

**MINUTES OF DIMONDALE VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**136 N. Bridge Street, Dimondale, MI 48821**  
**HELD AT 162 N. BRIDGE STREET, DIMONDALE, MI 48821**  
December 13, 2021  
James P. Gallagher, Clerk

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

Trustee Bower 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**

Reznick requested the following agenda amendments: under New Business add MML Legal Defense Fund Consideration and 2022 car show request. Motion by Campbell, second Bower, to approve the December 13, 2021 agenda as amended. Motion carried.

**Minutes**

Motion by Bower, second Toomey, to approve the minutes of the November 8, 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 Ammarman, second Campbell, to approve payment of \$43,082.77 in the General Fund; \$1,107.99 in the Major Street Fund; \$151.07 in the Local Street Fund and \$457.00 in the Farmers' Market Fund for December 13, 2021 bills and transfers. Motion carried.

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- Deputy Holliday, ECSD, provided a report for November 2021.
- Bill Fabijancic, Assistant Fire Chief WTES, provided a report for November 2021.

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

1. Reznick reported on Ram Trail extension discussions and the attorney's opinion that the current sign ordinance is unenforceable. Reznick suggested sending the ordinance to the Planning Commission and the Trustees concurred.
2. Gallagher provided a written report with the following additions three applications have been received for the DPW position and there will be budget amendments for the January meeting.
3. Parisian reported on the 2021 Farmers' Market season.
4. Tardino reported on the November 9, 2021 RTF meeting.
5. Ammarman reported on the November 17, 2021 Public Works Committee meeting.
6. Camron Gnass, Arts Commission Chairperson, reported on submissions for the first public art installation project noting that in addition to the current funded award, an anonymous donor has come forward to offer a \$5,000 match for the fish concept art work presented by Richard Tanner if the Village will supply the remaining \$3,500. Gnass also requested a budget for FY 2022-23 of \$10,000 to \$15,000 to use as matching funds to create momentum for additional donations for a downtown mural project.

**Unfinished Business**

1. No unfinished business was presented.

**New Business**

1. Reznick introduced the annual appointment of the President Pro-Tempore noting that Conarton is interested in reappointment to the position. Motion by Campbell, second Bower, to appoint Conarton as President Pro-Tempore. Motion carried.
2. Gallagher presented the annual Cafeteria Plan adoption. Motion by Campbell, second Toomey, to adopt the plan as presented. Motion carried.
3. Reznick presented a recommendation from the Recreation Task Force to place a memorial bench on the north end of Danford Island Park next to the mill race. Motion by Conarton, second Tardino, to approve the recommendation. Motion carried.
4. Reznick introduced the recommendation from the Arts Commission to award the public art contract to Ivan Iler. Motion by Ammarman, second Toomey, to approve the recommendation as presented. Motion carried.
5. Reznick presented the request from Camron Gnass to approve an additional \$3,500 to match a

- private donation of \$5,000 to fund the second public art sculpture in Danford Island Park. Motion by Bower, second Ammarman, to approve the expenditure as presented. Motion carried.
6. Reznick introduced a request to approve the contract with Quality Precast Inc for the bathroom at Danford Island Park. Motion by Ammarman, second Bower, to approve the contract as presented. Motion carried.
7. Reznick presented a request to authorize the Village Manager to act as signatory for future contracts related to the bathroom grant project. Motion by Campbell, second Bower, to approve the request as presented. Motion carried.
8. Gallagher presented a revised paid time off policy for member consideration. Motion Conarton, second Toomey, to send the matter to the Management Committee. Motion carried.
9. Reznick presented the proposal from RS Engineering for a traffic study on Oak and Jefferson Streets in an effort to address the current impact of school traffic on the emergency services department. Motion by Ammarman, second Campbell, to approve the cost for the traffic study as presented. Motion carried.
10. Parisian requested permission to hold a car show on June 17, 2022 noting that the event will be the same as previous years. Motion by Toomey, second Ammarman, to approve the request. Motion carried.
11. Reznick introduced the MML Legal Defense Fund request for member consideration. Motion by Bower, second Tardino, to not fund the Legal Defense Fund. Motion carried.
12. At 8:07 p.m. a motion was made by Conarton and seconded by Campbell, to go into closed session to review the Manager's contract. Motion carried unanimously. The regular meeting was reopened at 9:30 p.m. Motion by Campbell, second Bower, to begin monthly meetings between the Village Council and Village Manager to discuss issues within the Village. Motion carried unanimously.

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No comments were received.

**Announcements, Communications, Meeting Schedule**

1. Committee meetings scheduled: Council Work Sessions: January 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. and Recreation Task Force, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Ammarman, second Bower, to adjourn. Motion carried at 9:36 p.m.

