

DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2012

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM by President Keough at the Dexter Senior Center located at 7720 Ann Arbor Street in Dexter, Michigan.

**B. ROLL CALL:** President Keough

J. Carson

P. Cousins

D. Fisher

J. Semifero -absent

J. Smith-absent

R. Tell

Also present: Donna Dettling, Village Manager; Courtney Nicholls, Assistant Village Manager; Carol Jones, Village Clerk; Dan Schlaff, Public Services Superintendent; David Read, Scio Township Trustee and North Central Transit District Representative; Bill DeGroot, The Ride; Paul Evanoff, JJR; Mark Ouimet, State Representative; and residents and media.

**C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

1. Regular Council Meeting – September 10, 2012

Motion Tell; support Fisher to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 10, 2012 as presented.

Unanimous voice vote for approval with Trustees Semifero and Smith absent

Trustee Semifero entered the meeting at 7:34 PM

**D. PREARRANGED PARTICIPATION**

Ann Arbor Transportation Authority Regional Transit Plan Presentation  
Presenter – Bill DeGroot

Mr. DeGroot reviewed the various programs offered in the Regional Transit Plan.

**E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion Cousins; support Fisher to approve the agenda with the following additions:

Old Business, K-1 Cityhood – additional information

New Business, L-4 Dexter Township's Outdoor Siren request – additional information

Unanimous voice vote for approval with Trustee Smith absent

## **F. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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

None

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

Mary Kimmel of 3290 Central Street, Dexter inquired if the group that has taken over the Dexter Crossings Mall is interested in relocating the Post Office to the mall and if anyone has spoken to them about this. She reiterated the dangerous location of the Post Office on Baker Road and the difficulty of getting to the location.

## **H. COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Upcoming Meeting List
2. Sign Calendar
3. Chicago to Detroit/Pontiac Passenger Rail Corridor Program Public Meetings

## **I. REPORTS**

1. Community Development Manager – Allison Bishop

Ms. Bishop submits her report as per packet. Ms. Bishop was not present but the following comments and questions were raised:

- Have all of the tornado affected areas received trees from Lodi Farms? Should the tree donation from NASCAR be planted in those affected areas where additional trees are needed? (To be looked into.)
- Metal railing in the park does not look like the rest of the railings (will be painted black).
- Paul Evanoff of JJR gave a brief update on the time line expected to finish the Mill Creek Park project.

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

None

3. Subcommittee Reports

Economic Preparedness

Facilities

*Website*-Ms. Nicholls reported that more information has been sent to Ciesa for the website.

4. Village Manager Report

Mrs. Dettling submits her report as per packet. Mrs. Dettling gave the following verbal updates:

- Richards Brothers will begin the cleaning the bridge graffiti on Monday, October 1 and it will take two days. After the cleaning they will apply the protective coating. Residents will be notified of the closing of the walkway.
- Central Street – need to do striping and painting of reflective material and will also be doing this on the downtown crosswalks.
- Baker Road/School Crossing letter- working with Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment on using the temporary signage for the crosswalk. There will be a kick-off for Safe Routes to School in October. Mr. Keough mentioned looking again at the Dan Hoey/Baker intersection as a safe crossing area.
- 8050 Main Street – did get another opinion on restrooms for the building. There was discussion about looking at a bid document and the need to know what would be involved in maintenance costs. Mrs. Dettling also mentioned that other individuals have expressed some interest in the building.
- On track to make a recommendation at the next meeting for a new hire.
- Dexter Pinckney/Island Lake Road – the county is working on improving the crossing signal.
- Steve Brouwer and Mrs. Dettling will be meeting with Grand Street residents regarding the Wellness Center construction project on Thursday at 3 PM.
- Staff is still looking for a good location for the Champions sign currently on Central Street by the Cider Mill.
- A request was made for Mr. Schlaff to drive the streets in Huron Farms to check on the crack sealing for completeness.
- Looking for feedback regarding the demand letters sent to Anlaan.
- Ms. Nicholls reported that the Village did receive a quote of approximately \$25,000 to tear down the house on Dan Hoey Road. Mrs. Dettling reported that the Village has also just received a proposal from the former owner.

