

**DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2011**

A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

B. ROLL CALL: President Keough

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

Also present: Donna Dettling, Village Manager; Courtney Nicholls, Assistant Village Manager; Allison Bishop, Community Development Manager; Rhett Gronevelt of Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment; residents and media.

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Regular Council Meeting – August 22, 2011

Motion by Smith, Second by Carson to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of August 22, 2011

Unanimous voice vote for approval.

D. PRE-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

President Keough explained to the residents that placing a sidewalk along Edison in conjunction with the water main project was first discussed by Council during budget work sessions in May and June before being included in the 11-12 budget passed in July. He apologized on behalf of the Village that the information about the placement of the sidewalk was not communicated to the residents sooner.

Tom Covert, 3550 Edison, gave a presentation on behalf of himself and his neighbors regarding their suggestion for the location of the sidewalk within the right-of-way. The suggestion was for the sidewalk to be placed 10-12 feet from the edge of the roadway.

E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Cousins, Second by Semifero to approve the agenda with the addition of item L-4: Consideration of Presentation to Boundary Commission and L-5: Consideration of Edison Street Sidewalk.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

None

NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

Non-arranged participation will include those in the audience not listed on the agenda that wish to speak. At the Village President's discretion, members of the audience may be called on to speak at any time. Those addressing the Council will state their name and address. This section is limited to 5 minutes per participant or 10 minutes for group representatives.

Sue Sherrill: 3435 Edison – Does not feel that a sidewalk is necessary, does not want the responsibility of shoveling snow, would prefer money be spent on repairing the road instead, adding a sidewalk will remove the nuance of the small town and encourage parking in the right-of-way

Debra McHugh: 3545 Edison – Using the 99 foot right-of-way as the standard is outdated, she wouldn't be able to park vehicles in her driveway, the sidewalk would be unattractive in her front lawn and the proximity of the sidewalk to the house would be a safety concern

Sally Doucette: 7849 Second – Consistency is needed so that residents will know where future sidewalks in front of their homes will be placed, is in favor of sidewalks due to the danger of walking in the road

Jim Sherrill: 3435 Edison – Was disappointed that although information on the water main project was provided timely, information on the sidewalk was not, is concerned about the maintenance/replacement cost of the sidewalk (President Keough explained that the Village pays for sidewalk replacement), requested that the Village do more to encourage walkability by compelling residents to shovel their snow

G. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Upcoming Meeting List
2. Sign Calendar
3. August Citation Report
4. Mast Road Bridge Update
5. Scio Township Newsletter

H. REPORTS

1. Community Development Manager – Allison Bishop

Mrs. Bishop submits her report as provided in the packet. Mrs. Bishop gave the following verbal updates, a) Planning Commission will have a work session prior to their next meeting on the Master Plan, b) DAPCO, MedHub and Connexions Church site plans/PUD Amendments will be before Planning Commission in October, c) Dexter

Crossing is in discussions with Salvation Army to take over space in the shopping center, d) many snow shoveling compliance letters are sent each winter and residents are getting better at shoveling in a timely manner, e) Facility Dude software will be used for work flow management for various departments and is free the first year and \$1800 each year after

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

None

3. Subcommittee Reports

The Website Committee interviewed 6 respondents to the request for proposals. The next step is asking follow-up questions, checking references and reviewing websites the companies have created.

4. Village Manager Report

Mrs. Dettling submits her report as provided in the packet. Mrs. Dettling gave the following verbal updates: a) apologized to the Edison Street residents for not communicating information on the sidewalk in a timely fashion and explained her recommendation in the report that the sidewalk be placed one foot off a hypothetical 60 foot right of way line and then around any trees or grade issues, b) Utility Committee met and discussed applying for an S2 Grant from the State of Michigan to cover the cost of planning and design for the sludge storage project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, Rhett Gronevelt of Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment provided an update on the timeline for the application, will be an action item on the September 26th agenda, c) the Westridge water main has been drilled and is in the process of being tested, should be active by Friday, d) Trustee's Fisher/Smith commented that they had met with residents of the Cedars of Dexter and they do not believe they will use a sidewalk connection to Westridge, Trustee Cousins explained he has heard the opposite opinion and feels that Village residents may also want to use the sidewalk to walk to the Cedars/Gordon Hall

Jack Davidson: 3434 Edison – Believes that Edison Street needs a sidewalk, does not want to lose the ability to park a car in his driveway, has a paver driveway that would be impacted by a sidewalk on his side of the road

5. Village President Report

President Keough submits his report as provided in the packet. President Keough gave the following verbal updates: a) attended the CEO meeting where a proposed Road Commission millage was discussed, b) meeting with Blackhawk Development has been rescheduled again to September 19, c) attending an Economic Gardening class in Lansing, d) solicited questions on the proposed Interlocal Agreement from the Regional Fire Committee, hopes it will be ready for formal Council review in October, e) North Middle Representative Selection Committee met and appointment of the representative

will be on the September 26 agenda, f) attended the Dexter Area Historical Society meeting

I. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration of: Bills & Payroll in the amount of \$358,367.66
2. Consideration of: Closure of Central Street for Apple Daze on Saturday, October 1 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Motion by Fisher, Second by Smith to approve items 1 & 2 of the consent agenda.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

J. OLD BUSINESS

None

K. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of: Composting Contract with the Breuninger's

Motion by Carson, Second by Fisher to approve the composting contract with the Breuninger's for \$4500 per year.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

2. Consideration of: Support for Bus Service to Metropolitan Detroit Airport

Motion by Tell, Second by Smith to send a letter of support for the Ann Arbor Transportation Authority to provide bus service to Metropolitan Detroit Airport.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

3. Consideration of: 2011 Sidewalk Program Bid Award to Gary Koch Construction

Motion by Smith, Second by Fisher to award the 2011 Sidewalk Program Bid to Gary Koch Construction in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

4. Consideration of: Presentation to Boundary Commission

Motion by Cousins, Second by Tell to instruct staff and Tom Ryan, Special Counsel, to attend the September 15 State Boundary Commission meeting to ask for reconsideration of their decision to deny legal sufficiency to the Village's cityhood petition.

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

Nays: Smith

Motion carries

5. Consideration of: Edison Street Sidewalk

Motion Carson, Second Tell to place the Edison Street sidewalk one foot off a hypothetical sixty foot right-of-way line on the side of the street impacted by the water main project

| Amendment to the original motion by Semifero to allow residents on Edison to opt out of having a sidewalk placed in the right-of-way - Amendment not considered due to lack of a second

| Amendment to the original motion by Semifero, Seconded by Fisher to place the sidewalk one foot off the right-of-way or a minimum of 25 feet away from the front of a home on the side of the street impacted by the water main project.

Motion by Semifero, Seconded by Fisher to postpone action on the Edison Street sidewalk until exhibits can be created that show the placement of the sidewalk one foot off the right-of-way or a minimum of 25 feet away from the front of a home on both sides of the street.

Ayes: Fisher, Semifero, Cousins, Keough

Nays: Tell, Carson, Smith

Motion carries

L. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Cousins Suds on the River will be held this Thursday, he and two other Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee members will be attending the Arts Alliance Convergence, this will be the final week of horseshoes - \$1700 has been donated to Hospice

Semifero None

Fisher Thanks to residents for attending the meeting, feel free to contact her, who will be administering the funds for the Gateway Project?

Smith None

Tell None

Carson None

M. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

None

N. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Smith, Second by Fisher to adjourn at 10:29 p.m.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney Nicholls
Assistant Village Manager

Approved for Filing: September 26, 2011