

DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2010

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM by President Keough in the Board Room of the Copeland Building at 7714 Dexter Ann Arbor Rd. in Dexter, Michigan

**B. ROLL CALL:** President Keough

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

Also attending Village Manager, Donna Dettling; Assistant Village Manager, Courtney Nicholls; and Council Clerk, Carol Jones

**C. ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM – DISCUSSION OF NEXT STEPS**

What do we call it: Economic Advancement...Economic Development...**Economic Preparedness**

Key questions asked: Where are we now? Is there sufficient information? Do we have confidence in the ability to address the future? How does this framework mesh with our goals? Where are we with the report as based on a plan, are we satisfied with the information? What is local government's role in local economic development and what is the role of elected officials? Where do we want to go?

Several concerns: What should the Village's financial commitment to Economic Preparedness be? Who works on the recommendations? Who drives this effort?

Key thoughts: Be proactive. General agreement that the Village needs to be ready for opportunities to grow our tax base. Role of Government is to help businesses prosper and be viable. Need to grow tax base and to provide services. The Economic Development Preparedness Plan adopted by Council will be Council's plan. Implementation of the plan will require Council approval. Specific parts of the plan will require approval and implementation by Council. For example updating the Village Web Site is already in motion.

Next Steps: Adopt a plan  
Survey  
Advisory Group

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned at 11:07 AM

This is a Special Council work session; action will NOT be taken.

*"This meeting is open to all members of the public under Michigan Open Meetings Act"*

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Jones  
Clerk, Village of Dexter

Approved for Filing:\_\_\_\_\_