

MINUTES OF DIMONDALE VILLAGE COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
136 N. Bridge Street, Dimondale, MI 48821
May 6, 2024
Betsy Kelly, Interim Manager

6:00 p.m. Special meeting called to order by President Reznick

Present: Bowen, Bower, Campbell, Conarton, Haidamous, Reznick, Tardino

Absent: none

Also present: Betsy Kelly, recording secretary.

President Reznick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reznick stated that the purpose of the meeting was to review the contents of applications for Village Manager, consider property acquisition and discuss the zoning compliance issue at 311 Tanbark Drive. Reznick moved the zoning compliance agenda item up for discussion.

Open to the Public

- Sam Czubak spoke about the negative impacts from the business use of residential property at 311 Tanbark Dr.
- Julie Manchester spoke about the negative impacts from the business use of residential property at 311 Tanbark Dr.
- Bob Sheap spoke about the negative impacts from the business use of residential property at 311 Tanbark Dr.
- Pam Austin spoke about the proper disposal of possible contaminants from the business use at 311 Tanbark Dr.
- Mike and Shelly Shaner spoke about the negative impacts from the business use of residential property at 311 Tanbark Dr.

Business

1. Reznick introduced the zoning violation for Trustee consideration. Discussion followed regarding contacting law enforcement for certain issues; violation of the Home Occupation Ordinance (1287); enforcement of the Blight Ordinance (662); process after May 10, 2024 deadline; communication with the Village Attorney; and no allowance for an extension for compliance. Reznick and staff will contact the Village Attorney for legal advice.
2. At 6:39 p.m. a motion was made by Bower, second Campbell, to enter closed session to review and consider the contents of applicants who have requested confidentiality as permitted under the Michigan Open Meetings Act MCL 15.268 Section 8(f) for the position of Dimondale Village Manager and to consider purchase or lease of real property as permitted under Section 15.268(d). Roll Call Vote: Yes: Bowen, Bower, Campbell, Conarton, Haidamous, Reznick, Tardino; No: none; Absent: none. Motion carried. Public session was reopened at 8:38 p.m. Motion by Bowen, second Bower, to offer public interviews on May 21, 2024 starting at 4:00 p.m. to candidates 13, 28, 29 and 30. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Bowen, second Haidamous, to create another proposal for the Presbyterian Church properties on Bridge Street. Motion carried with Bower, Campbell and Conarton opposed.
4. Conarton proposed a transition plan for the Village Office to appoint an Interim Manager and bring in additional office help. Discussion followed regarding appointing Betsy Kelly as Interim Manager and adding as a bank signatory, rehiring Denise Parisian and developing a plan

for Code Enforcement. Motion by Campbell, second Bower, to appoint Kelly as Interim Manager and add as a bank signatory, at a rate equal to the Manager Contract call back amount while she functions in the roll, and to rehire Denise Parisian at the current rate for Kelly, up to five days per week, until the new manager is trained. Motion carried.

5. Reznick stated that the preconstruction meeting for the dry hydrant will be May 8, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Motion by Bowen, second Campbell, to adjourn. Motion carried at 9:13 p.m.

Betsy Kelly