

## MINUTES OF DIMONDALE VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

136 N. Bridge Street, Dimondale, MI 48821

September 13, 2021

James P. Gallagher, Clerk

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

Trustee Conarton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Present: Bower, Campbell, Conarton, Reznick, Toomey

Absent: Ammarman, Tardino

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

Reznick explained that Tardino would like her absence noted due to the requirement to wear a mask.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Campbell, second Toomey, to approve the September 13, 2021 agenda as presented. Motion carried.

### **Minutes**

Motion by Toomey, second Bower, to approve the minutes of the August 9, 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 Campbell, to approve payment of \$48,088.47 in the General Fund; \$24,626.36 in the Major Street Fund; and \$86.25 in the Farmers' Market Fund for September 13, 2021 bills and transfers. Motion carried.

### **Open to the Public**

- Deputy Holliday, ECSD, provided a report for August 2021.
- Bill Fabijancic, Assistant Fire Chief WTES, provided a report for August 2021.
- Roger Rich spoke regarding the unacceptable condition of 109 W. Jefferson St., gap on bridge approaches, lack of crack sealing, and the sink hole in his yard. Reznick directed Gallagher and the DPW to work with Rich on the sink hole.
- Les Grable spoke regarding 120 N. Bridge St. ownership and fixing the sidewalk at 116 N. Bridge St. Grable withdrew his permission for the Village to use any portion of the lot at 120 N. Bridge St. and reclaimed the property due to recent interactions with the Village Manager.
- Penny McLaughlin spoke about private property issues, surveying and possible permission for music in Lions Park in 2022.
- Brandon Frost spoke regarding a request he started making two years ago, and continues to make, for markings for the alley to prevent parking that blocks access; Village's late season decision to not seal sidewalks downtown; and negative impact of continuing to defer maintenance on Village infrastructure.
- Blade Grable spoke regarding incorrect information from the Village Manager regarding sidewalk repairs at 116 N. Bridge St. and the related water problems on his property that have subsequently ceased since his repair to the Village sidewalk.

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

1. Reznick reported on the Eaton County Broadband survey, Ram Trail extension, budget, CIP and Strategic Plan meetings and consideration of a second full time DPW employee. Reznick also requested Trustees review of the Windsor Township Land Use Plan with comments submitted to Gallagher.
2. Gallagher provided a written report and stated that a DPW meeting should be scheduled for the school traffic issue.
3. Parisian reported on the Farmers' Market.
4. Campbell reported on the August 30, 2021 RTF meeting and presented a recommendation to approve a memorial bench change of location in Danford Island Park. Motion by Toomey, second Bower, to approve the location of the bench. Motion carried.

### **Unfinished Business**

1. No unfinished business was presented.

### **New Business**

1. Reznick introduced the Annual Exemption resolution established in PA 152 of 2011 for member consideration. Motion by Campbell, second Bower, to adopt the resolution as presented. Conarton provided a clerical correction. Campbell and Bower accepted the correction. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Reznick presented the draft Fixed Asset Policy. Gallagher explained that this policy establishes a \$5,000.00 threshold for capital assets and the useful lives. He also noted that the auditor has reviewed and approved the document. Motion by Campbell, second Toomey, to table the policy. Motion carried. Campbell will work with Gallagher on the draft revisions.
3. Reznick introduced the Consumers' Energy Gas Franchise Ordinance. Motion by Campbell, second Conarton, to approve the ordinance as presented. Motion carried.

### **Open to the Public**

- Roger Rich stated that residents who are making reinvestments in the community should never have to come back twice for help.
- Penny McLaughlin offered a compliment on the light pole flower baskets.
- Denise Parisian commented on the work at 109 W. Jefferson St.

### **Announcements, Communications, Meeting Schedule**

1. Committee meetings scheduled: Management Committee, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.; Council Work Session for CIP, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.; Council Work Session for Strategic Planning, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. and Communications Committee, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. In lieu of scheduling a Public Works Committee meeting, the group directed Gallagher to meet with school representatives and WTES for resolution on the traffic issue at Dimondale Elementary and to have the two alley curbs on Bridge Street and one on Washington Street marked for no parking.

Motion by Campbell, second Bower, to adjourn. Motion carried at 8:34 p.m.

