

**DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2013**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 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 –ab	J. Knight
J. Semifero	R. Tell

Also present: Donna Dettling, Village Manager; Courtney Nicholls, Assistant Village Manager; Carol Jones, Village Clerk; Scott Maurer, Water and Sewer Department; Patrick Droze, Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment; residents and media.

**C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

1. Regular Council Meeting – August 12, 2013

Motion Cousins; support Knight to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of August 12, 2013 as presented.

Trustee Fisher entered the meeting at 7:31

Unanimous voice vote for approval

**D. PREARRANGED PARTICIPATION**

None

**E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion Carson; support Cousins to approve the agenda with the addition of:

I-1, Report on WATS Activities, Additional Information  
Addition of L-5, Discussion item-Exit Interview along with a sample letter for the Exit Interview

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**

Robert Murphy, 3713 Bristol Drive, Dexter spoke about making many mistakes in his lifetime and commended President Keough on how he responded to the issue recently in the Westridge subdivision.

## **H. COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Upcoming Meeting List
2. Sign Calendar
3. ZBA Decision – 8080 Grand Street

## **I. REPORTS**

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

*Washtenaw Area Transportation Study Policy Rep – Jim Carson*

Mr. Carson provided a Washtenaw Area Transportation Study (WATS) report on Activities and reported on the following:

- WATS has received an addition \$10,400 from the Federal Stimulus funding and there may be additional monies in 2014 but the amount isn't known yet. It has been suggested by WATS that amount should be split among projects.
- The Governor has made rearrangements within the counties which include the area of transportation and they will be meeting soon.
- Highlighted the asset management summary sheet.
- Reported that WATS prepares the crash report for the county and provided Council with 2012 report.

2. Subcommittee Reports

Economic Preparedness  
Facilities  
Roads  
Utility  
Website

3. Village Manager Report

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

- Spoke about the agenda for the Tuesday meeting on the 3045 Broad Street Redevelopment.
- Provided a summary on Lot 117 in Westridge. Mr. Cousins inquired about the urgency of the Lot 117 issue, the cost and if there has been any resolution on this issue.

- Mentioned the Dextech tap fee update and a summary of the REU's in the industrial park. Discussion followed on sewer usage in the industrial park.
- Reminded Council that on September 9 there will be a Work Session prior to the meeting on the SAW Grant.
- Reported on the Dextech Tree replacement meeting. President Keough spoke about the tree replacement policy that follows the Village ordinance. Dextech felt that such an ordinance may be cumbersome to industrial development and has asked the Village to think about the process.
- Mr. Carson commented on the Business Summit Proposal from SPARK and volunteered to help with the Summit.
- Ms. Fisher mentioned that Brian Brassow is too busy to serve on the art selection committee and that Randy Hermann has offered to serve in his place.
- Mr. Cousins spoke about the trail to Hudson Mills and inquired if it was on schedule. Concerned about timing since a running event was rescheduled for the spring of 2014.
- Comment was made regarding Central Street and the patch issue on the Amtrak crossing that needs to be addressed.

#### 4. President's Report

Mr. Keough submits his report as per packet. In addition Mr. Keough reported on the following:

- Plein Air Festival was a fantastic event as was the function at Terry B's to meet the artists. Kudos to staff and the committee for the event which was well attended.
- Reported on the Regional Fire agreement – Webster Township had it on their recent meeting agenda with a motion made to accept but no second.
- Wishing all a Happy Labor Day.
- Ms. Knight inquired about setting a facilities meeting and President Keough responded that they need to select representatives from the DAFD and will most likely meet after Labor Day.

#### **J. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$510,369.69
2. Consideration of: Request from "Turn the Town Teal" Campaign to hang ribbons in town.

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

Unanimous voice vote for approval

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

1. Discussion of: Cityhood Next Steps

The list of candidates for the Charter Commission was included in the packet and in addition two possible write-in candidates were mentioned. A town hall meeting format was suggested to get to know the candidates, giving space in the next newsletter for the candidates, and using the Chamber of Commerce to conduct a meet the candidate's night.

