

DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2012

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 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

D. Fisher

J. Smith

P. Cousins

J. Semifero

R. Tell

Also present: Donna Dettling, Village Manager; Courtney Nicholls, Assistant Village Manager; Carol Jones, Village Clerk; Dan Schlaff, Public Services Superintendent; and Anne McLaughlin, Johnson Rosati Schultz Joppich.

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

Motion Smith; support Fisher to move into closed session at 6:09 PM for the purpose of discussing potential purchase of property and pending litigation in accordance with MCL 15.268.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

Motion Smith; support Fisher to leave closed session at 7:15 PM

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

PUBLIC SESSION CALLED BACK TO ORDER AT 7:30 PM WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Also present: Donna Dettling, Village Manager; Courtney Nicholls, Assistant Village Manager; Marie Sherry, Finance Director/Treasurer; Carol Jones, Village Clerk; Dan Schlaff, Public Services Superintendent; Rhett Gronevelt, Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment; Bill DeGroot and Mary Stasiak, Ann Arbor Transit Authority; Pat Cousins, Representative to the Dexter District Library Board; residents and media.

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Regular Council Meeting – October 8, 2012

Motion Smith; support Semifero to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of October 8, 2012 with one change:

L-6 – change the word *Potion* to *Portion*

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-1 under New Business – Resolution of the Koback vs. Village of Dexter Pending Litigation and renumber the remaining new business items from L-2 to L-8

Add additional information for New Business item L-3, Participation in Act 196

Unanimous voice vote for approval

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

None

Motion Cousins; support Semifero to suspend Council rules at this time and vote on New Business item L-1 Resolution of the Koback vs. Village of Dexter Pending Litigation.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

L-1 Consideration of: Resolution of the Koback vs. Village of Dexter Pending Litigation

Motion Cousins; support Fisher to enter into a resolution of the pending litigation of Koback vs. Village of Dexter as outlined in Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment's August 3, 2012 memo excluding the pipe into the Koback property and authorize the Village Manager to execute the agreement.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

G. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

Julie Boyd of 7611 Grand Street, Dexter inquired if any decision had been made to access the Village's Tree Fund to replenish trees lost from the Wellness Center project. (Mrs. Dettling read from the Tree Replacement Policy Statement that explained how this fund may be used.) Ms. Boyd asked about other possible means of replacing trees in the buffer area between homes and the project. (Mrs. Dettling will have the area checked to see if plantings are done and how many more may be needed to fill in the area.)

H. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Upcoming Meeting List
2. Sign Calendar
3. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study Newsletter

I. REPORTS

1. Finance Director/Treasurer – Marie Sherry

Ms. Sherry submits her report as per packet. Ms. Sherry gave the following verbal updates:

- Village tax collection is mostly complete.
- The 2011-2012 Audit starts on Monday, October 29.
- Ms. Sherry has received Certified Public Funds Investment Manager certification.
- Reviewed the revenues and expenditures for the first quarter and highlighted the cash fund which has been used for the Mill Creek Park Project and should see reimbursements in the next few months.

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

Library Board Representative – Pat Cousins

- Mrs. Cousins reported that the Library has had a very good year.
- The budget has been completed for the next year and have made some cuts due to probably not receiving personal property taxes. They are also working on ways to reduce expenditures but not cut hours.
- 1400 children were enrolled in the summer reading program and 800 completed the program.
- During the summer the Library had 400-600 visitors per day. Normally they have 350-500 visitors daily.
- Mrs. Cousins distributed a bar graph showing the number of items checked out yearly since 1994-1995. In 2011-2012 over 500,000 items have been checked out which is an 8% increase over the previous year.
- The community read program is going well in conjunction with the 5 Healthy Communities.

3. Subcommittee Reports

Economic Preparedness

Facilities

Website-Mr. Smith reported that the vendor is proceeding with the installation of a module to address the file structure issue.

