

DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2010

**A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Keough in the Dexter Senior Center located at 7720 Dexter Ann Arbor Rd. in Dexter, Michigan.

**B. ROLL CALL:** President Keough

J. Carson	P. Cousins
D. Fisher	J. Semifero
J. Smith	R. Tell

**C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

1. Work Session - March 8, 2010
2. Regular Council Meeting – March 8, 2010
3. Work Session – March 13, 2010

Motion Smith; support Semifero to approve the minutes of the Work Session of March 8, 2010, the Regular Council Meeting of March 8, 2010 and the Work Session of March 13, 2010 with one correction on page 10 of the March 13 Work Session to change *Content* to *content* under item 5.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

**D. PREARRANGED PARTICIPATION**

Michael Donahue of URS presented the Village with a Merit Award on behalf of the American Council of Engineering Companies on the Dexter dam removal and stream restoration project. Mr. Donahue stated that what put the application over the top was the cooperation of all parties involved.

**E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion Smith: support Fisher to approve the agenda with the following additions:

- Move item J-2 – Request from Dexter United Methodist Church from the Consent Agenda to item L-6 under New Business;
- Move item J-3 – Request from St. Andrew’s Church from the Consent Agenda to item L-7 under New Business;
- Move item J-5 – 2010-2011 Goals & Objectives from the Consent Agenda to item L-8 under New Business;
- and Add item L-9 under New Business, Discussion of the Community Garden

Unanimous voice vote for approval

**F. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

*Action on each public hearing will be taken immediately following the close of the hearing*

None

## **G. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION**

None

## **H. COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Upcoming Meeting List
2. Michigan Municipal League – Committee Appointment
3. February Citation List
4. Letter from Washtenaw County re: Planning Services
5. Meeting Invitation from Congressman Schauer’s Office

## **I. REPORTS**

1. Community Development Manager - Allison Bishop  
Commission Updates  
2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report

Ms. Bishop submits her report as per packet. In addition, Ms. Bishop updated on the Westside Connector as currently there is not a connection to Westridge in the plans and asked Council for guidance regarding the Village’s \$100,000 commitment to the project recommending that the Village withhold the payment until the total connection is finished; Ms. Bishop reported on the Land Preservation meeting with Scio Township and that no recommendation was made at this time; and Ms. Bishop was happy with the University of Michigan student project. Trustee Cousins mentioned a lawsuit between Washtenaw County and the Department of Natural Resources regarding a bridge at the Dexter-Huron Metro Park.

2. Boards, Commissions. & Other Reports-“Bi-annual or as needed”

### *Parks & Recreation Commission – Joe Semifero*

The Parks & Recreation Commission report was included in the packet. In addition Trustee Semifero reported that the Commission was also pleased with the University of Michigan student project and that the Capital Improvement Plan was included in the report.

3. Subcommittee Reports  
None

4. Village Manager Report

Mrs. Dettling submits her report as per packet. In addition Mrs. Dettling mentioned that she had spoken to Steve Puuri of the Washtenaw County Road Commission regarding the Viaduct meeting and Trustee Carson suggested that Scio Township and Washtenaw Transportation Study also be involved; Jim Smith met with Marie and the committee is going to begin to discuss the Website updates; the Village is working to submit a grant for the Baker Road

crossings to the Chelsea Wellness Foundation, are looking to keep the bump outs at the crossings consistent in the Village, and should have some preliminary information for the April 12 meeting; and the meeting for the Watermain Project residents has been scheduled for April 14 possibly at Wylie Elementary School.

5. President's Report

Mr. Keough submits his report as per packet. In addition Mr. Keough highlighted the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) meeting on March 18 where the DDA did go through the Capital Improvement Plan with Element 3A and the Riverwalk being the top two items to be funded; and the Fire Prevention Committee did meet, they will be sending a letter to all businesses, and the committee has been renamed the Fire Detection Committee.

**J. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$476,076.01
4. Consideration of: Arbor Day Proclamation

Motion Fisher; support Smith to approve items 1 and 4 of the consent agenda as presented.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

**K. OLD BUSINESS-Consideration and Discussion of:**

1. Discussion of: Cityhood Update

Ms. Nicholls reported that a summary was included in the packet on the meeting with the Boundary Commission Staff on March 9. They offered suggestions such as to bring a small finger of land by the railroad track on the east side into the Village, change wording from high water line to edge of the water, and when using a parcel number also refer to the liber page. In regards to contiguity, it is not a part of sufficiency but would likely be a requirement for cityhood. It would be proposed that the Village make the necessary change for contiguity before the Boundary Commission would mandate any changes. President Keough reported that the March 18 meeting with the Boundary Commission was a short meeting that verified the Commission's original decision. Mrs. Dettling reported on the attorney search and will have a recommendation for the April 12 meeting.

2. Consideration of: Economic Preparedness Next Steps

*Postponement from the March 8 meeting*

*Motion Cousins: support Smith to postpone the consideration of the Economic Preparedness – Next Steps*

*Ayes: Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson, Fisher, Cousins and Keough*

*Nays: None*

*Motion carries*

On March 22, 2010 Trustee Smith gave a presentation on the materials included in the Council packet regarding economic preparedness.

