

## MINUTES OF DIMONDALE VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

136 N. Bridge Street, Dimondale, MI 48821

November 14, 2022

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 Bower, second Tardino, to approve the November 14, 2022 agenda. Motion carried.

### **Minutes**

Motion by Conarton, second Toomey, to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2022 regular meeting. Motion carried. Motion by Ammarman, second Bower, to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2022 special meeting and closed session. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer's report was filed with no corrections.

### **Bills**

The bills were reviewed. Motion by Bower, second Campbell, to approve payment of \$85,799.84 in the General Fund; \$3,112.79 in the Major Street Fund; \$4,793.30 in the Local Street Fund; and \$1,077.25 in the Farmers' Market Fund for November 14, 2022 bills and transfers. Motion carried.

### **Open to the Public**

Deputy Holliday, ECSD, provided a report for October 2022.

Assistant Chief Bill Fabijancic, WTES, provided a report for October 2022.

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

1. Reznick reported on the elections results and congratulated Ammarman on his seventeen years of service. He also thanked Campbell for his service and offered congratulations to Toomey on his new County Commissioner seat. Reznick also thanked Gallagher for his time spent at the Village.
2. Gallagher reported on the following: completion of draft budget, office transition, DNR grant extension, and communications to all contractors and consultants about the change in management.
3. Conarton reported on the October 12, 2022 Management Committee meeting.
4. Tardino reported on the October 19, 2022 Recreation Committee meeting.
5. Bower reported on the October 27, 2022 Administration Committee meeting.
6. Reznick reported on the November 7, 2022 Council Work Session

### **Unfinished Business**

1. None.

### **New Business**

1. Reznick introduced a recommendation from the Recreation Committee to host the holiday light pole decorating contest. Motion by Bower, second Campbell, to support the recommendation. Motion carried.
2. Reznick presented language for the plaque commemorating "A River Runs Through Us". Motion by Campbell, second Toomey, to approve the language. Motion carried.
3. Reznick presented the request for MML membership and support of the legal defense fund. Motion by Toomey, second Tardino, to renew the membership without the legal defense fund. Motion carried.
4. Reznick introduced the continuing services agreement for Gallagher in case he needs to return to provide assistance to the organization during the transition and suggested that the same rate (\$40/hour) apply to Parisian if she is needed. Reznick also proposed that Kelly function as acting manager if the new manager is unable to take over before Gallagher leaves. Motion by Campbell, second Ammarman, to accept the continuing services agreement for Gallagher. Motion carried. Motion by Campbell, second Bower, approve paying Denise Parisian the same as Gallagher on an as needed basis. Motion carried. Motion by Campbell, second Tardino, to appoint Kelly as acting Manager as discussed with a possible bonus yet to be determined. Motion carried.
5. Tardino provided information on the proposed Ram Trail extension to Dimondale noting that this amenity to the residents will connect the Dimondale Elementary with a four mile paved trail to the Holt High School. She explained that the task force is looking for support from the Village Council for the conceptual design and to

appoint an official to represent the Village at future meetings. Motion by Toomey, second Bower, to appoint Tardino as the Council representative and endorse the feasibility study in concept. Motion carried.

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Roger Rich spoke about local street funding.

**Announcements, Communications, Meeting Schedule**

1. Conarton stated that donations are needed for elementary school children for food during the Thanksgiving break. Reznick noted that the local food bank is in need of volunteers.
2. Committee meetings scheduled: Administration, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. and Management, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Ammarman, second Bower, to adjourn. Motion carried at 8:12 p.m.

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