

MINUTES OF DIMONDALE VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
136 N. Bridge Street, Dimondale, MI 48821
HELD AT 162 N. BRIDGE STREET, DIMONDALE, MI 48821
November 8, 2021
James P. Gallagher, Clerk

7:00 p.m. Meeting called to order by President Reznick.

Trustee Tardino led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Ammarman, Bower, Campbell, Conarton, Reznick, Tardino, Toomey

Absent: none

Also Present: James Gallagher, Village Manager; Betsy Kelly, Recording Secretary.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Campbell, second Bower, to approve the November 8, 2021 agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Minutes

Motion by Bower, second Toomey, to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2021 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was filed with no corrections.

Bills

The bills were reviewed. Motion by Ammarman, second Campbell, to approve payment of \$63,316.05 in the General Fund; \$9,579.10 in the Major Street Fund; \$14,702.75 in the Local Street Fund and \$108.00 in the Farmers' Market Fund for November 8, 2021 bills and transfers. Motion carried.

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- Deputy Holliday, ECSD, provided a report for October 2021.
- Bill Fabijancic, Assistant Fire Chief WTES, provided a report for October 2021.
- Representative Witwer reported on excess CARES Act and ARPA funds at the state level and requested a list of projects that the Village would like to see funded noting that the public safety project will likely be prioritized. She also spoke about bills she has worked on and the Open Meetings Act with respect to electronic meeting attendance.

Recommendations/Reports from Council Committees and Village Officers

1. Reznick reported on a successful Halloween and Conarton explained her plan to decorate the bridge flower boxes for the holidays.
2. Gallagher provided a written report with the following additions: a budget amendment will be necessary for drain assessments; and census numbers decreased 8% which will impact revenues from the State. Campbell questioned the extension of leaf collection and suggested that a revised schedule be adopted to last later in the season. Council directed staff to extend leaf collection until December 1st or the first snowfall. Tardino questioned the proposed traffic control measures on Jefferson and Oak Streets due to school drop off and pick up congestion. Discussion followed regarding communication with Dimondale Elementary and Dr. Hornak; need to adjust traffic pattern to avoid potential accidents and allow Windsor Township EMS ingress and egress during the drop off and pick up times for school; a temporary traffic control measure; inviting the PTO to the conversation; importance of effective communication; and timeframe for implementation. Council agreed to send this to the Public Works Committee for plan development.
3. No Farmers' Market report was provided.
4. Conarton reported on the November 1, 2021 Communications Committee meeting.
5. Bower reported on the November 2, 2021 Administration Committee meeting.

Unfinished Business

1. No unfinished business was presented.

New Business

1. Reznick introduced a \$10,000.00 proposal from Landscape Architects and Planners for design and construction oversight of the gazebo at Danford Island Park. Motion by Conarton, second Campbell, to approve the contract as presented. Motion carried.
2. Gallagher presented the draft comments on the Windsor Township Master Plan for Council review. Discussion followed regarding additional categories without designation on the map and lack of Village of Dimondale representation in the document. The President and Trustees will forward language to Gallagher for submission to the Township by November 10, 2021.

3. Reznick presented a worksheet detailing park rental revenue versus overtime paid for cleaning for weekend rentals along with comparable rental rates for surrounding park pavilions. Council agreed that pavilion rental rates do not need to be raised at this time.

4. Reznick introduced Ordinance 2021-2, amendments to 1294.15, Permitted Yard Encroachments. Gallagher explained that the language is original to the 1972 codification and that updates were necessary because most of the Village has trouble with front yard setback requirements. Discussion followed regarding ability of residents to apply for a variance; additional specific history that led to this proposed amendment; and unintended consequences of changing ordinance language. Motion by Ammarman, second Conarton, to deny adoption of the ordinance as presented. Motion carried.

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No comments were received.

Announcements, Communications, Meeting Schedule

1. Committee meetings scheduled: Recreation Task Force, November 9th at 6:00 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church, 162 N. Bridge St.; and Public Works Committee, November 17th at 6:00 p.m.
2. Reznick suggested that the pump for the river for Windsor Township EMS be part of the list sent to Representative Witwer. Gallagher stated that he will compile the list. Reznick directed the Trustees to forward their suggestions to Gallagher for a list to be reviewed before submitted.

Motion by Ammarman, second Campbell, to adjourn. Motion carried at 8:26 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Gallagher".