

DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2008

**A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 by President Keough in the Dexter Senior Center located at 7720 Dexter Ann Arbor Rd. in Dexter, Michigan

**B. ROLL CALL:** President Keough

J. Carson	P. Cousins
D. Fisher	J. Semifero
J. Smith	R. Tell

**C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Regular Council Meeting Minutes- November 24, 2008 as presented.

Motion Smith; support Semifero to approve the regular Council minutes of November 24, 2008 as presented.

Ayes: Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson, and Keough.  
Nays: none  
Motion carries

**D. PREARRANGED PARTICIPATION**

None

**E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion Cousins; support Smith to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson, Fisher, Cousins, and Keough  
Nays: none  
Motion carries

**F. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

**G. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION**

None

**H. COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Upcoming Meeting List.
2. Letter to State officials regarding transportation funding
3. Central Dispatch Authority
4. Letter to Washtenaw County regarding Gordon Hall
5. Michigan State Extension – Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program
6. State Revolving Loan Fund Project – Update from Miller Canfield
7. Washtenaw County 2008 Apportionment Report

Discussion followed on letter to Washtenaw County on Gordon Hall. Donna reported that a meeting between the principles is in the process of being set.

## **I. REPORTS**

1. Community Development Manager Allison Bishop – written update  
All were encouraged to attend the Mill Creek Park update meeting on Dec 15. There is a walk on Dec 9 on Hudson Mills Trail phase 2. Jim Carson reviewed the Planning Commissions letter to Scio Township regarding their Master Plan proposal.

### 2. Board, Commission & Other Reports

Dexter Area Chamber of Commerce – Joe Nowak

Joe thanked the Village for taking over the Holiday Lighting and thanked all who attended the Holiday Mixer and Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> Tree Lighting. He mentioned the upcoming Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> Home for the Holiday event with ice sculptures, 5K race and Light Parade. Joe thanked Carol Jones for coordinating the Luminary Project. Joe announced that the Chamber's Annual Meeting will be on January 14<sup>th</sup> at the K of C Hall. He also mentioned that the Chamber and Dexter Daze each gave a \$500 donation to the Encore Theater and they are working on better communications with the Ann Arbor Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Gordon Hall Management Team Representative – Donna Fisher

Donna reported that Gordon Hall has a new roof and are still fundraising to lower the cost, but it did come in lower than expected. The docent count is up to 23. A grant writing team of 7 has been established for future monies. The principle still owed on Gordon Hall is \$401,000.00.

3. Subcommittee reports  
No affected reports

### 4. Village Manager Report

Mrs. Dettling submits her report as per packet. In addition the Village Manager reported that Barry Lonik called to report the acquisition of the west side of the Sloan property; Central Street Kickoff in January with Council, DDA and Planning; and a letter from Spaulding Clark from Scio Township regarding a joint meeting possibly on January 27.

### 5. President's Report

Mr. Keough submits his report as per packet. In addition Shawn spoke of meeting with Chuck McGonigle, President of Colorbok and their desire to stay in the Village and looking for more space; he reminded Council members about contacting him regarding any desire to rotate positions or committees and commissions; and he mentioned a recent email from Jill Love regarding where new business and residents could find any information and will forward it on.

## **J. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$123,505.23

Motion Fisher; support Smith to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Ayes: Semifero, Tell, Fisher, Carson, Cousins, Smith, and Keough.

Nays: None

Motion carries

**K. OLD BUSINESS-Consideration and Discussion of:**

1. Discussion of: Main Street Bridge Project- Construction Updates  
Phase 2 Funding Updates

Mrs. Dettling reported that the Village is looking into ~~the requesting~~ information funding from the railroad and ~~need finalizing~~ the cost for the drive to Warrior Creek Park. Councilman Cousins reported that the bridge construction is about done for the season.

2. Discussion of: Facilities Matrix

Information from Tom Colis regarding the acceptable uses for the bond proceeds

President Keough reviewed changes and add on expenses from the handout at the November 24th meeting. Councilman Carson suggested revising the matrix to the top 3-5. The list will now consist of Fire Hall, Village owned portion of Monument Park/former Cottage Inn, Schulz Building, Tupper Property and current Library Building. Councilman Tell suggested looking for additional funding for the Fire Station remodel from the Parks and Recreation Commission, Homeland Security and DDA

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**L. NEW BUSINESS-Consideration of and Discussion of:**

1. Consideration of: Rescinding Resolution 8-2008, Municipal Employees Retirement Systems benefit change.

Motion Smith; support Carson to rescind resolution 8-2008, Municipal Employees Retirement benefit change.

Ayes: Carson, Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero, Tell, and Keough

Nays: none

Motion carries

2. Discussion of: Boundary Map

Recommend further review as the western edge along Mill Creek still needs to be finalized. Councilman Cousins suggested including information in the Village newsletter regarding updates on the boundaries and then sit back down with the Cityhood Committee.

3. Consideration of: 2008-2009 Budget Amendment

Motion Fisher; support Smith to accept the Budget Amendment for Fund 792, the Economic Development Fund.

Ayes: Carson, Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero, Tell and Keough

Nays: none

Motion carries

**M. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Carson	None
Fisher	Thank you for bringing me up-to-date after my absence.
Semifero	Attended Mill Creek meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday, Traffic Seminar was a good program, old version of Facility Matrix is online.
Jones	None
Smith	None
Cousins	None
Tell	None

**N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION**

Courtney Nicholls presented possible dates for Townhall Meetings. Under consideration are Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center; May 26<sup>th</sup> and October 27<sup>th</sup> possible at the new Library Building.

**O. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Cousins; support Fisher to adjourn at 9:14

Unanimous voice vote for approval

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Jones  
Clerk, Village of Dexter

Approved for Filing: December 22, 2008