

MINUTES OF DIMONDALE VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

136 N. Bridge Street, Dimondale, MI 48821

HELD AT 162 N. BRIDGE STREET, DIMONDALE, MI 48821

October 11, 2021

James P. Gallagher, Clerk

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

Trustee Campbell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Absent: none

Also Present: James Gallagher, Village Manager; Denise Parisian, Farmers' Market Master; Betsy Kelly, Recording Secretary.

Approval of Agenda

Reznick requested an agenda amendment to include a recommendation from the Recreation Committee to solicit a proposal from LAP for engineering and design of the gazebo. Motion by Toomey, second Bower, to approve the October 11, 2021 agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Minutes

Motion by Campbell, second Bower, to approve the minutes of the September 13, 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 Bower, second Ammarman, to approve payment of \$24,851.75 in the General Fund; \$2,561.31 in the Major Street Fund; \$185,105.78 in the Local Street Fund and \$615.00 in the Farmers' Market Fund for October 11, 2021 bills and transfers. Motion carried.

Open to the Public

- Deputy Holliday, ECSD, provided a report for September 2021.
- Bill Fabijancic, Assistant Fire Chief WTES, provided a report for September 2021.
- Roger Rich spoke regarding wearing masks at meetings, continued unacceptable condition of 109 W. Jefferson St., continued gap on bridge approaches, crack sealing, condition of landscaping at the Creyts Rd. lift station and general lack of maintenance Village wide.

Recommendations/Reports from Council Committees and Village Officers

1. Reznick noted that trick-or-treating will be on October 31, 2021 from 6-8 p.m.
2. Gallagher provided a written report and added that he is working with WTES on the school traffic issue and the park bathroom has gone out to bid. Gallagher requested permission to attend the Clerk's Academy November 30th thru December 2nd which includes tuition and overnight accommodations. Council requested Gallagher bring this back at the next meeting with information on the training provided.
3. Parisian reported on the Farmers' Market.
4. Tardino reported on the September 30, 2021 Recreation Committee meeting.
5. Conarton reported on the October 4, 2021 Management Committee meeting.

Unfinished Business

1. No unfinished business was presented.

New Business

1. Reznick introduced Covid-19 protocols for Village meetings and operations and made a motion, supported by Ammarman, to follow Barry-Eaton Health Department (BEHD) and CDC recommendations to protect the community by wearing masks in Council and committee meetings and in the Village Office, and practice other procedures to avoid the spread of Covid-19. Discussion followed regarding recommendation versus requirement, allowing residents to make their own choices, safety of those who wish to address the Council, impact of medical exemptions, responsibility to reduce the chance of communicability through wearing masks, lack of requirement at the Windsor Township and Eaton County Board levels, lack of case law to support requirement, retraction of BEHD mask mandate and potential violation of Open Meetings Act. Tardino stated that her views are not politically motivated. Reznick thanked the Trustees for their thoughtful and responsible commentary. Roll Call Vote: Yes: Ammarman, Bower, Campbell, Reznick, Toomey; No: Conarton, Tardino; Absent: none. Motion carried.
2. Gallagher requested direction for Code Enforcement regarding shipping containers on residential lots. Tardino suggested the issue be referred to the Administration Committee and Council concurred.

3. Reznick introduced a recommendation from the Management Committee to add a fulltime employee to the Public Works Department. Motion by Campbell, second Ammarman, to approve the recommendation as presented. Motion carried.
4. Reznick presented the Arts Commission vacancy with a recommendation to appoint Sarah Welsch for a term to expire June 2023. Motion by Campbell, second Toomey, to appoint Sarah Welsch to the Arts Commission as presented. Motion carried.
5. Reznick presented the Planning Commission vacancy and noted that Matt Webb, previous applicant, was interested in the appointment. Kelly noted that Webb currently serves on the Board of Appeals and that only one member is allowed to serve on both Boards and that is currently Denis Prisk. Webb agreed to resign from the Board of Appeals. Motion by Campbell, second Ammarman, to appoint Webb to the Planning Commission for a term to expire June 2022. Motion carried.
6. Reznick presented the MML Liability and Property Pool Board of Directors slate. Motion by Ammarman, second Campbell, to adopt the slate of three for three positions. Motion carried.
7. Reznick presented a recommendation from the Recreation Committee to solicit a proposal from LAP for engineering and design of the gazebo for up to \$10,000 for this fiscal year. Motion by Tardino, second Campbell, to approve the recommendation as presented. Motion carried. Gallagher noted that this will need a budget amendment.

Open to the Public

- Denis Prisk spoke about lack of follow-up on drainage issues after the recent road project on VanBuren, and inconsistencies on ordinance review.
- Roger Rich spoke about the Cherry Street Drain and other drainage issues around the Village.
- Lori Conarton requested permission to place a banner in the pocket park for the craft show and Council had no objections.

Announcements, Communications, Meeting Schedule

1. Committee meetings scheduled: Council Work Session for CIP, October 20th at 6:00 p.m.; Council Work Session for Strategic Planning, October 27th at 6:00 p.m.; Communications Committee, November 1st at 6:00 p.m., Administration Committee, November 2nd at 6:00 p.m.; and Recreation Task Force, November 9th at 6:00 p.m.
2. Parisian stated that volunteers will be needed to spread mulch at the rain gardens.

Motion by Ammarman, second Bower, to adjourn. Motion carried at 8:28 p.m.

J. O. Gallagher