

**DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 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-absent	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; residents and media.

**C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

1. Regular Council Meeting – December 9, 2013

Motion Cousins; support Carson to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 9, 2013 with one correction under Council Comments – Trustee Cousins, Big 300 should be Big 400.

Unanimous voice vote for approval with Trustee Fisher absent

**D. PREARRANGED PARTICIPATION**

None

**E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion Knight; support Tell to approve the agenda with the addition of seven items of additional information for New Business item L-1, Consideration of Dexter Mill Next Steps.

Unanimous voice vote for approval with Trustee Fisher absent

**F. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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

None

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

None

## **H. COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Upcoming Meeting List
2. Sign Calendar

## **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 – got the lid on the primary digester and cleaning it out now. Will be filling it with water on Thursday and Friday and then begin to take it down. Will be training between January 14-16 and then operations will be turned over to the Village.
- Two employees, Tim Stewart and Scott Maurer, have passed license testing.
- Do not have the methane gas dryer yet but should be up and running by mid February.
- Answered the following questions: Was there a need to divert water from recent snowfall? (No), Are we officially done with leaf pick-up? (Yes), and How much of the snow do we plow along the walkway in Mill Creek Park to Hudson Mills? (Keeping the Village area clean mostly with the broom)

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

None

### 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:

- Council payroll will be deposited on Tuesday (December 24).
- Remind Council of the presentation on January 22, 2014 for the Ann Arbor Board of Realtor Environmental Awareness Award and

the Business Summit on January 24, 2014 at the Dexter Business and Research Park.

- Patrick Droze gave an update on the River Terrace Trail and MDOT. In the past 30 days MDOT has come back with some new designs that would narrow the width of the trail as they want to preserve their right of way for the possibility of a second rail line. The Village has shared the design for the drain and the next step is to finalize the plan with MDOT, obtain a grading easement from the property owner and look into a shared driveway with the owner. Questions were raised on the distance of the narrowed path, the style of the fence along railroad property and what changed the original plans that will make the design worse for the Village?

## 5. President's Report

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

- The Chelsea Wellness Foundation grant review committee has agreed to fund the ADA ramp in Mill Creek Park in the amount of \$85,000.
- Believe that the Chelsea Wellness Foundation has closed on the purchase of the Dexter Wellness Center and have let Nathan at the Washtenaw County Brownfield know of the signing.
- Met with the Sloan's and Scio Township regarding annexation of their property by a developer and were told that the Village is not interested at this point due to wells and sanitary capacity.

## J. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$326,545.90
2. Consideration of: 2014 Meeting Calendar
3. Consideration of: Appointment of Cheryl Willoughby to the Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee with a term ending June 2017
4. Consideration of: Appointment of James Smith to the Planning Commission with a term ending June 2016

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

Unanimous voice vote for approval with Trustee Fisher absent

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

1. Discussion of: Cityhood Next Steps-Charter Commission Update

Ms. Nicholls provided a verbal update on the Charter Commission. The Commission will not meet again until January 8, 2014. They are working on the second article of the Charter – City Council. There was one Village resident in attendance at the last meeting.

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

1. Consideration of: Dexter Mill Next Steps

President Keough walked through the previous meeting and approval by Council for the plan on the Central Street project at the Dexter Mill. There are some issues with the approved plan and some additional alternatives and the reasoning for them were presented. The recommendation to Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment is to submit the design concept of the project work outside inside of the right of way as a placeholder and then work on the plan and the easements from the property owner over the next six months prior to construction.

Trustee Carson mentioned inviting Dan Burden, who does walking audits, to come and walk the property with the Village and the Mill owners. Trustee Cousins suggested looking back at Alternative 1 of the project which gives more of an open concept on the property and access going around the building.

**M. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

- Cousins Spoke of the big hockey weekend coming to Ann Arbor with the drop of a hockey puck on New Year’s Eve on Main Street. Arts , Culture & Heritage Commission has received a \$2000 grant from the Arts Alliance and Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. Happy New Year and Merry Christmas.
- Semifero Will be out of town on business for the Planning Commission meeting.
- Jones Looking forward to Christmas with the grand babies.
- Knight Merry Christmas
- Tell Requested that the Village get bids and move on the issue about the alarm system for the Fire Station before this becomes a MiOSHA issue.
- Carson Merry Christmas
- Fisher Absent

**N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION**

Joe Schultz of 1205 Baker Road, Dexter and Dexter Area Chamber of Commerce president thanked the Village for their contribution for this year’s luminaries and we should all be able to see the results tomorrow evening.

**O. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Carson; support Knight to adjourn at 8:49 PM

Unanimous voice vote for approval with Trustee Fisher absent

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Jones  
Clerk, Village of Dexter

Approved for Filing: January 13, 2014