

**DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2014**

**A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

D. Fisher

J. Semifero

P. Cousins

J. Knight-ab

R. Tell

Also present: Courtney Nicholls, Village Manager; Michelle Aniol, Community Development Manager; Carol Jones, Village Clerk; Dan Schlaff, Public Services Superintendent; Scott Maurer, Assistant Public Services Superintendent; residents and media.

**C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

1. Regular Council Meeting – September 22, 2014

Motion Fisher; support Tell to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 22, 2014 as presented.

Unanimous voice vote approval with Trustee Knight absent.

**D. PREARRANGED PARTICIPATION**

None

**E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion Tell; support Cousins to approve the agenda as presented.

Unanimous voice vote approval with Trustee Knight 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 with a note that the DDA meeting is October 16 not October 15.

## **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:

- Industrial Park was repaired by staff and the paving done by Barrett's.
- Huron Street –would have been done today but the asphalt plant closed at 2 pm so now it should be completed on Wednesday or Thursday.
- Road repairs – will be 3-4 weeks until done with crack repairs.
- Leaf Pickup – hope to have DPW out by Thursday and Friday to begin pickup.
- Sludge – things are working well and using half as much of the natural gas as before. Should make it until the middle of November before hauling sludge.
- Question regarding Huron Street and the Industrial Park and any problems with the traffic during the project. (Not much)
- Question regarding Ann Arbor Street and Central Street finishing and an area identified by the Bus Stop that needs looking at. (Preparing a punch list.)
- Question asked regarding the static level of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Well.

### 2. Community Development Manager – Michelle Aniol

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

- DDA Legislation – MSHDA and MML spoke at the Commerce Committee against the proposed DDA legislation and it appears that legislation will not go any further this year. They will be working toward a more comprehensive package next year.
- New restaurant coming on Main Street to replace the Coney Island.
- Met with Faith in Action as they have an interest in relocating to 7997 Grand Street. Presently the property does not allow for a warehouse or variance due to zoning.
- Question asked regarding the sale of the Mill Creek Sports property and what could happen if the new owners want to come into the Village. (Ms. Aniol, Webster and Scio Townships have had a meeting to discuss this possibility.)
- Comment regarding Horseshoe Park and DTE's response to the quit claim deed.

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

*Western Washtenaw Area Value Express Representative – Jim Carson*

- Included in the packet are the budget and ridership numbers for WAVE.
- WAVE has received a MDOT 5310 Grant. Dexter will be getting a new van.
- Will be adding another staff person – a dispatcher.
- They looked at fares and there will be some increases on the Dexter and Chelsea demand routes beginning January 1.
- The WAVE fleet consists of 10 vehicles and 17 employees.
- Dexter’s participation in WAVE was highlighted of the residents within walking distance of a fixed route service and of demand service routes.
- Question was asked about the variance in some rider numbers.
- Trustee Cousins thanked the WAVE for the buses and drivers for the Big 400 Tour.

### 4. Subcommittee Reports

*Facilities – Council Work Session scheduled for October 27, 2014 at 6 pm.*

*Road Plan*

- Much of the information for this meeting was covered under the Public Services Superintendent’s report.
- Working on the CIP for 2015 and looking at the island at the entry way to the Industrial Park and ways to alleviate traffic backup as a possible addition to the CIP.

### 5. Village Manager Report

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

- Received an award from the Michigan Fitness Foundation for promoting activity in the community.
- Mr. Droze will be finishing his stint with the Village with office hours this week and next.
- New Hire – the listing will go out tomorrow (October 14) with a slight change in responsibilities as an Assistant to the Village Manager.
- The Village will be receiving \$22,000 through Act 51 revenue.
- A Village employee is looking into early retirement through MERS.

### 6. President’s Report

Mr. Keough submits his report as per packet. Mr. Keough gave the following updates:

- Making a recommendation to fill the last Planning Commission seat with the appointment of Alison Heatley.
- Met with Scio Township and the Wellness Foundation on October 3.

## **J. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$552,235.20
2. Consideration of: Appointment of Alison Heatley to the Planning Commission with a term ending June 2015
3. Consideration of: Set Trick or Treat hours – Friday October 31, 2014 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

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

Unanimous voice vote approval with Trustee Knight absent.

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

1. Discussion of: Incorporation as a City Next Steps
  - Ms. Nicholls reported that the Charter will be printed in the Sun Times News on October 8 and again on October 15.
  - Trustee Carson distributed a flyer he will be using when he is going door to door to give residents information on the coming election.
  - President Keough mentioned upcoming meetings by the Keep Dexter a Village group on October 14 and October 26.

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

1. Consideration of: Planning Commission Recommendation to Approve the Area Plan Extension Request by Oxford Companies for Dexter Crossing Outlot

Motion Cousins; support Carson to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation for the Area Plan extension request by Oxford Companies for the Dexter Crossing Outlot.

Motion Semifero; support Fisher to postpone and send back to the Planning Commission to get specifics on the first condition, "The layout and design of green space adjacent to the ROW be consistent with the Busch's development across Dexter-Ann Arbor Road."

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

Nays: None

Absent: Knight

Motion carries

2. Consideration of: Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs Grant  
Request for the 2015 Paint Dexter Plein Air Festival

Motion Cousins; support Fisher to approve the Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs grant request for the 2015 Paint Dexter Plein Air Festival.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Knight

Motion carries

3. Consideration of: Award of Bid for Curb Work to GM & Sons in the amount  
of \$15,000

Motion Semifero; support Tell to award the bid for curb work to GM & sons in the amount of \$15,000.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Knight

Motion carries

4. Consideration of: Pipe Repair at the Dexter Crossing Lift Station for a cost  
not to exceed \$14,650

Motion Carson; support Tell to approve the pipe repair at the Dexter Crossing Lift Station for a cost not to exceed \$14,650.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Knight

Motion carries

## M. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Cousins	Thanked Ms. Fisher for her leadership and the planning of the Burning of the Mortgage at Gordon Hall on Sunday, October 12.
Fisher	None
Semifero	The Road Project at the Industrial Park was a tremendous project and the DPW took on a big part of it and did a great job.
Jones	Thank you again to Scott and the road crew for getting the Inverness Street intersection open for a funeral at St. Andrew's Church on the 11 <sup>th</sup> . I have tickets for St. Andrew's Annual Sauerkraut Supper. On October 10, the Big 400 hosted two tours of the east and west areas and the splendor of recreations areas and communities located within the Big 400.
Tell	In our packet was a piece from Fleis & VandenBrink on roads. It sounds as if they took this straight from Dexter's Road Plan.
Carson	None
Knight	None

**N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION**

None

**O. CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING PENDING LITIGATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH MCL 15.268**

Motion Fisher; support Carson to move into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation in accordance with MCL 15.268 at 9:08 PM.

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

Nays: None

Absent Knight

Motion carries

Motion Cousins; support Fisher to leave closed session at 9:50 PM.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Knight

Motion carries

**P. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Tell; support Carson to adjourn at 9:51 PM.

Unanimous voice vote approval with Trustee Knight absent.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Jones  
Clerk, Village of Dexter

Approved for Filing: October 27, 2014