

DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, JULY 12, 2010

**A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Keough in the Creekside Intermediate School located at 2615 Baker Road 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**

1. Regular Council Meeting – June 28, 2010

Motion Smith; support Semifero to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of June 28, 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 addition:

Add item L-6 under New Business, Consideration of a moratorium on the enforcement of parking in the residential area until a consistent policy is developed.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

**F. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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

Amendments of the General Code Chapter 18 – Public Nuisances

Consideration of: Amendments to the General Code Chapter 18 – Public Nuisances  
The public hearing was opened at 7:34 PM. There was not any public comment.  
The public hearing was closed at 7:35 PM.

Motion Semifero; support Carson to approve the General Code Chapter 18 – Public Nuisances Amendment with a modification in Section 18-31, item *n* to delete the following: *In any area zoned or used for residential purposes.*

Discussion included a recommendation that as there are usually not a lot of people present at hearings have the information from a public hearing presented at a town hall meeting or announce the results of the public hearings at a town hall meeting after they have been approved.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

#### **G. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION**

Tom Jarvis of 7649 Forest, Dexter, reported on an incident at his home on Saturday, July 10. Washtenaw Sheriff's deputies were at his house twice that day because of vehicles parked in front of his home and he was told that he would be ticketed in the future. Mr. Jarvis also stated that he would like to see improvements on the alley way to make that road area more useful. Mrs. Dettling apologized regarding the enforcement issue as the Sheriff's Department was only supposed to inquire as to the ownership of the vehicles.

Mark Ouimet, District 1 County Commissioner, reported that Washtenaw County received an outstanding rating for fiscal responsibility. Only two counties in the state received this honor- Washtenaw and Oakland.

#### **H. COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Upcoming Meeting List
2. Washtenaw County Road Commission – Mast Road Bridge Repair Meeting Notice – July 27 from 6 pm to 8 pm at the Dexter District Library
3. June Citation List
4. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study Membership Dues Letter
5. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study Newsletter
6. Letter from Chelsea Area Wellness Foundation Regarding Grant Request
7. 2009 Certificate of Appreciation/Community Initiative Award from the Michigan Department of Community Health

#### **I. REPORTS**

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

*Dexter Area Fire Department – Jim Seta/Ray Tell*  
Report moved to the July 26 meeting.

2. Subcommittee Reports

Website - None

Downtown Fire Detection - None

Economic Preparedness – Mr. Smith reported that the next meeting will be Monday, July 19 at 4:45 pm at the Village office.

3. Village Manager Report

Mrs. Dettling submits her report as per packet. Mrs. Dettling reported that the July 13 meeting with Larry Cobler regarding the Baker Road Pedestrian Crossing has been changed to July 20; the July 14 meeting with Adams Outdoor is to discuss the current agreement and future opportunities; and the July 15 Downtown Development Authority Meeting will be held at the Dexter Museum. Mrs. Dettling was asked about the progress of the pavement review and if there were any updates from the Boundary Commission.

4. President's Report

Mr. Keough submits his report as per packet. Mr. Keough thanked Mrs. Dettling and any others who helped host the representatives from the City of Milan who viewed the Mill Creek dam project. Mr. Keough also spoke about the meeting with Adams Outdoor and the July 20 meeting with Ann Arbor Transit Authority.

**J. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$577,693.43
2. Consideration of: Request from the Dexter Daze Committee to hold the Dexter Daze Parade on August 14, 2010 from Inverness and Ann Arbor Street to Main and Jeffords
3. Consideration of: Request from the Dexter Daze Committee to close Central Street from Main to 5<sup>th</sup> from noon on August 12 to noon on August 15
4. Consideration of: St. Andrew's United Church of Christ request to place 5 signs in the right-of-way from July 26 to August 5 to advertise their Ice Cream Social

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: Facilities Next Steps  
Proposal from Trustee Cousins  
GO Bond Extension Info

Ms. Nicholls answered question regarding the GO Bond and that it would not actually be an extension but a refinancing of the original bond. Discussion followed with a request for more information on the bond, scenarios that could fund a bond, cost of a new fire station and what is needed in a station. A request was to have information back by the August 9 meeting.

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

1. Consideration of: Scope of Services from URS to Complete Design of Connection from Border to Border Trail to Westridge

Motion Tell; support Semifero to follow the recommendation of staff on the scope of services from URS not to exceed \$23,000 to complete the design of the connection from the Border to Border Trail to Westridge.

Ayes: Smith, Semifero, Tell, Fisher and Keough

Nays: Carson and Cousins

Motion carries 5 to 2

2. Consideration of: Scope of Services from OHM for Design/Bid of Sidewalks to Connect Alpine Street to the Warrior Creek Park Entrance Driveway

Motion Smith; support Semifero to approve the Scope of Services from Orchard, Hiltz and McCliment not to exceed \$8500, keeping the parking spaces along Alpine, developing the sidewalk along Main Street and Americans Disabilities Act accessibility on the opposite side of Alpine Street.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

3. Consideration of: Proposal from ACI Finance to Update Water/Sewer Rate Study

Motion Cousins; support Carson to accept the proposal from ACI Finance to update the water/sewer rate study not to exceed \$6500.

Motion Cousins; support Smith to postpone the motion to accept the proposal from ACI Finance until the next meeting.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

At 10:15 pm a recess was taken and the meeting re-convened at 10:20 pm

4. Consideration of: Setting a Public Hearing for August 9, 2010 to consider Amendments to the General Code of Ordinances, Article 1, Section 10, Animals

Motion Smith; support Cousins to set a Public Hearing for August 23, 2010 to consider amendments to the General Code of Ordinances, Article 1, Section 10, Animals.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

5. Consideration of: Planning Commission recommendation for amendments to Article 7 of the Zoning Ordinance – Signs

Motion Smith; support Tell to approve the Planning Commissions recommendations for amendments to Article 7 of the Zoning Ordinance – Signs.

Following discussion on sign boards and temporary signs, Mr. Smith withdrew his motion.

Motion Smith; support Semifero to send the amendments to Article 7 of the Zoning Ordinance – Signs back to the Planning Commission to re-look at temporary signs in relation to size and number.

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

Nays: Cousins

Motion carries 6 to 1

6. Consideration of: Moratorium on Parking Enforcement

Discussion followed regarding the on street parking enforcement.

**M. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Tell	None
Carson	None
Fisher	None
Jones	Updated Council on the passing of Mary Ann Simpkins' husband and the recent illness of Henry Thurston.
Smith	Restoration of the grass along Forest Street is fine where the netting was used but the area that was hydro-seeded is all weeds.
Semifero	Attended the Homeowners Association at Westridge and the Association will call a special meeting to discuss the easement for a path connector. Mr. Semifero asked about a spring trash pick-up and people cutting through Westridge to avoid traffic on Dexter Pinckney Road.
Cousins	Invited Council members to the 50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Paul and Pat Cousins.

**N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION**

None.

**O. CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING LABOR NEGOTIATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH MCL 15.268 Sec. 8(c)**

Motion Smith; support Fisher to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations at 11:52 pm

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

Motion Smith; support Semifero to leave closed session at 12:14 am.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

**P. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Smith support Cousins to adjourn at 12:14 am.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Jones  
Clerk, Village of Dexter

Approved for Filing: July 26, 2010