

DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, JULY 26, 2010

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Keough in the Creekside Intermediate School located at 2615 Baker Road in Dexter, Michigan.

**B. ROLL CALL:** President Keough

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

**C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

1. Regular Council Meeting – July 12, 2010

Motion Smith; support Fisher to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of July 12, 2010.

Unanimous voice vote for approval with Trustee Carson absent

**D. PREARRANGED PARTICIPATION**

None

**E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

Add item J-5 under Consent Agenda, sign request from Alpha Coney Grill.  
Add Additional Information under item I-3, Treasurer/Finance Director Quarterly Report, and under item L-2, Discussion on Contracting out Services.

Unanimous voice vote for approval with Trustee Carson absent

**F. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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

None

**G. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION**

Kathy Kienath of 11245 Boyce Road, Lyndon Township and a candidate for the District 1 County Commissioner reminded all to vote in the August 3 Primary.

**H. COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Upcoming Meeting List

## I. REPORTS

1. Community Development Manager – Allison Bishop  
Quarterly Report  
Animal Ordinance – Clarification of Public Notice Language for August 23  
Public Hearing

Ms. Bishop submits her report as per packet. In addition Ms. Bishop gave the following verbal updates: 1) the Downtown Development Authority's Main and Jeffords Project is pretty much complete, the landscape will be maintained for a year, two maple trees will be replaced, pavers will be gone over, and the Park and Recreation Commission will be placing benches but there are no plans for urns in the current project; 2) did receive back a 30 day review of the Mill Creek park Permit but will not have the actual permit for 90-120 days; 3) the plans for both Mill Creek and Warrior Creek Parks is being coordinated by Paul Evanoff; 4) development in the Village has increased this year as compared to last year; 5) and asked for some direction on publishing and language of the animal ordinance to be discussed at the Public Hearing.

2. Public Works Superintendent – Ed Lobdell  
Quarterly Report

Mr. Lobdell submits his report as per packet. A question was raised on crack sealing which will be presented at the next Council Meeting.

3. Treasurer/Finance Director – Marie Sherry  
Quarterly Report

Ms. Sherry submits her report as per packet. In addition Ms. Sherry mentioned the Municipal Employees' Retirement System as a vehicle for retiree health care payments and that revenue is a little low in the year end totals due to the utilities billing cycle and that some of the 2009-2010 expenses are still coming in.

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

None

5. Subcommittee Reports

Website - None  
Downtown Fire Detection - None  
Economic Preparedness – None

6. Village Manager Report

Mrs. Dettling submits her report as per packet. Mrs. Dettling gave the following verbal updates: 1) at the July 20 Baker Road Crossing Meeting the schools are evaluating temporary signals, busing and crossing guards and will be going after more funding; 2) hard rains have washed out the stone shoulder on Dexter-Ann Arbor Road and the contractor will be stabilizing the south side by other means; 3) the graffiti on the Mill Creek Bridge has been power

washed and will be looking for someone locally to re-stain and seal coat; 4) a movie crew has asked to close down Central Street by Hazel's for a movie shoot on Friday at midnight; 5) the power outage on Monday afternoon was due to a dead tree falling on a line which caused the loss of the phone system and will be looking into a backup for the system; and 6) have reviewed the expectations of the contracted Village landscaper.

#### 7. President's Report

Mr. Keough submits his report as per packet. Mr. Keough gave the following updates: 1) met on July 20 with the Ann Arbor Transportation Authority and could use a future town hall meeting to present their 30 year plan; 2) at the Washtenaw Area Transportation Study meeting on July 20 options were presented for the use of the \$450,000 federal monies coming to the Village for building trails in the parks; 3) on July 21 the Regional Fire Meeting took place and they are asking for a September 29 meeting with the boards from the Village and the Townships of Dexter, Scio and Webster for a summary of what has been discussed; and 4) Adam's Outdoor would like to erect a digital sign facing east on Dexter-Ann Arbor Road and Village would have one of the six slots all year round but this type of sign is currently not in the Village Ordinances.

