

DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 24, 2010

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
D. Fisher
J. Smith

P. Cousins
J. Semifero
R. Tell

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Work Session – May 5, 2010
2. Regular Council Meeting – May 10, 2010

Motion Smith; support Fisher to approve the minutes of the Work Session of May 5, 2010 and the Regular Council Meeting of May 10, 2010.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

D. PREARRANGED PARTICIPATION

None

E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

- Move item J-3, Sign Request from St. Andrew's Church from the Consent Agenda to item L-6 under New Business
- Move Item J-6, Sign Request from the Dexter Soccer Club from the Consent Agenda to item L-7 under New Business
- Add item L-8 under New Business, Sign Request from the Dexter Garden Club

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

Adam Zemke of 8737 Grove Drive, Dexter Township introduced himself as a candidate for District 1 County Commissioner.

H. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Upcoming Meeting List
2. Joining Natural Resource Areas for Economic Sustainability Committee Information
3. Dexter Area Fire Fighters Local 4090 Request to Enter into Contract Negotiations with the Dexter Area Fire Department
4. Middle Huron River Watershed Update
5. Chelsea Are Planning Team / Dexter Area Regional Team Meeting Notes

Discussion followed on Fire Fighters Contract; updates on the Natural Resource Areas meeting held Friday, May 21 and the event planned for June 11 at Michigan International Speedway; and comments on the recent changes from Comcast that were not reported to Council and a request for a letter back to Comcast from the Village regarding the changes.

I. REPORTS

1. Allison Bishop, Community Development Manager – written report

Ms. Bishop submits her report as per packet. Discussion followed on Mill Creek Park as to the completion date; the dislike of the use of chain link fencing and cover over the walkway in the Westside Connector; does the proposed plans for the connector include plans for a connection from the Dexter Library to Warrior Creek Park; does the Parks and Recreation Commission, Planning and Village Council have to approve the connector design; and the need to re-visit the sign ordinance dealing with sign setbacks.

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

Western Washtenaw Area Value Express Representative (WAVE) – Jim Carson

Mr. Carson reported that even though the WAVE adopted a deficit budget it now looks like that after seven months they are in the black and the WAVE has taken over the transit program for Chelsea Retirement Center; the WAVE has two new government sources of income from Webster township for \$5000 and Dexter Township for \$4400; and that in the past WAVE has received vehicles through the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and are now using a government program that will give them \$126,000 from the federal government and \$32,000 from MDOT for a new bus.

3. Subcommittee Reports
Website - None
Downtown Fire Detection - None
Economic Preparedness - None

4. Village Manager Report

Mrs. Dettling submits her report as per packet. In the absence of the Village Manager, Assistant Village Manager Courtney Nicholls gave the following

updates: reported on the *Songs, Slams & S'mores* event held on May 22; the Farmers Market has vendors but needs customers, the County Commissioners may be looking to expand the number of Road Commissioners; there are some issues with the cape sealing on Broad Street; and the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) will not be able to make the \$10,000 match for the LED lighting project due to budget issues.

5. President's Report

Mr. Keough submits his report as per packet. Mr. Keough reported that the purchase agreement was signed on the Berner property on May 21 and are now working on the survey and lot split; the DAPCO Re-development committee had its first meeting with Gary Vander Haagen acting as the chairperson and a request was made to Beckett and Raeder to submit a proposal for assisting with the committee; and the DDA is working on the 2010-2011 Budget, have expended the money from the Non-Taxable Bond, revenues will be down by \$70,000 more than expected and there will be a hold on future projects. Discussion followed on the DDA and not having funds for projects as previously promised, does Council approve the DDA budget and what is the relationship with Beckett and Raeder.

At 8:54 p.m. a recess was taken and the meeting re-convened at 8:57 p.m.

J. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$152,429.34
2. Consideration of: Dexter Daze Committee request to place five (5) signs in the right of way from July 30 to August 15
4. Consideration of: Dexter Community Garden request to place two (2) signs in the right of way from May 25 to June 15
5. Consideration of: Reappointment of Brian Brassow and Randy Hermann to the Parks & Recreation Commission and John Coy and Sandy Hansen to the Tree Board

Motion Fisher; support Smith to approve items 1, 2, 4 and 5 of the consent agenda.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

K. OLD BUSINESS-Consideration and Discussion of:

1. Consideration of: Village Manager recommendation to hire Tom Ryan as Village attorney for the cityhood process

Motion Cousins; support Carson to approve the Village Manager's recommendation to hire Tom Ryan as village attorney for the cityhood process.