#### 5. President's Report

Mr. Keough submits his report as per packet. In addition Mr. Keough gave the following verbal update:

- Have two appointees for the Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee.
- In regards to the Regional Fire proposal, do need to have Dexter Township and Webster Township take a vote on the agreement.
- Suds on the River continues to be fantastic and Dexter received high praises from Laura Rubin with the efforts that have been done.
- Met with Mrs. Dettling, Mr. Schlaff, Orchard Hiltz & McCliment, Tetra Tech and Fleis & Vandenbrink Engineering regarding the Village sludge handling plan review and evaluation is in process.
- Invite all to attend the meeting with the MDEQ (Michigan Department of Environmental Quality) at 10:30 on Friday, September 28 for an onsite visit to Mill Creek Park followed by lunch.
- Mr. Cousins mentioned on that morning the Gateway Communities Initiative will also be meeting in Chelsea and will be revealing their marketing plan. Village officials as well as the members of the group are invited to attend.

## J. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$190,576.65

2. Consideration of: Closure of Central Street from Main to Fifth Street for Apple Daze on October 6, 2012 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
3. Consideration of: Appointment of Rich Bellas to the Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee
4. Consideration of: Appointment of Julie Woods to the Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee

Motion Fisher; support Semifero to approve items 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the Consent Agenda.

Unanimous voice vote for approval with Trustee Smith absent

**K. OLD BUSINESS-Consideration and Discussion of:**

1. Discussion of: Cityhood Next Steps

A copy of the letter from Mr. Fahey regarding the Stipulation for Dismissal and Order for Dismissal was provided at the meeting. Ms. Nicholls reported on the possible costs of a single item election based on information provided by Webster Township from a previous such incident with cost approximately \$1500. Scio Township has not as yet provided the information requested.

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

1. Consideration of: Increased Consulting Fees for JJR for the Mill Creek Park Project in the Amount of \$13,500

Motion Tell; support Carson to approve the payment of increased consulting fees for JJR for the Mill Creek Park Project in the amount of \$13,500.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Smith

Motion carries

2. Consideration of: Award of Bid for 2012 Sidewalk Project to GM & Sons in an Amount Not to Exceed \$20,000

Motion Carson; support Cousins to award the bid for the 2012 Sidewalk Project to GM & Sons in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Smith

Motion carries

3. Consideration of: Approval to Submit Mini-Grant Application to the Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs/Arts Alliance for \$2,250

Motion Cousins; support Carson to approve the submission of a mini-grant application to the Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs/Arts Alliance for the amount of \$2,250.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Smith

Motion carries

4. Consideration of: Contribution of \$6,000 in Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Towards Dexter Township's Outdoor Warning Siren Program

Motion Carson; support Tell to contribute \$6,000 in Fiscal Year 2013-2014 towards Dexter Township's Outdoor Warning Siren Program.

Ayes: Tell, Semifero and Keough

Nays: Carson, Cousins and Fisher

Absent: Smith

Motion Fails 3 to 3

#### **M. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Carson	None
Tell	None
Jones	None
Semifero	None
Fisher	None
Smith	Absent
Cousins	Another piece of public art was installed at the Encore Theatre – <i>Icarus</i> – and it will be lit by solar lighting. The piece going in front of Huron Camera will be here in October.

#### **N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION**

None

#### **O. CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE POTENTIAL PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AND PENDING LITIGATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH MCL 15.268**

Motion Carson; support Fisher to go into Closed Session at 9:00 PM for the purpose of discussing the potential purchase of property and pending litigation in accordance with MCL 15.268.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Smith

Motion carries

Motion Fisher; support Tell to leave closed session at 9:39 PM.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Smith

Motion carries

**P. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Fisher; support Carson to adjourn at 9:40 PM.

Unanimous voice vote for approval with Trustee Smith absent

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Jones  
Clerk, Village of Dexter

Approved for Filing: October 8, 2012