

**MINUTES OF DIMONDALE VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**136 N. Bridge Street, Dimondale, MI 48821**  
September 9, 2024  
Danielle Tiedeman, Clerk

7:00 p.m. Meeting called to order by President Reznick  
Trustee Bower led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Present: Bowen, Bower, Campbell, Conarton, Haidamous, Reznick, Tardino  
Absent: none

Also Present: Danielle Tiedeman, Village Manager; Betsy Kelly, Recording Secretary.

**Approval of Agenda**

Reznick requested the following agenda amendment: add employee compensation issue under New Business. Motion by Campbell, second Bower, to approve the September 9, 2024 agenda as amended. Motion carried.

**Minutes**

Motion by Campbell, second Bowen, to approve the August 12, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer's report was filed with no corrections.

**Bills**

The bills were reviewed. Motion by Campbell, second Bower, to approve payment of \$50,670.82 in the General Fund, \$1,524.91 in the Major Street Fund, \$7,370.00 in the Local Street Fund and \$25.49 in the Farmers' Market Fund for September 9, 2024 bills and transfers. Motion carried.

**Open to the Public**

Deputy Holliday, ECSD, provided a report for August 2024.

Bill Fabijancic, Assistant Fire Chief WTES, provided a report for August 2024.

**Recommendations/Reports from Council Committees and Village Officers**

1. Reznick provided a report.
2. Tiedeman provided a report.
3. Bower reported on the August 22, 2024 Administration Committee meeting.

**Unfinished Business**

1. Reznick presented Ordinance 2024-3, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 662-Blight--by Expanding Definitions for Inoperable. Motion by Campbell, second Haidamous, to adopt the ordinance as presented. Motion carried.

**New Business**

1. Reznick presented a Special Event Application for Island Jam. Camron Gnass stated that the event will be the same as previous years. Motion by Campbell, second Bower, to approve the event. Motion carried.
2. Reznick presented the recommendation from the Arts Commission to appoint Mark Fike for a three-year term. Motion by Campbell, second Bowen, to approve the appointment. Motion carried.
3. Reznick introduced the recommendation from the Arts Commission to award the mural project to Dustin Hunt. Camron Gnass, Arts Commission Chairperson, spoke about the selection process, project funding and the potential for a community workshop with the artist. Dustin Hunt explained his process for development of the project including multiple visits to Dimondale and conversations with a few residents. Hunt stated that his vision was a child constructing a future based on the quaintness and elements of Dimondale culminating in a draft title of "A Place You Would Want to Raise Children". Discussion followed regarding voting process at the Arts Commission level, input from building owners, the relationship between the Village Council and Arts Commission, lack of community support for the proposal, Council's view that the work does not fit the feel of the Village, this product not being appreciated by the community and causing controversy and high visibility of the mural building wall. Motion by Conarton, second Tardino, to not accept the Arts Commission recommendation and to schedule a follow-up meeting to revisit the

process for future projects. Motion carried, Reznick opposed. Hunt and Gnass both expressed disappointment and frustration over the process and outcome.

4. Reznick presented a request for Local Government Approval for a Joint Off-Premises Tasting Room License for 140 N. Bridge Street. Conarton requested a voting abstention due to possible financial gain. Motion by Campbell, second Tardino, to approve the abstention. Motion carried. Motion by Campbell, second Bower, to approve the request as presented. Motion carried, Conarton abstained.

5. Reznick presented a budget amendment resolution. Motion by Campbell, second Haidamous, to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried. (Copy attached.)

6. Tiedeman reported on the recruitment for a new Public Works Supervisor noting that the candidate has been selected but they have made the request for an hourly rate above the top of the range for the position. Motion by Haidamous, second Campell, to offer the top of the range (31.90/hr.) to the candidate with the full disclosure regarding lack of future raises. Motion carried.

#### **Open to the Public**

Roger Rich spoke about the mural.

Pam Austin thanked the Council for the road work.

#### **Announcements, Communications, Meeting Schedule**

1. Committee meetings scheduled: Recreation, September 25, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Conarton noted that the gazebo dedication will be September 17, 2024 at 6:30 p.m., Meet the Candidates will be September 30, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, and Campers, Crafts and Cars was a successful event.

3. Haidamous reported on completion of the dry hydrant and final walk thru for the street projects this week.

Motion by Campbell, second Bower, to adjourn. Motion carried at 8:49 p.m.