4. Village Manager Report

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

- The Village has recently received reimbursement monies from the Michigan Trust Fund for the park project.
- Also received a settlement of \$7950 for the sewer break during the park project and will continue working on resolving the water break issue that occurred at the same time.
- Will be working with Ms. Kreps regarding the plantings at the Wellness Center.
- The County is looking for the Village to include a bike rail for the park as part of the Westside Connector if it is feasible to install. Either way the rail will not hold up reimbursement from Washtenaw County Parks.
- 8050 Main – have three businesses interested in the space who would like to make a bid for use of the space and the Village will be reviewing their business plans. In order to explore restrooms in that space, the Village would need to spend \$3000 to \$5000 for a design and plan.
- Recently there was someone in the Village Offices scouting Dexter as well as other communities for a movie shoot next year.

5. President's Report

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

- Per Mary Kimmel's request, did follow up with the Oxford Company regarding moving the Post Office to the Dexter Crossings Mall. Oxford will need more information from the Postmaster if that is at all possible.
- Met with the Oxford Company regarding a plan for the Dexter Crossings Mall and have no objections to the pre-application plan.

J. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$317,964.88
2. Consideration of: EDC Reappointments

Motion Fisher; support Smith to approve items 1 and 2 of the Consent Agenda noting that the page numbers on the agenda should be 91 - 92 not 81 - 90.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

K. OLD BUSINESS-Consideration and Discussion of:

1. Discussion of: Cityhood Next Steps

President Keough reported on attending the State Boundary Commission meeting on October 10 along with Ms. Nicholls, Trustee Smith and Village resident Mary Fialkowski. The order from the Commission has not yet been signed by the Michigan State Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. Once that is done it will go to the Washtenaw County Clerk who will set a date for an election.

L. NEW BUSINESS-Consideration of and Discussion of:

2. Consideration of: Setting Public Hearing on November 26, 2012 for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Request from Northern United Brewing (2319 Bishop Circle East)

Motion Cousins; support Smith to set a Public Hearing on November 26, 2012 for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption request from Northern United Brewing located at 2319 Bishop Circle East

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

3. Consideration of: Resolution in Support of Participation in the Act 196 Regional Transit Authority Board

Motion Carson; support Cousins to approve the resolution in support of participation in the Act 196 Regional Transit Authority Board

Motion Semifero; support Tell to postpone the approval of the resolution until more information is received.

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

4. Consideration of: Acceptance of Proposal from Bostwick for Asphalt/Catch Basin Repairs in an amount not to exceed \$12,000

Motion Cousins; support Smith to accept the proposal from Bostwick for Asphalt/Catch Basin repair in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.

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

5. Consideration of: Fiscal Year 2012-2012 First Quarter Budget Amendments

Motion Smith; support Semifero to approve the first quarter Budget Amendments for the fiscal year 2012-2013.

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

6. Discussion of: Sludge Project

Mr. Gronevelt of Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment provided an update with new information and costs for the Sludge Handling Project and reported that he is still working on the overall costs for the project.

7. Discussion of: Defining Local Streets Project

Discussion included but was not limited to the possible ways to use the \$200,000 available for projects. Suggestions were to use \$90,000 for Storm Water repairs, use \$20,000 for maintenance such as crack sealing and possible look at some of the streets at Dexter Crossings, put the remaining \$90,000 into a local street, use the remaining for marking, stripping, and assessable handicap crossings for the Safe Walk 2 School route.

8. Discussion of: Regional Fire

President Keough reported on Dexter Township's concerns over the Regional Fire Interlocal Agreement. Discussion followed with Council members reporting on their current concerns with the agreement.

M. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Cousins	Mr. Cousins gave a score update on the Bears and Lions football game.
Tell	None
Fisher	The discussion on the Regional Fire Department is difficult. I feel that I am entitled to change my mind on this agreement due to interactions I have had with residents.
Jones	Thank you to Dan Schlaff and Keith Kitchen for working with St. Andrew's Church last week when the church parsonage had a blockage in the sewer. They were there with helpful information as well as making sure that the Village was not at fault for any problem.
Smith	None
Semifero	None
Carson	None

N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

Evelyn Smith, 7810 Fifth Street, Dexter stated that she hoped that the name change for the Fire Department does not become a deal breaker and spoke of name changes her own family has dealt with being a blended family. Ms. Smith also spoke of looking at marking crosswalks at 5th Street and Broad and Central and 5th for those walking to the Library with some of the funds from the Local Streets Project money.

O. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Smith; support Fisher to adjourn at 10:39 PM.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Jones
Clerk, Village of Dexter

Approved for Filing: November 12, 2012