#### **J. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$217,795.24
2. Consideration of: Dexter Lions Club request to place 5 signs in the right-of-way from August 14 to August 28
3. Consideration of: Request from the Dexter Daze Committee for assistance with Dexter Daze from Village Staff
4. Consideration of: 2010-2011 Budget Amendment for Design of Main/Alpine Sidewalk Project
5. Consideration of: Alpha Coney Grill request to place 5 signs in the right-of-way from July 27 to August 3 to advertise their cancer fundraiser

Motion Fisher; support Smith to approve items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the consent agenda.

Unanimous voice vote for approval with Trustee Carson absent

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

1. Discussion of: Cityhood  
Tom Ryan, Cityhood Attorney

Mr. Ryan introduced himself and explained his role and the process. Mr. Ryan reviewed what had happened at the previous filing and the help needed to go forward.

2. Consideration of: Proposal from Tom Traciak of ACI Finance

*Motion Cousins; support Carson to accept the proposal from ACI Finance to update the water/sewer rate study not to exceed \$6500. 7/12/2010*

*Motion Cousins; support Smith to postpone the motion to accept the proposal from ACI Finance until the next meeting. 7/12/2010*

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

*Nays: None*

*Motion carries*

Motion Cousins; support Semifero to amend the motion to accept the proposal from ACI Financial for them to assist the Village in an analytical role following staff updating of the model not to exceed \$1000.00.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Carson

Motion carries

Original Motion by Cousins; support Carson to accept the proposal from ACI Finance for them to assist the Village in an analytical role following staff updating of the model not to exceed \$1000.00.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Carson

Motion carries

At 9:10 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: Amendments to the Tree Replacement Restricted Account Policy Statement

Discussion was led by Ms. Bishop on the amendment to add an appeal process for special projects to be paid for with the Tree Replacement Restricted Account.

Motion Cousins; support Fisher to postpone a decision on the amendments to the Tree Replacement Restricted Account Policy Statement.

Ayes: Semifero, Fisher, Cousins, Smith and Keough

Nays: Tell

Absent: Carson

Motion carries 5 to 1

2. Discussion of: Information on Contracting Out the Operation of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, Water System and Department of Public Works

Discussion was led by Ms. Nicholls regarding the pros and cons of contracting services. The Village needs to determine the reasons that the Village would contract out these services.

3. Consideration of: Contract Options for Utilities Superintendent Transition

Motion Semifero; support Tell to post the position for Utilities Superintendent as a contracted position.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Carson

#### **M. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Cousins: The Water Trail Conference will be held on July 28 at the Dexter Library, the Conference of Gateway Communities begins September 15, recent article in AnnArbor.Com regarding the Saline School District proposing to extend their bond out to 2031, and neighbors on Forest Street are still not satisfied with the parking areas on the street and have created a new pond in a resident's yard.

Tell None

Smith Mentioned that the property Trustee Cousins referred to has been a area of natural collection of water and that OHM has plans for addressing that area

Jones Reminder of the Ice Cream Social on August 5 at St. Andrew's Church

Fisher None

Semifero The Lions Club is requesting to place a small sign in Lions Park; officers were elected for the Parks and Recreation Commission with Alan Green as Chairman, Randy Hermann as Vice-Chair and Brian Brassow as Secretary; and as there are more homes going into Westridge and there are supposed to have two trees per lot, there is not a good way that trees are placed thus the Village may need to approve the placement of trees.

#### **N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION**

Dinah Grissom of 3360 Central Street, Dexter spoke about being strongly against the idea of housing chickens within the Village limits.

#### **O. CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING LABOR NEGOTIATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH MCL 15.268 Sec. 8(c)**

Motion Cousins; support Fisher to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations at 10:50 pm.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Carson

Motion carries

Motion Fisher; support Smith to leave closed session at 11:38 pm.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Carson

Motion carries

**P. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Smith support Fisher to adjourn at 11:38 pm.

Unanimous voice vote for approval with Trustee Carson absent

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Jones  
Clerk, Village of Dexter

Approved for Filing: August 9, 2010