Motion Semifero; support Smith to form a committee to make a recommendation on the next steps.

Ayes: Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

3. Discussion of: Mill Creek Park Next Steps

President Keough prepared and distributed a hand out to explain the cost summary of the current plan for Mill Creek Park.

At 9:11 p.m. a recess was taken and the meeting re-convened at 9:15 p.m.

**L. NEW BUSINESS-Consideration of and Discussion of:**

1. Consideration of: Scope of services from Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment for Additional Design Services and Construction Inspection / Engineering for the Ann Arbor Street project

Motion Cousins; support Fisher to approve the scope of services from Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment for additional design services at a cost of \$5500.00 and construction administration and construction engineering at a cost of \$29,400.00 for the Ann Arbor Street project.

Ayes: Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson, Fisher, Cousins and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

2. Consideration of: Contract with Norfolk Southern for Central Street Design Review

Motion Carson; support Tell to approve the agreement for the preliminary engineering service agreement between the Village of Dexter and Norfolk Southern Railway Company with the cost to be invoiced by Norfolk Southern.

Ayes: Semifero, Tell, Fisher, Carson, Cousins, Smith and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

3. Consideration of: Scope of services from Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment for Additional Design Services and Construction to Address Water Supply Copper Levels

Motion Cousins; support Carson to approve the scope of services from Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment for the additional design services and construction to address the water supply's copper levels at a cost of \$5000.00 to be paid from the Water System Improvements Project Fund.

Ayes: Tell, Carson, Cousins, Smith, Fisher, Semifero and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

4. Consideration of: Amendment to the Main Street Bridge Sediment Placement Area Restrictive Covenants & Authorization for Village Manager to Sign the Amended Covenant

Motion Carson; support Smith to approve the amendment to the Main Street Bridge Sediment Placement Area Restrictive Covenants and to authorize the Village Manager to sign the amended covenant.

Ayes: Carson, Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero, Tell and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

5. Consideration of: Electric Service Agreement with Dexter Community Schools

Motion Carson; support Cousins to approve the Electric Service Agreement and Easement between the Village of Dexter and Dexter Community Schools.

Ayes: Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

6. Consideration of: Request from Dexter United Methodist Church to place seven (7) signs in the Village Right of Way from April 17 to April 26 and September 17 to September 27 to advertise their Rummage Sale

Motion Smith; support Semifero to approve the request from the Dexter United Methodist Church to place seven signs in the Village right of way from April 17 to April 26 and September 17 to September 27 to advertise their Rummage Sale.

Ayes: Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson, Fisher, Cousins and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

7. Consideration of: Request from St. Andrew's United Church of Christ to place one (1) sign in the Village Right of Way to advertise their monthly dinner on the following dates: April 4-8, May 2-6, September 5-9, October 3-7, October 31-November 4, and November 28-December 2

Motion Smith; support Fisher to approve the request from St. Andrew's United Church of Christ to place one sign in the Village Right of Way to advertise their

monthly dinner on the following dates: April 4-8, May 2-6, September 5-9, October 3-7, October 31-November 4 and November 28-December 2.

Ayes: Semifero, Tell, Fisher, Carson, Cousins, Smith and Keough  
Nays: None  
Motion carries

8. Consideration of: 2010-2011 Goals & Objectives

Motion Tell; support Carson to approve the 2010-2011 Goals & Objectives with the following changes:

- a. Under Goal – Ensure Good Stewardship of Municipal Infrastructure, item 3 - Complete a Facilities Master Plan that encompasses all Village facilities, change both bullet points to now read *Research potential for expansion/new Fire Hall, and Village Hall – Acquire/Build/Upgrade/Lease*
- b. Under Goal – Engage the Community, item 2, fourth bullet point change *Scio* to read *surrounding townships*

Ayes: Tell, Carson, Cousins, Smith, Fisher, Semifero and Keough  
Nays: None  
Motion carries

9. Discussion of: Next Steps in a Community Garden

Trustee Cousins spoke about the potential of having a community garden on the Village owned Dan Hoey property and applying for a mini grant of \$3000.00 from the Chelsea Wellness Foundation. Trustee Cousins mentioned having a community board to oversee the garden, adopting rules and having signed waivers by renters of the plots. Questions were raised regarding insurance and liability. Council gave a nod of approval to the Village Manager to submit for the small grant application, and they requested additional details on how a community garden would work to be presented at the next Council Meeting.

**M. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

None

**N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION**

Courtney Nicholls, Assistant Village Manager, thanked those who sent their condolences on the recent death of her grandmother.

**O. CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING PURCHASE OF PROPERTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH MCL 15.26 Sec. 8(d)**

Motion Tell; support Semifero to go into closed session at 10:19 pm to discuss potential purchase of property

Ayes: Carson, Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero, Tell and Keough

Motion Smith; support Fisher to leave the closed session at 11:14 pm.

Ayes: Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

Trustee Fisher left the meeting at 11:15 pm.

Motion Cousins; support Carson to authorize the Village Manager to proceed as directed in closed session.

Ayes: Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson, Cousins and Keough

Nays: None

Absent: Fisher

Motion carries

Motion Cousins; support Smith to adjourn at 11:17 pm.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Jones  
Clerk, Village of Dexter

Approved for Filing:\_\_\_\_\_