

MINUTES OF DIMONDALE VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
136 N. Bridge Street, Dimondale, MI 48821
May 13, 2024
Betsy Kelly, Interim Manager

7:00 p.m. Meeting called to order by President Reznick
Trustee Tardino led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Bower, Campbell, Conarton, Haidamous, Reznick, Tardino
Absent: Bowen

Also Present: Betsy Kelly, Interim Manager; Denise Parisian, Administrative Assistant.

Approval of Agenda

Reznick requested the following agenda amendment: add acquisition of playground equipment under New Business. Motion by Campbell, second Bower, to approve the May 13, 2024 agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Minutes

Motion by Conarton, second Haidamous, to approve the April 8, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes. Motion carried. Motion by Bower, second Tardino, to approve the May 6, 2024 Special Meeting and Closed Session minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The April 2024 amended Treasurer's Report was accepted.

The treasurer's report was filed with no corrections.

Bills

The bills were reviewed. Motion by Campbell, second Bower, to approve payment of \$43,364.71 in the General Fund, \$3,789.69 in the Major Street Fund, and \$4,650.51 in the Local Street Fund for May 13, 2024 bills and transfers. Motion carried.

Open to the Public

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

Jacob Toomey, Eaton County Commissioner, provided a report.

Recommendations/Reports from Council Committees and Village Officers

1. Reznick provided a report.
2. Kelly provided a report.

Unfinished Business

1. Reznick reported on the Code Enforcement issue at 311 Tanbark Drive noting that a conversation with the Village Attorney confirmed that the correct steps are being followed and the objective is compliance. The Village Office will follow up this week with a communication to the property owners.

New Business

1. Reznick presented the request to remove Denis S. Prisk as a signatory on Village accounts. Motion by Campbell, second Bower, to remove Prisk. Motion carried.
2. Reznick presented the Local Street bid award. Motion by Haidamous, second Bower, to approve the contract with Tomco Asphalt for \$319,857.75. Motion carried.
3. Reznick presented the Editing and Inclusion Ordinance. Motion by Conarton, second Campbell, to adopt Ordinance 2024-2. Motion carried. (Copy attached.)
4. Reznick presented the Administrative Policy and Procedural amendment. Motion by Campbell, second Tardino, to amend the policy as presented.
5. Reznick presented a resolution to appoint a Street Administrator. Motion by Campbell, second Tardino, to appoint Keri Haidamous as Street Administrator. Motion carried. (Copy attached.)
6. Reznick introduced the Interim Manager wage recommendation. Discussion followed on reasoning for decision and no change was made.
7. Reznick introduced the Category B Resolution for Street Funds. Discussion followed regarding expenditures for current Local Street work and lack of documentation on next Local Street project. No action was taken on the issue.

8. Reznick presented a budget amendment for contract services connected with hiring a new Manager. Motion by Campbell, second Tardino, to approve the resolution. Motion carried. (Copy attached.)
9. Reznick explained that a request for ADA accommodation has been received regarding increasing the audio at Council meetings. Conarton volunteered to research microphones and speakers. Motion by Campbell, second Haidamous, to research ADA audio equipment options. Motion carried.
10. Reznick introduced the Campers, Cars and Crafts Special Event. Conarton provided a recap of the event and noted the similarities to previous years. Motion by Campbell, second Bower, to approve the event contingent upon receipt of insurance. Motion carried.
11. Reznick presented a proposal from the Dimondale Elementary School to acquire the caterpillar playground equipment for Lions Park. Discussion followed regarding maintenance needs, placement, storage, time frame, how to move the structure, assurance that it meets current safety standards and insurability. Motion by Campbell, second Haidamous, to explore moving the caterpillar from the school to Lions Park. Motion carried.

Before going into Closed Session, Reznick offered an opportunity for public comment.

Open to the Public

Roger Rich spoke favorably about the consideration for ADA equipment and paving of Quincy St. and expressed support over a "no" vote on the church acquisition.

12. At 8:11 p.m. a motion was made by Bower and seconded by Tardino, to go into closed session under Section 8(d) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss the purchase or lease of real property. Roll Call Vote: Yes: Bower, Campbell, Conarton, Haidamous, Reznick, Tardino; No: none; Absent: Bowen. Motion carried. The meeting was reopened at 9:03 p.m.

13. Motion by Reznick, second Haidamous, to send the proposal to the Presbytery. Yes: Haidamous, Reznick; No: Bower, Campbell, Conarton, Tardino; Absent: Bowen. Motion failed. Discussion followed regarding researching other properties and creating a better plan for acquisition that includes identifying viable revenue streams.

Announcements, Communications, Meeting Schedule

1. Reznick reminded members about the Special Meeting on May 21, 2024.
2. Campbell spoke about trends.
3. Conarton stated that flowers for the baskets will be delivered this week and planted by the DPW.
2. No committee meetings were scheduled.

Motion by Campbell, second Tardino, to adjourn. Motion carried at 9:24 p.m.

