

**MINUTES OF DIMONDALE VILLAGE COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING
136 N. Bridge Street, Dimondale, MI 48821**

February 9, 2026
Danielle Tiedeman, Clerk

7:00 p.m. Trustee J. Bowen led the Pledge of Allegiance. Public Hearing called to order by President Reznick. Tiedeman provided an overview of the proposed 2026-27 Budget.

- Rebecca Bowers, Village resident, spoke about negative impacts of a tax increase and asked questions regarding benefits, wages and fiscal planning process.
- Haley spoke about negative impact of tax increases.

Reznick explained that no millage increase is proposed with this budget. With no additional comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:10 p.m.

7:10 p.m. Regular Meeting called to order by President Reznick

Roll Call: Present: J. Bowen, M. Bowen, Campbell, Conarton, Haidamous, Reznick, Tardino
Absent: none

Also Present: Danielle Tiedeman, Village Manager; Betsy Kelly, Recording Secretary.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Campbell, second Haidamous, to approve the February 9, 2026 agenda. Motion carried.

Minutes

Motion by Conarton, second J. Bowen, to approve the January 12, 2026 Regular Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The January 31, 2026 treasurer's report was filed with no corrections.

Bills

The bills were reviewed. Motion by Campbell, second M. Bowen, to approve payment of \$73,879.74 in the General Fund, \$7,138.83 in the Major Street Fund, and \$9,054.10 in the Local Street Fund for January 31, 2026 bills and transfers. Motion carried.

Open to the Public

Assistant Chief Fabijancic, WTES, provided a report.

Chad Rogers, Dimes Brewhouse, spoke about the proposed sign ordinance amendments and impacts on his business.

Roger Rich, Village resident, spoke about large snow berms on downtown streets and impact on ingress and egress to businesses.

Lorraine Emery, Village resident, requested a copy of the proposed sign ordinance amendments and expressed concern over potential for suppression of free speech in regulating political signs.

Recommendations/Reports from Council Committees and Village Officers

1. Tiedeman provided a report.
2. Tardino reported on the January 21, 2026 Management meeting.
3. M. Bowen reported on the January 29, 2026 Property Acquisition meeting.
4. Conarton reported on the February 3, 2026 Administration meeting.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business was presented.

New Business

1. Tiedeman presented a Budget Amendment Resolution. Motion by Campbell, second J. Bowen, to approve the resolution. Motion carried. (Copy attached.)
2. Reznick introduced the 2026-2027 Appropriations Act for member consideration. Motion by Tardino, second M. Bowen, to approve the resolution. Campbell questioned the amount of clerical overlap during the transition. Motion carried. (Copy attached.)
3. Reznick presented a Resolution to Approve Farmers' Market Activities. Motion by Campbell, second Conarton, to approve the resolution. Motion carried. (Copy attached.)

4. Tiedeman explained that terms will expire for three Board of Appeals members in March 2026 noting that none have asked to be removed. Motion by M. Bowen, second Tardino, to reappoint Jeff Cwiek, Brandon Frost and Stephanie Reed to the Board of Appeals for terms to expire in March 2029. Motion carried.
5. Reznick introduced Ordinance 2026-1, An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 420.02, Traffic Code, to Prohibit Parking on Walnut Street During School Hours. Motion by Campbell, second Haidamous, to approve the ordinance. Motion carried.
6. Reznick introduced Ordinance 2026-2, An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 846, Signs and Advertising Structures. Discussion followed regarding changes and lack of definitions for signs referenced in the document. Motion by Campbell, second Haidamous, to table Ordinance 2026-2 for additional committee review. Motion carried.
7. Tardino introduced the amended vacation policy. Motion by M. Bowen, second Haidamous, to amend the policy. Motion carried.
8. Tiedeman presented a resolution for a charitable gaming license for the Dimondale Elementary School PTO. Motion by Campbell, second Haidamous, to approve the resolution. Motion carried.
9. Reznick presented the MDOT resolution. Motion by Campbell, second J. Bowen, to approve the resolution. Motion carried.
10. Tiedeman presented a letter of support for the Ram Trail and bridge. Motion by Haidamous, second J. Bowen, to approve the letter. Motion carried.

Open to the Public

Kim Murray, Farmers' Market Master, thanked the Council for their continued support.

Rebecca Bowers, Village resident, thanked the Council for their work on the budget.

Chad Rogers, Dimes Brewhouse, thanked the Council for the parking ordinance amendments.

Announcements, Communications, Meeting Schedule

1. Committee meetings scheduled: Management, February 17, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. and Property Acquisition, March 2, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

Motion by Campbell, second M. Bowen, to adjourn. Motion carried at 8:12 p.m.