

MINUTES OF DIMONDALE VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

136 N. Bridge Street, Dimondale, MI 48821

July 10, 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, Village Manager; Betsy Kelly, Recording Secretary.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Bower, second Tardino, to approve the July 10, 2023 agenda. Motion carried.

Minutes

Motion by Bowen, second Bower, to approve the June 12, 2023 regular meeting minutes. 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 \$107,679.81 in the General Fund and \$105.63 in the Major Street Fund for July 10, 2023 bills and transfers. Motion carried.

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Deputy Holliday, ECSD, provided a report for June 2023.

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

Recommendations/Reports from Council Committees and Village Officers

1. Reznick provided a report.
2. Prisk provided a report.
3. Reznick reported on the June 14, 2023 Recreation Committee meeting.
4. Haidamous reported on the June 28, 2023 Public Works meeting.

Unfinished Business

1. No unfinished business was presented.

New Business

1. Reznick presented a Special Event application from the Arts Commission to hold Island Jam 2023 in Danford Island Park on September 13, 2023 from 6-8 p.m. Prisk noted that construction of the gazebo may cause relocation of the stage. Motion by Campbell, second Bowen, to approve the application with the addendum that the stage be relocated. Motion carried.
2. Reznick introduced the subject of property acquisition for review. Prisk explained that an appraisal by a Village retained professional will be performed in the next three weeks. Reznick noted that church elders would like to schedule a walk thru with Village representatives. Reznick suggested formation of a committee, to disband no later than October 1, 2024, comprised of Bowen, Haidamous and Tardino to evaluate the following: feasibility of acquiring the property without putting the Village at risk, estimation of necessary renovations, logistics of operating a community center and a recommended offer should investigation reveal that course. Discussion followed regarding transparency during the process, responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars, and long-term financial plan for maintenance of acquired property and programs. Motion by Campbell, second Tardino, to form the committee as presented. Prisk requested a roll call vote: Yes: Bowen, Bower, Campbell, Conarton, Haidamous, Reznick, Tardino; No: none. Motion carried.
3. Prisk explained that a term has expired for a member of the Planning Commission and noted that Haidamous is interested in appointment as the ex-officio member. Motion by Campbell, second Tardino, to appoint Haidamous to the Planning Commission for a three-year term. Motion carried.

4. Prisk stated that terms for three Sewer Board members have expired and noted that Ralph Reznick, Josh Roesner and Jacob Iverson are interested in appointment to the Board. Motion by Campbell, second Bower, to appoint Reznick, Roesner and Iverson to the Sewer Board for terms to expire in 2025. Motion carried.
5. Prisk presented the MML Workers' Compensation Fund ballot. Motion by Tardino, second Campbell, to elect the slate as presented. Motion carried.
6. Reznick presented Schedule #35 from the State of Michigan for records retention. Motion by Bowen, second Bower, to adopt the Schedule as presented. Motion carried.
7. Reznick presented a recommendation from the Public Works Committee to approve funds for electricity for the gazebo on Danford Island. Motion by Campbell, second Tardino, to approve up to \$20,000 for electricity to the gazebo on Danford Island. Motion carried.
8. Reznick presented a recommendation from the Recreation Committee to postpone the art exchange box until next year. Motion by Campbell, second Bower, to approve the recommendation. Discussion followed regarding establishing a process for the Arts Commission, adhering to the ordinance and completing already assigned projects. Tardino offered a friendly amendment to the motion to postpone the art exchange box until a specific process has been established for tasking the Arts Commission. Campbell and Bower accepted the amendment. Motion carried.
9. Reznick presented a recommendation from the Recreation Committee to accept the Methodist Church bell donation. Discussion followed regarding placement. Motion by Bowen, second Tardino, to accept placement of the bell in Lions Park at no cost to the Village. Motion carried.
10. Prisk explained that a new grant opportunity is available through Eaton County for parks and suggested applying for funds to construct accessible paths as proposed by Laux Construction for the gazebo project. Motion by Campbell, second Haidamous, to apply for the grant through Eaton for the paths on the island. Motion carried.

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No comments were received.

Announcements, Communications, Meeting Schedule

No announcements were made, no meetings scheduled.

Motion by Campbell, second Bowen, to adjourn. Motion carried at 8:26 p.m.