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

1. Consideration of: Recommendation to approve a Services Contract with Carlisle Wortman and Associates

Motion Cousins; support Carson to approve the Services Contract with Carlisle Wortman and Associates at a cost of \$480 per day for 3 days per week up to six months beginning September 9, 2013

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

2. Consideration of: Budgeted DPW Equipment Purchases

Motion Fisher; support Semifero to approve the budgeted DPW equipment purchases, including repairs on the International for \$16,639 and a new Kubota for \$30,238.

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

3. Discussion of: Ann Arbor Street/Central Street Projects

Mr. Droze led the discussion which included the following: both projects are to be done with federal funding and as a result decisions need to be made now in order to be underway in 2014, there will be a little bit of water main work on Ann Arbor Street, on Ann Arbor Street the road work will be milled and overlaid, so the decision needs to be made on road closure and recommend total closure for the decorative concrete work, and a request was made to consider signage for the businesses. The Village has met with and will continue to be working with the Dexter Mill during the design phase of the Central Street project.

4. Consideration of: Recommendation to fund materials needed to build the First Street/Horseshoe Park Shelter/Storage area by Dexter Ringer volunteers in an amount not to exceed \$5,000

Motion Knight; support Tell to fund materials needed to build the First Street/Horseshoe Park Shelter/Storage area by Dexter Ringer volunteers in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

5. Discussion of: Exit Interview

Motion Carson; support Cousins to direct the Village Manager to complete the Exit Interview with Ms. Bishop.

Ayes: Knight, Semifero, Tell, Carson and Cousins

Nays: Fisher and Keough

Motion carries 5 to 2

## M. COUNCIL COMMENTS

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| Carson   | Did not have the opportunity to thank Council for the approval two weeks ago of the funding for the WAVE and did so at this time.  |
| Tell     | Concerned about the trash and people parking at Mast Road and Huron River Drive even though it is not in the Village it is at the entry to the Village and it does reflect on the Village. The next alternative is to contact Doug Fuller and the Washtenaw County Road Commission. An exit interview should be applied to all employees   |
| Knight   | Spoke about when selling tickets for the Dexter Daze Raffle a comment was made that there is a need for more bike racks in the Village. Mrs. Dettling responded that these will be ordered soon through 5H funding.  |
| Jones    | Thanked Courtney for taking minutes at the last Council meeting in order to travel to Oregon with daughter and boys. It is such a difference from Phoenix.   |
| Semifero | Spoke about the road signage at Ryan/Dexter-Ann Arbor/Dan Hoey and that it needs to be larger especially to direct people to the industrial park. Encourages holding the meeting with SPARK.   |
| Fisher   | Thanked the Raffle Committee of Bev Hill, Caryl Burke and Ina Germain for all their work for the Dexter Daze/Gordon Hall Raffle with profits from the raffle around \$11,000 going toward the mortgage on Gordon Hall.   |
| Cousins  | Hoping all will attend Allison's going away party. The Plein Air event was an amazing event and all who participated are planning to come back next year. Thanks to the DPW for all of their help and to Victoria Schon and Courtney Nicholls who put a lot of time into the event. Many of the participants stayed overnight in area hotels and ate at local restaurants. A woman from Farmington Hills gave a great "Chamber of Commerce" ad for Dexter. Plans are already starting for next year. |

**N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION**

None

**O. CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING LABOR NEGOTIATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH MCL 15.268**

Motion Carson; support Knight to move into closed session for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations in accordance with MCL 15.268 at 9:48 PM.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

Motion Fisher; support Semifero to leave closed session at 10:27 PM

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

**P. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Cousins; support Tell to adjourn at 10:28 PM.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Jones  
Clerk, Village of Dexter

Approved for Filing: September 9, 2013