

**DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2013**

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 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. Knight

J. Semifero

R. Tell

Also present: Donna Dettling, Village Manager; Courtney Nicholls, Assistant Village Manager; Carol Jones, Village Clerk; Dan Schlaff, Public Services Superintendent; Scott Maurer, Water and Sewer Department; Patrick Droze, Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment; Kent Martinez-Kratz, Washtenaw County Commissioner-District 1; Dan Smith, Washtenaw County Commissioner-District 2; residents and media.

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Regular Council Meeting – November 11, 2013
2. Work Session – November 11, 2013
3. Special Council Meeting – November 16, 2013

Motion Tell; support Knight to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of November 11, 2013, Work Session of November 11, 2013, and Special Council Meeting of November 16, 2013 as presented.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

D. PREARRANGED PARTICIPATION

None

E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion Semifero; support Cousins to approve the agenda with the additions of additional information under New Business items L-1, Mixer Replacement and L-2, Probable Construction Costs for Hudson Street Bump Out.

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

Kent Martinez-Kratz of 698 Old Forge Ct., Chelsea and District 1 Washtenaw County Commissioner gave an update on what is happening at the county level. The county passed a 4 year budget with a flat expectation of revenue and expenditures and not looking at any downsizing in the county. A question was raised about the Sheriff's budget and police services and Commissioner Martinez-Kratz explained the funding.

H. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Upcoming Meeting List
2. Sign Calendar
3. Letter from Liquor Control Regarding Transfer of License to 8059 Main
4. Notice of Planning Commission Public Hearing on Special Land Use Application from 8059 Main

I. REPORTS

1. Public Services Superintendent – Dan Schlaff

Mr. Schlaff submits his progress report of the DPW and Water/Sewer per packet. Mr. Schlaff gave the following updates:

- Sludge handling – should have the completion of the secondary cover done by the end of the month and then will fill with water for testing the first of December. If all goes well it will be then turned over to the Village.
- The DPW installed the Christmas lights last week.
- The DPW did chipping for two days following the wind storm.
- The Water Department has finished flushing the hydrants.
- Explained the reason for recommending a new mixer. The comparison with refurbishing the old one and the cost for buying a new one was close enough that it made sense to buy a new mixer and it should be able to handle disposable rags.

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

Chelsea Area Planning Team / Dexter Area Regional Team – Jim Carson

- Trustee Carson spoke about the scheduled meeting with MDOT and the Rail Department. There has been a lot of misunderstanding with the high speed rail (or assertive rail) from Pontiac to Chicago at speeds of 120 mph by 2015. The area they will be working on will be from Dearborn to

Kalamazoo. Pontiac to Dearborn will not change and Kalamazoo to Chicago is already able to go at the 120 mph.

- Have installed new railroad ties here in Dexter and along the route and will be installing new electric boxes, larger gates, brighter lights and louder bells. There are no plans to close any crossings or add any new stops.
- MDOT is in the process of identifying what they actually own and will ask for local enforcement against trespassers.
- In regards to fencing and standards such as what might happen with the trail, MDOT does have an enhancement department that would review this.

Dexter Area Chamber – Julie Knight

- The Chamber met on November 13 with the focus on upcoming events such as the November 20th Speak & Eat which featured Lucy Ann Lance and the upcoming Christmas activities with the Holiday Hustle, Tree Lighting and Caroling on December 7.
- The Chamber has a new Administrative Director, Doug Kasischke.
- Funding is needed to continue the Luminary Project.
- The Chamber's Annual Dinner will be held on March 20, 2014 at Reddeman Farms.
- Will be tying the Summer Music Series with Dexter Daze in 2014.

3. Subcommittee Reports -None

Economic Preparedness

Facilities

Roads

Utility

Website

4. Village Manager Report

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

- The Village is contributing funding to this year's Luminary Project in order to keep this tradition alive. The project will take place on December 14 at the DPW facilities.
- The Ice Rink will be going up the week of December 9.
- The Economic Development Corporation will meet on December 10.
- Planning a Business Summit event on the morning of January 24th at the Business and Research Park.
- Question was asked regarding the LED issue on the street lights (the color of the lights appears to be degrading too quickly).
- Trustee Cousins spoke about a survey on revenue and unfunded legacy and asked if the Village can also do such a survey (yes).
- Mr. Droze reported recent discussions on the construction cost for the trail and what will be the Village's projects on the driveway, pathway and partial cost of the stormwater drain.

- Ms. Nicholls spoke of contacting other cable providers regarding service in the Village. Trustee Carson mentioned a group called Connect Michigan regarding assisting the Village with additional cable services.

5. President's Report

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

- Trustee Cousins and I traveled to Lansing to speak at the Michigan Strategic Fund meeting on November 20th. The discussion on the bonds was tabled until the next meeting and they asked that the Village and Chelsea Wellness work things out. Thank you to Mr. Cousins for attending.
- Question was asked in regards to the workshop held previous to the meeting tonight and what will be the next step. The consensus was for the issue to be placed on the December 9 agenda.

J. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$479,513.31
2. Consideration of: Appointment of Donna Dettling, Chris Timmis and Fred Schmid to the Economic Development Corporation

Motion Fisher; support Carson 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-Charter Commission Update

Included in the packet was an update of the first meeting of the City Charter Commission which included the election of a chair and co-chair, appointment of a recording secretary and meeting dates and locations for December and January.

L. NEW BUSINESS-Consideration of and Discussion of:

1. Consideration of: Purchase and Installation of New Mixer at the Wastewater Treatment Plant

Motion Fisher; support Cousins to approve the quote from Mattoon & Lee and Kennedy Industries for work related to the replacement of the mixer in the amount of \$20,711.00.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

2. Discussion of: Resident Comments on Ann Arbor Street and Central Street Projects

Mr. Droze spoke of the comments received from residents on the two projects for 2014. The bump out suggested by a resident at Hudson Street was reviewed and an estimate for cost of this addition to the Ann Arbor Street project was discussed.

3. Discussion of: General Code of Ordinances Regarding Bees and Chickens in the Village

Trustee Cousins would like to see those who previously asked for this ordinance to come back before Council and to include this discussion on a future agenda. Trustee Fisher mentioned the Gordon Hall grounds or the Community Garden Site as a location for bee hives.

M. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Carson	None
Tell	None
Knight	Happy Thanksgiving. Come to Gordon Hall for the Tea on December 1, the Special Reception at Gordon Hall on December 6 and the Open House at the Mansion on December 7 and 8.
Jones	Happy that the Village will be donating to the Luminary Project and mentioned including an addressed envelope with the kits for residents to return their contributions for the next year's event.
Semifero	None
Fisher	None
Cousins	Happy Thanksgiving and also mentioned the special activities in the community along with the Gordon Hall activities, the Holiday Hustle, Tree Lighting and Caroling on December 7.

N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

None

O. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Cousins; support Tell to adjourn at 8:40 PM

Unanimous voice vote for approval

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Jones
Clerk, Village of Dexter

Approved for Filing: December 9, 2013