with park bathroom vandalism. Will look into auto-lock timing, and possibility of installing video cameras. Power upgrade at pavilion – waiting for Edmore Electric to fit it into schedule.
  - d. **CLERK REPORT:** No report.
  - e. **TREASURER REPORT:** **Elaine Leak** presented accounts balanced through August. Report on file.
7. **MANAGER REPORT: Neil Rankin**
  - a. Next month will be the Audit Presentation.
  - b. Scanning sewer cards into system.
  - c. Gathering information for Ordinance Committee.
  - d. Progress on PA 198 agreement – company is waiting on construction costs.
  - e. Bag Factory – New deck is under construction.
  - f. Fall Newsletter has been distributed.
8. **OLD BUSINESS: None**

## 9. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. MEETING MINUTES – Minutes presented from the September 11, 2017, Regular Meeting for approval. Motion by **Kohn** to accept as written, support by **Burr**. MOTION PASSES 6-0.
- b. SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – Minutes presented from the October 2, 2017, Special Meeting for approval. Motion by **Ashbaugh** to accept as written, support by **Deja**. Discussion: **Burr** - Motion was made in closed session. All motions should be made in open meeting time. Need to revote on motion. **Hadley** – Do the minutes properly record what happened at that meeting? **Leak-Rensland** – As clerk, I cannot change what took place. I recorded what happened. **Deja** – We need to approve these and revote on the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES - **Ashbaugh, Davis, Hadley, Kohn**. NO – **Burr, Deja**. MOTION PASSES 4-2. *Item F added to New Business to revote on motion from Special Meeting.*
- c. PAYMENT OF BILLS – Motion by **Davis** to approve payment of the September presented bills, support by **Ashbaugh**. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES - **Ashbaugh, Davis, Deja, Hadley, Kohn**. NO – **Burr**. MOTION PASSES 5-1.
- d. LETTER OF SUPPORT – Motion by **Davis** to endorse the Letter of Support for IBW 876 to explore building a Solar Garden, support by **Ashbaugh**. Discussion: **Hadley** - IBW needs village support to build a Solar Panel Garden. With letter, they can start looking at engineering and financing to design a site plan. Representative met with Executive Committee in September. **Kohn** – When would they build? **Rankin** – Will need to obtain financing, probably build next year. **Kohn** – Why do they need council support? **Rankin** – It saves time and effort to get Village support before involving engineers and finance company. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES - **Ashbaugh, Burr, Davis, Deja, Hadley, Kohn**. MOTION PASSES 6-0.
- e. RESOLUTION 2017-5 CONCERNING LEGAL SERVICES – Motion by **Burr** to adopt Resolution 2017-5 to retain Jourdan Rasmussen as Village Attorney at the rate of \$200 per hour for two years, support by **Deja**. Discussion: **Rankin** – Dennis Moore is retiring. Jourdan Rasmussen is taking over his practice. This would establish him as our attorney and we wouldn't have to find legal services for each individual situation. **Kohn** – Why is Fleis & Vandenbrink involved in this report? **Rankin** – F & V is working on 10<sup>th</sup> Street project, have requested legal help to work on special assessment concerning setting up the easement and right of way. **Kohn** – Never had before. **Rankin** – Establishes a rate/hour and who will act on village behalf. Doesn't mean he is our only lawyer. **Kohn** – Section 4 is confusing. **Rankin** – Can delete section 4, change President to **Hadley**. **Kohn** – Would like to see revised version. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES - **Ashbaugh, Burr, Davis, Deja, Hadley**. NO – **Kohn**. MOTION PASSES 5-1.
- f. CASAIR PROPOSAL – Motion by **Burr** to reject proposal from Casair, support by **Ashbaugh**. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES - **Ashbaugh, Burr, Davis, Deja, Hadley, Kohn**. MOTION PASSES 6-0.

## 10. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

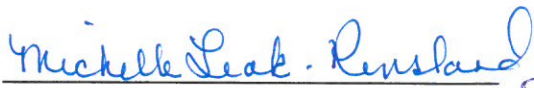
- a. Ms. Dodson questioned when the Executive Committee meets and if the meetings were published/posted.
- b. Mrs. Drain suggested we consult the attorney concerning committee meetings.
- c. Mrs. Simon wondered about installing video cameras at the park for security purposes.
- d. Ms. Monroe questioned enforcement of curfew at the park.
- e. Mr. Jordan asked if the neighborhood around the proposed solar park approves of the idea.

- f. Ms. Monroe inquired about the loan agreement with Maxfields.
- g. Ms. Dodson asked about the zoning administrator. Neil is administrator, but not code enforcement officer. Concerns about recently released prisoners sharing single residential property.
- h. Ms. Monroe wondered who owns the Hitachi property.

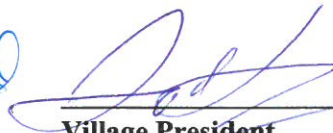
**11. COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

- a. **Deja** shared that Deputy Kotenko returned to work at the County Sheriff's Office.
- b. **Kohn** is concerned about released prisoners sharing housing.
- c. **Burr** has joined the MML and will be attending classes. She questioned about the Manager's Evaluation process. Would like to hear committee reports at Council Meeting.

**12. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Hadley** adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.



**Village Clerk**



**Village President**

**Approved for Publication**

**NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 13, 2017 at 7:00 PM**