

MINUTES OF DIMONDALE VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

136 N. Bridge Street, Dimondale, MI 48821

March 11, 2024

Denis S. Prisk Jr., Clerk

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

Trustee Bowen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also Present: Denis Prisk Jr., Village Manager; Betsy Kelly, Recording Secretary.

Approval of Agenda

Reznick and Prisk requested the following agenda amendments: remove Public Works Committee recommendation under Old Business and add quit claim deed for Dimondale Elementary under New Business. Motion by Campbell, second Bower, to approve the March 11, 2024 agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Minutes

Motion by Campbell, second Haidamous, to approve the February 12, 2024 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was filed with no corrections.

Bills

The bills were reviewed. Motion by Bower, second Bowen, to approve payment of \$42,329.52 in the General Fund, \$2,053.09 in the Major Street Fund, and \$1,007.25 in the Local Street Fund February 29, 2024 bills and transfers. Motion carried.

Open to the Public

Officer Holliday, ECSD, provided a report for February 2024.

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

Roger Rich spoke about the Village Manager resignation, Danford Island restroom financing and construction and budget transfers.

Recommendations/Reports from Council Committees and Village Officers

1. Reznick spoke about the Manager's resignation and the 2024 election cycle.
2. Prisk provided written report.

Unfinished Business

1. No unfinished business was presented.

New Business

1. Prisk presented a recommendation to approve a lot split between 678 Creyts Rd and 340 Tanbark Dr. noting that all conditions have been met. Motion by Bower, second Campbell, to approve the lot split as presented. Motion carried.
2. Reznick presented the Meetings Proceedings Resolution. Motion by Campbell, second Conarton, to approve the resolution. Motion carried. (Copy attached.)
3. Prisk presented an amendment to the Village Council Rules of Procedure. Motion by Campbell, second Bowen, to adopt the Rules of Procedure as amended. Motion carried.
4. Reznick introduced the Special Event Request to hold the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 27, 2024. Conarton explained that the event remains the same as previous years and that insurance will be provided by the Lion's Club. Motion by Campbell, second Tardino, to approve the request contingent upon receipt of insurance. Motion carried.
5. Prisk presented a request from the Arts Commission to hold the Speggtacular event again this year and offer use of the Village Hall for the decorating portion. Motion by Campbell, second Tardino, to approve the event contingent upon receipt of the application. Motion carried.
6. Reznick introduced the Annual Car Show for member consideration. Discussion followed regarding lack of event application, acknowledgment of previous briefing by Denise Parisian, increased car show

committee meetings, and increased communication with EMS, 911, and MSP. Motion by Campbell, second Bower, to table the Car Show until the April 8, 2024 meeting. Motion carried.

7. Prisk presented the Small-Town Enhancement grant opportunity to help fund the proposed mural. Motion by Campbell, second Bowen, to apply for the grant. Motion carried.

8. Prisk stated that the term has expired for the Board of Appeals alternate. Campbell volunteered to fill the position. Motion by Tardino, second Haidamous, to approve the appointment for a three-year term to expire in March 2027. Motion carried.

9. Reznick presented the State of Michigan Grant acceptance. Discussion followed regarding accepting the grant. Motion by Campbell, second Bower, to accept the grant. Motion carried.

10. Prisk presented a Quit Claim Deed drafted by the Village Attorney for the vacation of Oak Street to Dimondale Elementary. Motion by Campbell, second Bowen. To approve the deed. Motion carried.

11. Reznick explained the terms of the Manager's resignation. Motion by Bower, second Campbell, to accept the resignation. Reznick presented a contract between the Village of Dimondale and Frank Walsh to seek a new Village Manager. Discussion followed regarding value of the contract, seeing all resumes, Village conducted search and proposed modifications to the contract. Motion by Campbell, second Tardino, to table the issue until a meeting can be scheduled with Walsh. Motion carried.

12. At 8:12 p.m. a motion was made by Campbell, seconded by Bower, to go into closed session under section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act, to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute. Roll Call Vote: Yes: Bowen, Bower, Campbell, Conarton, Haidamous, Reznick, Tardino; No: none; Absent: none. Motion carried. The regular meeting was reopened at 8:28 p.m.

13. Motion by Campbell, second Bowen, to accept the attorney recommendation regarding the lawsuit settlement. Motion carried.

Open to the Public

Before entering Closed Session, Reznick called for public comments and none were received.

Announcements, Communications, Meeting Schedule

1. Before going into Closed Session the following Committee Meetings were scheduled: Public Works, March 15, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

Motion by Campbell, second Bower, to adjourn. Motion carried at 8:29 p.m.