

DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2009

**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- December 22, 2008 as presented.

Motion Smith; support Semifero to approve the regular Council minutes of December 22, 2008.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

**D. PREARRANGED PARTICIPATION**

None

**E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion Smith; support Semifero to approve the agenda with a brief report from the Gordon Hall Representative.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

**F. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

**G. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION**

None

**H. COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Upcoming Meeting List
2. 2009 Report Schedule
3. Transportation Funding Responses
4. 2009 Dexter Area Fire Department Budget  
Council requested that a discussion on the budget be included in next month's meeting.

**I. REPORTS**

1. Community Development Manager – Allison Bishop – Written Update  
Mr. Cousins mentioned three options that the schools have for a new bus garage facility: a) Martinrea site on Grand St., b) Shield Rd. next to High

School football field, and c) Dan Hoey Rd. four acres by the cemetery next to Cornerstone school. There will be a meeting on Friday, January 16 regarding the bus garage and it was suggested that there should be someone representing the Village in attendance. Mr. Cousins also asked how the school trail plan will relate to the Mill Creek Park development plan.

2. Assistant Village Manager – Courtney Nicholls  
Ms. Nicholls mentioned that she will be continuing to attend the Police Steering Committee meetings. She also asked about the topics for the February Townhall Meeting. After much discussion it was concluded to only cover emergency services at the Townhall Meeting and include participation by the County Commissioner on emergency preparedness, costs of safety and use a power point presentation.
3. Boards, Commission, & Other Reports
  - a) Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee Representative – Paul Cousins  
Mr. Cousins reported that this committee meets monthly and that other communities are envious of Dexter's involvement into the arts. The committee is looking to a relationship with the Dexter District Library and provide informational and historical kiosk at various locations. There will be a presentation from the Arts Alliance group at the next Council meeting.
  - b) Gordon Hall Management Team – Donna Fisher  
Ms Fisher reported that she will be attending an Ann Arbor Board of Realtors meeting to receive an award for the preservation of Gordon Hall.
4. Subcommittee Reports  
No planned reports from the subcommittees.
5. Village Manager Report  
Mrs. Dettling submits her report as per packet. In addition she highlighted four items: a) Central Street Design Workshop on January 22, b) City Status, c) Well Easement at next meeting for approval, and d) report on fluoridation. The question was raised regarding relief on personal property taxes and that the Village cannot make arbitrary changes to those being taxed.
6. President's Report  
President Keough submits his report as per packet. In addition he reported on the following: a) wrote letters on behalf of the Village for Gordon Hall grants, b) will be meeting on Friday (January 16) regarding sewer/septic issue at Gordon Hall, c) the DDA did finalize purchase of property at Broad St. Parking Lot, and d) met with Colorbok President Chuck McGonigle, Bill Tupper and SPARK regarding a larger site for Colorbok to lease in the Village and use of the Martinrea site in the Industrial park

## **J. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$124,930.42

Motion Fisher; support Smith to approve the consent agenda as presented.  
Unanimous voice vote for approval

Motion Cousins; support Smith to suspend the agenda to have County Commissioner, Mark Ouimet, address Council.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries.

Mr. Ouimet mentioned the following:

- a) Also submitted a letter on the importance of Gordon Hall for grants
- b) County budget currently has a 20,000,000 gap
- c) There is new leadership in the County Board of Commissioners with a focus on mandatory services and he will keep the Village informed on any budget issues
- d) Wireless Washtenaw – the county is prohibited from providing funding

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

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

Included in packet was an update on winter shutdown on bridge construction. A handout was provided on agreement for preliminary engineering services for \$30,000 from Norfolk Southern Railway Company; cannot move into Phase 2 without the agreement.

2. Discussion of: Facilities Matrix

Motion Cousins; support Carson to direct staff to look at 8140 Main Street, Option 2 and come up with a phasing plan for adding on to the existing fire station for Village offices and how it can be financed from information from consultants Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment and Cornerstone Design.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

Council will meet on January 26 at 6 pm in a workshop to review the information.

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

1. Consideration of: Drinking Water Revolving Fund – Scope of Work from Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment to complete the application process

Motion Tell; support Carson to approve Orchard, Hiltz and McCliment to complete the engineering services for the Drinking Water Revolving Fund project plan.

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

Nays: none

Motion carries

2. Consideration of: Resolution in support of the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority's Phase 2 Trail

Motion Fisher; support Smith to postpone until the next meeting.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

3. Consideration of: Request from Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee for membership in the Arts Alliance

Motion Cousins; support Fisher to allocate \$250 to join the Arts Alliance.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

3. Consideration of: Employee Handbook

Motion Semifero; support Carson to approve the Employee Handbook

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

#### **M. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Tell	Thank you to Ed and the boys for the plowing and snow removal. Outstanding work
Fisher	Same thoughts
Smith	Concur
Jones	Concur
Semifero	Regarding organizational matters and declaring a paper of record, would it be better to use the Dexter Post to cover the village? Concur on snow removal.
Carson	Unanimous on snow removal
Cousins	questions being location at the “knobby” table

#### **N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION**

None

#### **O. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Semifero; support Cousins to adjourn at 10:27

Unanimous voice vote for approval

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Jones  
Clerk, Village of Dexter

Approved for Filing: January 26, 2009