

MINUTES OF DIMONDALE VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

136 N. Bridge Street, Dimondale, MI 48821

December 11, 2023

Denis S. Prisk Jr., Clerk

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

Trustee Conarton 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 requested the following agenda amendment: allow a report from Assistant Fire Chief before approval of the minutes. Motion by Bower, second Campbell, to approve the December 11, 2023 agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Open to the Public

Assistant Fire Chief Bill Fabijancic Jr., WTES, provided a report for November 2023.

Minutes

Motion by Bower, second Bowen, to approve the November 13, 2023 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting minutes. Motion carried. Motion by Bower, second Haidamous, to approve the November 16, 2023 Special Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was filed with no corrections.

Bills

The bills were reviewed. Motion by Campbell, second Bowen, to approve payment of \$55,587.00 in the General Fund, \$31.15 in the Major Street Fund, \$23.00 in the Local Street Fund and \$70.00 in the Farmers' Market Fund for December 11, 2023 bills and transfers. Motion carried.

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Pam Austin questioned the status of the drainage and road issues at Bridge and Jefferson Streets.

Recommendations/Reports from Council Committees and Village Officers

1. Reznick thanked the group for their hard work in 2023, wished everyone happy holidays, reminded members of the upcoming Lions fruit basket event and reported on a successful Old News Boys campaign.
2. Prisk provided written report.

Unfinished Business

1. No unfinished business was presented.

New Business

1. Motion by Reznick, second Campbell, to appoint Conarton President Pro-Tempore. Motion carried.
2. Reznick introduced the Cafeteria Plan Resolution. Motion by Campbell, second Bower, to adopt the resolution. Motion carried.
3. Prisk provided background on the Special Use Permit (SUP) at 109 W. Jefferson Street noting that the property has not achieved compliance set for December 31, 2023 and that Troy Dean, property owner, was in attendance to answer questions. Discussion followed regarding extension of the compliance date and revocation of the SUP. Dean explained that the foundation has taken longer to stabilize causing delays in the exterior building improvements. He noted that he is still moving forward but at a much slower pace than anticipated due to labor shortage and high material costs. Reznick questioned the time frame needed to comply with the SUP and Dean stated that by the end of 2024 the outside work should be done. Prisk recommended extending the SUP until December 31, 2024. Motion by Bower, second Bowen, to approve the extension. Tardino questioned progress on the interior work and Campbell suggested a June 2024 deadline for compliance to keep the project moving. Discussion followed regarding an abbreviated deadline and possible updates to the Village Council on a regular basis to achieve compliance. Roll Call Vote: Yes: Bowen, Bower, Reznick; No: Campbell, Conarton, Haidamous, Tardino; Absent: none.

Motion failed. Motion by Campbell, second Tardino, to extend the SUP compliance date to July 7, 2024 with an update due at the July 8, 2024 Village Council meeting if not achieved. Motion carried.

4. At 7:50 p.m. a motion was made by Campbell, seconded by Tardino, to go into closed session under section 8(d) of the Open Meetings Act, to consider the purchase or lease of real property. Roll Call Vote: Yes: Bowen, Bower, Campbell, Conarton, Haidamous, Reznick, Tardino; No: none; Absent: none. Motion carried. The regular meeting was reopened at 8:32 p.m.

5. Motion by Tardino, second Campbell, to approve the November 6, 2023, November 13, 2023 and November 16, 2023 Closed Session minutes. Motion carried.

6. Motion by Campbell, second Bower, to direct Prisk to apply for the grant/appropriation funds by the January 15, 2024 deadline. Motion carried.

7. Motion by Campbell, second Tardino, to delegate authority to Reznick and Prisk to continue acquisition discussions by presenting the existing offer to the Presbytery with an explanation of the rationale. Motion carried.

Open to the Public

Before entering Closed Session, the following comments were received:

Pam Austin spoke the condition of 109 W. Jefferson St. and time frame for compliance.

Roger Rich spoke about 109 W. Jefferson St.

Announcements, Communications, Meeting Schedule

1. Before going into Closed Session the following Committee meetings were scheduled: Management, December 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. and Public Works, December 19, 2023 at 5:45 p.m.

2. Bowen spoke about the Old News Boys shoe voucher campaign. Campbell provided an update on the Dimondale Elementary School construction project.

Motion by Bower, second Campbell, to adjourn. Motion carried at 8:42 p.m.

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