

DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2011

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

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

**B. ROLL CALL:** President Keough

J. Carson

P. Cousins

D. Fisher

J. Semifero

J. Smith

R. Tell

Also present: Donna Dettling, Village Manager; Courtney Nicholls, Carol Jones, Village Clerk; Christine Phillips of Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment; State Representative, Mark Ouimet; Dexter Library Board Representative, Pat Cousins; residents and media.

**C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

1. Regular Council Meeting – August 8, 2011

Motion Smith; support Cousins to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of August 8, 2011.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

**D. PREARRANGED PARTICIPATION**

None

**E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion Smith; support Cousins to approve the agenda as submitted.

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. Sign Calendar

## I. REPORTS

### 1. Community Development Manager – Allison Bishop

Ms. Bishop submits her report as per packet. Mrs. Dettling gave an update on the Mill Creek Park project stating that Cedroni will be moving equipment on site on Tuesday with significant earth moving to start on Wednesday.

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

#### *Gordon Hall Mgmt Team – Donna Fisher*

Ms. Fisher reported that there has not been a lot happening lately. There will be a meeting with Webster Township regarding the easement and parking. The grant writing team will be brainstorming ideas and there may be quarterly activities. Ms. Fisher also responded to a question regarding the possibility of a community garden on the Gordon Hall property and the offer of assistance to set something up from Melissa Kesterson.

#### *Library Board Representative – Pat Cousins*

Mrs. Cousins reported that it has been a busy summer at the Library. The Summer Reading program was very successful and 74 free programs and events were offered. 1038 youth were registered for the reading program, 9000 books, CD's, DVD's and other materials have been checked out with 31,000 visitors to the Library. The construction of the foot bridge has been a highlight this summer. A student driven Blood Drive was also hosted at the Library. There was some bad news with vandalism and broken windows. Soon to be put in place will be a piece of stained glass in memory of Linda Chapman and it will be protected from vandalism and destruction. The 2011-2012 Budget has been completed and will be ready for public viewing by August 29.

### 3. Subcommittee Reports

Old DAPCO Site Redevelopment Team  
Downtown Fire Detection  
Economic Preparedness  
Facilities

#### *Website –Update from Proposal Opening - Jim Smith*

Mr. Smith reported that the Website Committee met last Monday (August 15) and have received 14 proposals. They met again today (August 22) and will ask for presentations from 7 of those who submitted proposals.

### 4. Village Manager Report

Mrs. Dettling submits her report as per packet. Mrs. Dettling gave the following verbal updates: a) met with Pat Brennan regarding the sanitary survey and this needs to be done every 3 years; b) handed out a revised copy of the State Revolving funding and would like to set up a meeting with the Utilities Committee; c) there will be a meeting tomorrow (August 23) with

residents on the water main project; d) distributed copies to Council of the 2011-2012 Budget; and e) advised Council that she would be on vacation for the rest of the week. Ms. Nicholls reported that there should be a resolution in the next two weeks on the water line to Westridge. Mr. Cousins reported on a major kickoff event planned for September 25 for the Five Healthy Communities at Chelsea High School with more details to follow.

#### 5. President's Report

Mr. Keough submits his report as per packet. Mr. Keough spoke on the recent Boundary Commission meeting with an unfair result to the last petition effort. Both the Attorney General and the State surveyors reported the petition to be sufficient, however after presentations from Webster Township and the Historical Society, the commission voted that the petition was non-sufficient. Mr. Keough suggested that Council hold a workshop at 6 PM on September 12 regarding next steps with Cityhood.

Motion Tell; support Carson to pursue Freedom of Information Act of the State of Michigan's file regarding the Village of Dexter relative to the first and second attempt at Cityhood and all letters written by the Attorney General.

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

Nays: Smith

Motion carries 6-1

Mr. Keough also reported that the Regional Fire Department Committee met on August 17 with the Village and Scio agreeing to share lawyer expenses and hope to also get Webster and Dexter Townships on board with this.

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

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$388,615.75
2. Consideration of: Appointment of Kandie Waggoner to the Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee

Motion Fisher support Smith to approve item 1 and 2 of the consent agenda.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

At 8:46 PM a recess was taken and the meeting resumed at 8:57 PM

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

None

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

1. Consideration of: Lease with Krystyna Aniolczyk and Bart Aniolczyk for 8050 Main

Motion Carson; support Cousins to approve the lease with Krystyna Aniolczyk and Bart Aniolczyk for 8050 Main Street

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

2. Consideration of: Bond Authorizing Ordinance for Re-financing of \$622,000 Downtown Development Authority Bond

Motion Semifero; support Fisher to approve the Bond Authorizing Ordinance for the purpose of re-financing of the \$622,000 Downtown Development Authority Bond.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

3. Consideration of: \$8,400 Quote from Blue Star for Demolition of 8087 Forest

Motion Semifero; support Smith to approve the \$8,400 quote received from Blue Star for the demolition of 8087 Forest Street.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

4. Discussion of: Sidewalk Connection to the Cedars of Dexter

Discussion included but was not limited to the costs of the project and to have the Village's engineers also price the sidewalk construction; why are we doing this – connectivity (one of the goals of the Village); can we take our time and find out what the Cedar's residents want? Next step: to facilitate a meeting between the Village, Cedar's and the Washtenaw County Road Commission.

5. Discussion of: Main Street Resurfacing Project

Discussion included but was not limited to the need for a scope of services from Orchard, Hiltz and McCliment; and agreement that the project would be done in 2012 with elimination of the pedestrian island, stamped concrete crosswalks, and possibly install reverse angle parking someplace in the Village. Still to be determined is the timing and sequencing of the project. It was suggested that the Council look into a Town Hall meeting, meet with the Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Development Authority to discuss the project. Also mentioned was putting sensors for traffic underground rather than using cameras, whether to use rapid flashing beacons or the current crosswalk signs, and not eliminating any of the current crosswalks.

Trustee Semifero left the meeting at 9:31 PM

**M. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

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| Cousins | Reminded Council about the September 25 event and mentioned that "A Great Day to be Alive" raised \$13,000.   |
| Fisher  | None  |
| Jones   | Thank the Council and Village for flowers sent and coming to the viewing and funeral for my Mother and may be absent from next meeting due to foot surgery coming up. |
| Smith   | None  |
| Carson  | None  |
| Tell    | None  |

**N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION**

None

**O. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Smith: support Fisher to adjourn at 10:07 PM.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Jones  
Clerk, Village of Dexter

Approved for Filing: September 12, 2011