

DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2009

A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 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-absent

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes - November 23, 2009

Motion Smith; support Carson to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of November 23, 2009 with the following correction: note that *Trustee Fisher was absent for the vote of the Approval of the Minutes and the Agenda.*

Unanimous voice vote for approval with Trustee Tell absent

D. PREARRANGED PARTICIPATION

None

E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion Cousins; support Fisher to approve the agenda including the additional information provided for I-3, J-2 and L-2.

Unanimous voice vote for approval with Trustee Tell absent

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Action on each public hearing will be taken immediately following the close of the hearing

None

G. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

Val Berryman and Lauren Straub of Mill Creek Middle School informed Council of the Michigan Association of Middle School Educators Conference to be held at the Mill Creek Middle School in Dexter on March 4 and 5, 2010 with attendance estimated to be between 300-500 educators. They also asked Council for support where ever needed.

H. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Upcoming Meeting List

2. Comcast Notification
3. Michigan Municipal League – Committee Appointments
4. Washtenaw County Sheriff’s Office November Citation Report
5. Michigan Association of Middle School Educators Conference
6. American Council of Engineering Companies Award

I. REPORTS

1. Boards, Commissions. & Other Reports-“Bi-annual or as needed”

Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee - Courtney Nicholls

Ms. Nicholls submits her report as per packet. In addition Ms. Nicholls indicated that she will be bringing a “special events liquor license” request for the Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee to Council on January 11, 2010.

Dexter Area Chamber of Commerce – Andy Kudwa

Mr. Kudwa introduced himself as the new President of the Dexter Chamber. Mr. Kudwa reported on the recent Luminary project and thanked Jim Carson, Paul Cousins, Carol Jones and Kurt Augustine for their help. Mr. Kudwa reported that the Chamber is working on its strategic plan on what value the Chamber can bring to its members as well as the community. He also announced that the annual meeting will take place on April 23 rather than in January as in the past.

Gordon Hall Management Team Representative – Donna Fisher

Ms. Fisher reported that Gordon Hall is closed for the winter and that the Eagle Project of the milk house should be completed when the hall opens again in the spring; there is \$300,060 owed on the principal; the group is working on a master plan and business plan for use when applying for grants; the Historical Society did receive a state grant and Rep. Schauer’s office has been involved in helping with grant applications.

2. Subcommittee Reports

None

3. Village Manager Report

Mrs. Dettling submits her report as per packet. In addition Mrs. Dettling highlighted the transportation update that was handed out at the meeting and noted a design adjustment and that no additional stimulus money will be available for the Ann Arbor Road project. A question was raised on the pedestrian crossing at Kensington Street and the cost to bring the south side up to grade. Questions were also raised on curb and gutter plans as well as parking on the shoulder. Mrs. Dettling also mentioned the Federal Aid Call for Projects and an update on the November 30th work session on developing an Economic Advancement Program.

4. President’s Report

Mr. Keough submits his report as per packet. In addition Mr. Keough mentioned the November 24 meeting regarding permitting for the Mill Creek

Park Project; referenced the three letters attached to his report for support of the Village Economic Advancement Program; mentioned meeting with Lew Kidder of Scio Township and a possible topic for the next joint meeting between Scio and the Village; will be closing on the Dan Hoey property on Wednesday; attended the Building Inspection meeting with the county on December 11 and will be attending the Regional Fire meeting and the Westridge Homeowners Association meeting both on December 16.

J. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$575,347.86
2. Consideration of: Request from Dexter Lions to place three signs in Village right-of-way advertising their Christmas Tree sale from December 15th to December 26th and a request to place a 4"x8" illuminated sign in front of the tree lot on Baker Road from December 1st to December 24th.
3. Consideration of: Request from the Friends of the Library to place nine signs in Village right-of-way to advertise their used book sale on the following dates in 2010: January 7 to January 9, February 4 to February 6, March 4 to March 6, April 1 to April 3, April 29 to May 1, June 3 to June 5, August 12 to August 14, September 30 to October 2, November 4 to November 6 and December 2 to December 4.

Motion Fisher; support Smith to approve items 1 through 3 of the consent agenda as presented.

Unanimous voice vote for approval with Trustee Tell absent

K. OLD BUSINESS-Consideration and Discussion of:

1. Discussion of: Facilities
No report

L. NEW BUSINESS-Consideration of and Discussion of:

1. Discussion of: Mill Creek Park Update

Paul Evanoff from JJR, Andrea Kline from ECT, and Carey Baker from Beckett & Raeder were present to explain possible changes in the park design to work within the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality permitting. Would like to begin construction in July of 2010

2. Discussion of: Refuse Bid
Carey Weihmiller of Waste Management was present to review the proposed bid to the Village.

Motion Cousins; support Fisher to direct staff to bring back to Council a contract with Waste Management for consideration at a future meeting.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Tell

Motion carries

3. Consideration of: Resolution to Suspend Village Council Action on Facilities Until a Work Session on February 6, 2010

Motion Cousins; support Fisher to suspend Village Council Action on Facilities and set a work session for February 6, 2010.

Ayes: Smith, Carson, Fisher and Cousins

Nays: Semifero and Keough

Absent: Tell

Motion carries 4 to 2

4. Discussion of: Temporary Signage Requests

Comments on the proposed signage form included: what is a right of way, listing of authorized sign sizes, where did sign locations come from, how many signs are too much, and need for a consistent process for approval.

M. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Cousins	Gave an update on the Huron River Dam Seminar last Friday at the Dexter Library. It was well received and a perfect location. Regarding the letters included in the packet, I have never had letters in all the times on Council to solicit for a position in the Village. These letters should have been included under communications.
Fisher	What is the next step to pursue Economic Development? What is the benchmark? How do you measure what a consultant does? What are other communities our size doing with Economic Development?
Smith	Inquired about the draft of the Economic Advancement Program report and when would the final report be ready?
Jones	None
Semifero	For the money spent, data collected and plans for the area to go into the futures; the Economic Advancement Program is a good plan and the money is well spent. What is the status on the Boundary Commission submission?
Carson	None

N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

None

O. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Fisher; support Smith to adjourn at 10:24 pm.

Unanimous voice vote for approval with Trustee Tell absent

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Jones
Clerk, Village of Dexter

Approved for Filing: December 28, 2009