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

Nays: Smith
Motion carries 6-1

L. NEW BUSINESS-Consideration of and Discussion of:

1. Consideration of: Addition of reconstruction of Inverness between Forest and Main, including alley work to the water system project at a cost not to exceed \$120,000

Motion Semifero; support Carson to incorporate the reconstruction of Inverness from Forest to Main including alley work into the current water system project at a cost not to exceed \$120,000 for construction, testing, engineering and contingency and to include 22 feet roadway with gravel approaches and grass to the pavement.

Ayes: Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson, Fisher and Keough
Nays: Cousins
Motion carries 6 to 1

2. Consideration of: Addition of corrosion control measures to the current water system project at a cost not to exceed \$43,000

Motion Tell; support Fisher to incorporate the addition of corrosion control treatment into the current water system project at a cost not to exceed \$43,000 for engineering and construction.

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

3. Consideration of: Purchase of an Elgin Pelican street sweeper for an amount not to exceed \$148,000 and metering equipment for an amount not to exceed \$7,700

Motion Cousins; support Smith to approve the purchase of an Elgin Pelican sweeper from Bell Equipment of Lake Orion, Michigan for an amount not to exceed \$148,000 and Sensus metering equipment from Etna Supply Company of Grand Rapids, Michigan for an amount not to exceed \$7,700.

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

4. Consideration of: Contract with Norfolk Southern for Broad Street Crossing Review

Motion Carson; support Tell to approve the agreement between the Village of Dexter and Norfolk Southern Railway Company for preliminary engineering services for the Broad Street Crossing not to exceed \$10,000.

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

Nays: None
Motion carries

5. Consideration of: Recommendation regarding the 2010-2011 sidewalk replacement program

Motion Tell; support Semifero to allow the \$13,800 in the current budget to go back into the General Fund reserves to be used in fiscal year 2010-2011.

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

6. Consideration of: St. Andrew's United Church of Christ request to place eight (8) signs in the right of way from June 1 to June 12

Original motion by Semifero; support Cousins to approve the sign request from St. Andrew's United Church of Christ for eight signs in the right of way from June 1 to June 12.

Motion Smith; support Fisher to amend the motion to read two (2) large and five (5) small signs.

Ayes: Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson, Fisher and Keough
Nays: Cousins
Motion carries 6 to 1

Amended motion now reads to approve the sign request from St. Andrew's United Church of Christ for two (2) large and five (5) small signs to be placed in the right of way from June 1 to June 12.

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

7. Consideration of: Dexter Soccer Club request to place eight (8) signs in the right of way from May 28 to June 12

Motion Fisher; support Smith to approve the request from Dexter Soccer Club to place five (5) signs in the right of way from May 28 to June 12

Ayes: Tell, Carson, Smith, Fisher, Semifero and Keough
Nays: Cousins
Motion carries 6 to 1

8. Consideration of: Dexter Garden Club request to place six (6) signs in the right of way from May 25 to June 5

Motion Fisher; support Smith to approve the request from Dexter Garden Club to place five (5) signs in the right of way from May 25 to June 5.

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

Nays: Cousins
Motion carries 6 to 1

M. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Tell	When do you have to file for re-election?
Carson	None
Fisher	Praised the Assistant Village Manager for her participation in the drawing held for the Creekside Garden at the recent fund raiser.
Jones	Relay for Life's <i>Show Us Your Hope</i> was held on Saturday at Gordon Hall.
Smith	Complimented Dexter Builders for the cleanup around the Gazebo for weekend use. The Economic Preparedness Committee will meet on Monday, June 7 at 4:30 pm
Cousins	Waiting to have the Community Garden plowed due to rain. Mr. Cousins answered question regarding Mill Creek and the rain and related more information on the <i>Songs, Slams and S'mores</i> event.
Semifero	Request that a consideration item to investigate privatizing some services at the waste water treatment plant be included for the next Council meeting.

N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

Mary Fialkowski of 8055 Forest Street, Dexter mentioned that cars are going extremely fast around the curve from Jeffords Street to Forest and the need for a barrier.

O. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Smith support Fisher to adjourn at 10:26 pm

Unanimous voice vote for approval

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Jones
Clerk, Village of Dexter

Approved for Filing: June 14, 2010