

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

October 9, 2023

Denis S. Prisk Jr., Clerk

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

Trustee Tardino led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Bowen, Bower (arrived 7:05 pm), Campbell, Conarton, Haidamous, Reznick, Tardino
Absent: None

Also Present: Denis Prisk, Village Manager; Betsy Kelly, Recording Secretary.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Campbell, second Haidamous, to approve the October 9, 2023 agenda. Motion carried.

Minutes

Motion by Campbell, second Haidamous, to approve the September 11, 2023 minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was filed with no corrections.

Bills

The bills were reviewed. Motion by Campbell, second Tardino, to approve payment of \$147,040.43 in the General Fund, \$6,819.95 in the Major Street Fund, and \$466.00 in the Farmers' Market Fund for October 9, 2023 bills and transfers. Motion carried.

Open to the Public

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

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

Pam Austin spoke about drainage issues at Bridge and Jefferson Streets, increased on street parking, addition of curb and gutter, and street deterioration. She also questioned use of the Washington Street bike lane for overnight contractor parking.

Recommendations/Reports from Council Committees and Village Officers

1. Reznick spoke about email communications relative to the Open Meetings Act.
2. Prisk provided a report.
3. Haidamous reported on the October 2, 2023 Public Works Committee meeting.
4. Campbell reported on proposed timelines for construction of the new elementary school.

Unfinished Business

1. Reznick introduced a resolution to amend the REU Table to change restaurants and bars from a per seat calculation to a square footage calculation. Discussion followed on use of square footage based upon Fire Department inspections. Conarton requested a voting abstention. Motion by Campbell, second Tardino, to grant the abstention. Motion carried. Motion by Campbell, second Bower, to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried unanimously, Conarton abstained. (Copy attached.)

New Business

1. Prisk presented a special event request from the Dimondale Home Culture Club to hold a pumpkin carving contest and costume parade on October 29, 2023 on the sidewalk at 136 N. Bridge Street from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Discussion followed regarding decisions or a policy on the Village co-sponsoring events and protocol for vetting community events that request Village sponsorship. Motion by Campbell, second Tardino, to approve the request as presented. Motion carried.
2. Reznick presented the MML Liability and Property Pool Director Elections ballot that offers three candidates for three positions. Motion by Campbell, second Tardino, to support the three candidates. Motion carried.
3. Prisk presented budget amendments for storm recovery, church feasibility study and traffic services. Motion by Campbell, second Bower, to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried unanimously. (Copy attached.)

Open to the Public

Pam Austin questioned how often the speed limit radar sign is moved.

Bob Sheap questioned the dollar limit the Village Manager is authorized approve for emergency spending.

Announcements, Communications, Meeting Schedule

1. Reznick noted that Halloween hours will be 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
2. Committee meetings scheduled: Property Feasibility, October 16th at 6:00 p.m.; Management Committee, October 26th at 5:00 p.m. and Recreation, October 30th at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Bowen, second Bower, to adjourn. Motion carried at 8:35 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David J. Bower", is written in the upper right quadrant of the page.