

DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2010

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
D. Fisher
J. Smith

P. Cousins
J. Semifero
R. Tell

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Council Closed Session – April 12, 2010
2. Regular Council Meeting – April 12, 2010

Motion Fisher; support Smith to approve the minutes of the Council Closed Session of April 12, 2010 and the Regular Council Meeting of April 12, 2010 with one correction on page 5 of the Regular Council Minutes under Subcommittee Reports, Downtown Fire Detection, *correct raided to read raised*.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

D. PREARRANGED PARTICIPATION

DTE – Paul Ganz and Mike Witkowski from DTE Energy were present and spoke about the electrical reliability and quality in the Village of Dexter and Scio Township.

E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion Smith: support Fisher to approve the agenda with the following changes:

Update Consent Agenda item J with a corrected amount to Bills & Payroll and the addition on item J-4, Dexter Lions Club request
Add additional information under K-1, Mill Creek Park Next Steps
Add additional information under L-3, Community Garden
and Re-name K-2 from Village Office Next Steps to Facilities Next Steps

Unanimous voice vote for approval

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

None

G. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

H. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Upcoming Meeting List
2. Notification regarding Fire Station Grant
3. Dexter Community Schools – Nice Job Note
4. County Cleanup Day
5. Chelsea Area Planning Team/Dexter Area Regional Team March 15, 2010 Meeting Minutes

I. REPORTS

1. Community Development Manager - Allison Bishop

Ms. Bishop submits her report as per packet. In addition, Ms. Bishop gave an update on the Ice Rink and that the Parks and Recreation Commission is looking to enlarge the rink for 2010, add portable event fencing around the rink to replace the orange fencing, and re-grade Monument Park where the rink is located probably in the fall after Apple Daze.

2. Finance Director/Treasurer – Marie Sherry 3rd Quarter Report

Ms. Sherry's submits her report as per packet. In addition, Ms. Sherry gave updates on 2009 tax collections; requested to extend the present auditor's contract for one year and then proceed with negotiations for future contracts; reported on the revisions to the investment policy and the request to form a Finance Committee; reported on the work going on with the current website; and reported on the budget and an issue with TCF Bank on fees.

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

Dexter Area Fire Department (DAFD) – Ray Tell/Jim Seta

Mr. Tell reported that a subcommittee is working on the Interlocal Agreement; the department is in the process of hiring a new fire fighter and have revamped the application process; Lima Township is expected to withdraw from the DAFD in August and Dexter Township is considering their coverage area in the DAFD; and although the department did not get the large grant, they did receive a \$55,000 grant for air filtration and CO2 systems.

Parks & Recreation Commission – Joe Semifero

Mr. Semifero reported that there have been some questions regarding the refreshments at the Ice Rink and that will be looked at before the next season.

4. Subcommittee Reports

Website - None

Downtown Fire Detection - None

Economic Preparedness - None

5. Village Manager Report

Mrs. Dettling submits her report as per packet. In addition Mrs. Dettling gave the following updates: Thomson Reuters (Creative Solutions) is participating in the Adopt-a-Road program and have adopted the entire length of Baker Road; outdoor sirens will be tested on Saturday, May 1; the Budget Workshop will be held on May 5; met with the Ann Arbor Street residents regarding the proposed changes and will be looking at increasing the bike lane to accommodate back-outs (a drawing was requested to show this design); and Boy Scout volunteers are working on a clean-up on the Mast Road Bridge.

6. President's Report

Mr. Keough submits his report as per packet. Mr. Keough reported on attending the Dexter Chamber Annual Dinner on Friday, April 23 and that Mr. Seta attended the Regional Fire Meeting on April 21.

J. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$340,222.40
2. Consideration of: American Legion request to hold a Poppy Sale on Village sidewalks on Friday, May 21 and Saturday, May 22, 2010
3. Consideration of: American Legion request to hold the 62nd Annual Memorial Day Parade beginning at 10 am on May 31, 2010 pending Dexter Area Fire Department and Washtenaw County Sheriff approval
4. Consideration of: Dexter Lions Club request to hold their annual White Cane Week fundraiser on Village sidewalks on Friday, May 28 and Saturday, May 29, 2010, including the posting of 5 signs during those two days

Motion Fisher; support Smith to approve items 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the consent agenda.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

K. OLD BUSINESS-Consideration and Discussion of:

1. Discussion of: Mill Creek Park Next Steps

It was reported that the updated fees to revise the stream restoration design and permit application would be \$19,546.00.

2. Discussion of: Facilities Next Steps

Discussion followed and included the following:

Look at the first steps – Will There be a new fire hall?

Should we Establish a task force of citizens to study the suitability of a fire hall or a study committee from the Village Boards and Commissions.

Look at possible Regional Fire Department and how to use resources to benefit the Village the most.

Does the Village want separate facilities or not?

Need to look at Mill Creek Park and define what needs to be accomplished first.

List the Village's priorities to determine budget available for such projects.

3. Discussion of: Use of Social Networking Websites (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) as a Communication Tool

Motion Smith: support Fisher to postpone discussion on the use of social networking websites as a communication tool. (April 12, 2010)

Ayes: Carson, Fisher, Smith and Semifero

Nays: Cousins, Tell and Keough

Motion carries 4 to 3

Motion Fisher; support Smith to proceed with the use of Facebook for social networking as a communication tool the Village of Dexter.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

At 9:30 p.m. a recess was taken and the meeting re-convened at 9:35 p.m.

L. NEW BUSINESS-Consideration of and Discussion of:

1. Consideration of: Baker Road Pedestrian Crossing Grant Application

Motion Semifero; support Carson to proceed with the Baker Road Pedestrian Crossing Grant with the provision that the Village enter into discussion with Dexter Community Schools over cost sharing of the crossing guards and other cost associated with the no transport zone concept.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

2. Discussion of: Next Steps Regarding the Railroad Viaduct Pedestrian Infrastructure

Mrs. Dettling gave an update on the Viaduct Pedestrian Access meeting from April 15.

3. Discussion of: Community Garden

Discussion followed on the proposed community garden application, fees and lot size.

Motion Cousins; support Semifero to allow the Village Manager to work with the committee to plow the land and establish the fee of \$50 for a 20x20 plot and \$25 for a 10x20 plot.

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

Nays: Keough

Motion carries 6 to 1

4. Consideration of: Reconciliation of Washtenaw County Road Commission charges to the Village and recommendation to unrestrict remaining reserved funds

Motion Semifero; support Carson to accept the recommendation that after the final invoice is paid that the remaining balance in the Restricted Bridge Fund be unrestricted and placed back into general fund reserves.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

5. Consideration of: 2009-2010 Budget Amendments

Motion Carson; support Fisher to approve the 2009-2010 budget amendments.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

M. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Semifero	Would like to see less discussion items on the agenda and more consideration items. Discussion items could be presented as reports such as the Railroad Viaduct Pedestrian Crossing.
Fisher	None
Carson	None
Jones	Reminder of the next Dexter Daze Meeting on May 3 at 6 pm.
Smith	None
Tell	None
Cousins	The 12 th Annual Rotary Club Art, Food & Wine event will be held Sunday, May 2 from 5-8 pm at North Point.

N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

Marie Sherry of 8140 Main Street commented that some residents struggle to pay property taxes and inquired if there are any community or service groups that could give assistance to these people who are seniors?

O. CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING PURCHASE OF PROPERTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH MCL 15.26 Sec. 8(d)

Motion Carson; support Smith to go into closed session at 10:31 pm to discuss potential purchase of property

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

Motion Carson; support Smith to leave the closed session at 11:25 pm

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

Motion Cousins; support Tell to authorize the negotiations to proceed as directed in closed session.

Ayes: Tell, Carson, Cousins and Keough

Nays: Smith, Semifero and Fisher

Motion carries 4 to 3

P. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Smith; support Carson to adjourn at 11:29 pm

Unanimous voice vote for approval

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Jones
Clerk, Village of Dexter

Approved for Filing: May 10, 2010