

MINUTES OF DIMONDALE VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

136 N. Bridge Street, Dimondale, MI 48821

April 12, 2021

James P. Gallagher, Clerk

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

Roll Call: Present: Ammarman (Village of Dimondale, Dimondale, Michigan), Bower (Village of Dimondale, Dimondale, Michigan) Campbell (Village of Dimondale, Dimondale, Michigan) Conarton (Village of Dimondale, Dimondale, Michigan), Reznick (Village of Dimondale, Dimondale, Michigan), Tardino (Village of Dimondale, Dimondale, Michigan), Toomey (Village of Dimondale, Dimondale, Michigan)
Absent: none

Also Present: James Gallagher, Village Manager; Denise Parisian, RTF member; Betsy Kelly, Recording Secretary.

Approval of Agenda

Conarton requested an agenda amendment to remove Memorial Day Parade discussion from New Business. Motion by Conarton, second Bower, to approve the April 12, 2021 agenda as amended. Roll call vote: Yes: Ammarman, Bower, Campbell, Conarton, Reznick, Tardino, Toomey; No: none; Absent: none. Motion carried.

Minutes

Motion by Bower, second Toomey, to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2021 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Yes: Ammarman, Bower, Campbell, Conarton, Reznick, Tardino, Toomey; No: none; Absent: none. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The April 12, 2021 treasurer's report was filed with no corrections.

Bills

The April 12, 2021 bills were reviewed. Motion by Campbell, second Tardino, to approve payment of \$67,722.47 in the General Fund; \$2,203.70 in the Major Street Fund; \$326.01 in the Local Street Fund and \$150.05 in the Farmers' Market Fund for April 12, 2021 bills and transfers. Roll call vote: Yes: Ammarman, Bower, Campbell, Conarton, Reznick, Tardino, Toomey; No: none; Absent: none. Motion carried.

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Deputy Holliday, ECSD, provided the monthly report.

Assistant Chief Fabijancic, WCTEMS, provided the monthly report.

Ben Bakken, Holt Public Schools Board Member, provided information on the upcoming bond proposal.

Sally Hock-Harrison spoke regarding potentially dangerous trees in the County right of way.

Ralph Reznick spoke about the upcoming school bond proposal.

Recommendations/Reports from Council Committees and Village Officers

1. Reznick did not have any additional updates.

2. Gallagher provided a written report and requested consensus to pay for new equipment under the purchasing policy. Motion by Campbell, second Tardino, to approve payment. Roll call vote: Yes: Ammarman, Bower, Campbell, Conarton, Reznick, Tardino, Toomey; No: none; Absent: none. Motion carried.

3. The Planning Commission Annual Report was submitted.

4. Ammarman reported on the March 24, 2021 Public Works Committee meeting and presented a recommendation to authorize Wolverine Engineers to bid the Pine, VanBuren and Reedy Court street project. Ammarman noted that the estimate is for \$200,000 plus 15 to 25% for engineering costs.

Motion by Campbell, second Bower, to approve the proposed Local Street project. Roll call vote: Yes: Ammarman, Bower, Campbell, Conarton, Reznick, Tardino, Toomey; No: none; Absent: none. Motion carried.

5. Conarton reported on the March 29, 2021 Management Committee meeting.

6. Conarton reported on the March 30, 2021 Communications Committee meeting.

7. Tardino reported on the March 30, 2021 Recreation Task Force meeting. Parisian requested consensus to proceed with scheduling pickleball at the basketball court on Wednesdays. The Board concurred.

Unfinished Business

1. Reznick noted that the Communications Committee needs an end date for their task and suggested December 31, 2021 as adequate time. Motion by Conarton, second Campbell to accept the time frame as presented. Roll call vote: Yes: Ammarman, Bower, Campbell, Conarton, Reznick, Tardino, Toomey; No: none; Absent: none. Motion carried.

New Business

1. Gallagher noted that two applications have been received for the two Board of Appeals vacancies, one permanent member and one alternate, both terms expire March 2024. Ammarman volunteered to assume the alternate role to allow the new members permanent positions. Motion by Conarton, second Campbell, to appoint Ammarman to the Board of Appeals as the alternate, and Denis Prisk and Matt Webb to the permanent positions all for terms to expire March 2024. Roll call vote: Yes: Ammarman, Bower, Campbell, Conarton, Reznick, Tardino, Toomey; No: none; Absent: none. Motion carried.

2. Reznick initiated discussion on oversight of the mural project. Conarton explained that a sub-committee was formed to work with Paige Hunter on a mural for the Village Office building but since the Arts Commission has been activated perhaps that is the best fit for oversight. Parisian noted that Hunter was granted a specific request to develop a project for the Village Office building, painted and designed by students, and if that has changed it will need approval. Discussion followed regarding providing the Arts Commission with a specific charge to pursue. Motion by Campbell, second Bower, to charge the Arts Commission with oversight of the mural project from Paige Hunter for the side of the public building. Roll call vote: Yes: Ammarman, Bower, Campbell, Conarton, Reznick, Tardino, Toomey; No: none; Absent: none. Motion carried. Gallagher was directed to communicate the decision to Hunter.

3. Conarton presented a proposal to attached hanging flower baskets and banners to the downtown light poles, provide sidewalk sealing, encourage power washing of buildings, washing windows, weeding and add more visible addresses to the downtown properties. Conarton requested that the Village supply funding for the flowers as the baskets will be donated by sponsors. Discussion followed regarding long term costs, banner design and branding, labor and equipment for watering, impact on holiday wreath display, no parking signs already on poles and whether the baskets remain year-round or are stored for the season. Motion by Ammarman, second Campbell, to supply up to \$800.00 to fund purchase of the flowers. Discussion followed regarding insufficient information on how the baskets attach, impact other existing light pole decorations and signs, effect on light disbursement, maintenance and banner design. Ammarman rescinded his motion and Campbell rescinded his support. Motion by Campbell, second Ammarman, to table the issue until more information is available. Roll call vote: Yes: Ammarman, Bower, Campbell, Reznick, Tardino, Toomey; No: Conarton; Absent: none. Motion carried.

Open to the Public

No comments were received.

Announcements, Communications, Meeting Schedule

1. Committee meetings scheduled: Communications Committee, May 3rd at 6:00 p.m.; Public Works Committee, May 5th at 6:00 p.m. and Recreation Task Force, May 12th at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Ammarman, second Campbell, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously at 9:00 p.m.

