

DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2011

A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 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, Assistant Village Manager; Allison Bishop, Community Development Manager; Carol Jones, Village Clerk; Kurt Augustine, Streets Foreman; Dan Schlaff, Public Utility Foreman; Ron Tupper and Roland Leeds of DAPCO Industries; residents and media.

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Regular Council Meeting – November 14, 2011

Motion Smith; support Fisher to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of November 14, 2011.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

D. PREARRANGED PARTICIPATION

None

E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion Smith; support Tell to approve the agenda as presented.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

DAPCO Industries – Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Request

Consideration of: Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Request from DAPCO Industries

Hearing opened at 7:32 PM by Village President, Shawn Keough. President Keough read the details of the tax exemption. DAPCO Industries President, Ron Tupper,

thanked Council in advance for the exemption stating that it was necessary in order to grow the business and create jobs. The hearing was closed by President Keough at 7:34 PM.

Motion Cousins; support Fisher to approve the Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Request from DAPCO Industries for a period of 12 years with respect to real property investment of \$879,180 and new personal property investment of \$1,286,790 at their facility located at 2500 Bishop Circle, Dexter, Michigan.

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

G. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

Bob Murphy of 3713 Bristol Drive, Dexter spoke about the concerns he has and has had over 3 ½ to 4 years regarding the rededication of streets in Dexter Crossings. Residents do pay a street millage to the Village but the streets are not dedicated. It was explained that the developer needs to request dedication and he has not done so yet.

H. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Upcoming Meeting List
2. Sign Calendar
3. Dexter Historical Society Newsletter
4. Scio Township Newsletter
5. Letter from Comcast

I. REPORTS

1. Community Development Manager – Allison Bishop

Ms. Bishop submits her report as per packet. Ms. Bishop gave the following verbal updates: a) Mill Creek Park – had a meeting onsite and it is a muddy mess, will do what they can when they can over the winter, still plan to be totally completed by May of 2012, and plan to bring forth at a future meeting some ideas on dressing up the outlet systems; b) Border to Border Trail – will be doing some landscaping around the pond and will be changing how they are installing the helicals for the bridge; c) the Planning Commission will hold a forum on December 5 from 6:30-7:30 on the Master Plan; d) answered a questions regarding the starting of the stairs by the Library which will be in the spring; and e) discussion followed on as built and road dedication and the time limit for those to happen.

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

Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee –Draft Public Art Plan – Courtney Nicholls, Paul Cousins and Mike Vickers

Ms. Nicholls gave an explanation on the draft plan included in the packet stating that the committee has changed its focus from permanent displays to temporary displays. Mr. Cousins answered some of Council's questions regarding funding, placement locations and cement pads for placement of art over the next five years. Jon Rush of 7930 Fifth Street, Dexter spoke about the pads for public art and that they bother him. He mentioned that the pads are permanent and not all sculpture sits on pads. He urged to keep the pads mobile. Discussion also followed on the state of art placement at Ryan and Dexter-Ann Arbor Road. A comment was made to remove the funding method in the plan by Village Ordinance.

Farmers Market/Community Garden – Melissa Kesterson – Community Garden Wrap-Up

Ms. Kesterson highlighted the following: a) the garden was made larger due to more applications for space this year, b) the addition of raised beds, and c) the surveys which indicate the number of gardeners and the amount of produce raised and shared with others.

3. Subcommittee Reports

Old DAPCO Site Redevelopment Team – Next meeting November 30
Downtown Fire Detection
Economic Preparedness
Facilities

Website – Jim Smith

Mr. Smith reported that the committee met last week and continues to work on the site map and will be getting that information back to the vendor. The hope is to have the site up sometime between January and March.

4. Village Manager Report

Mrs. Dettling and Ms. Nicholls submit their report as per packet. Mrs. Dettling gave the following verbal updates: a) mentioned the November 8 meeting between Northern United Brewing Company and Katie Davis; b) responded to question about the flood plan mapping; and c) responded to a question regarding the timing of Main Street resurfacing in April and how would that affect the schools.

5. President's Report

Mr. Keough submits his report as per packet

J. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$275,469.59
2. Consideration of: 2012 Meeting Schedule

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

Unanimous voice vote for approval

K. OLD BUSINESS-Consideration and Discussion of:

- 1. Discussion of: Cityhood Next Steps

President Keough reported on a positive meeting with the State Boundary Commission and they have set a date for a hearing in Dexter on January 17, 2012 at 4 PM. Discussion followed on the questionnaire included in the packet regarding incorporation. Jon Rush of 7930 Fifth Street, Dexter, expressed thoughts about the meeting with the Boundary Commission and he feels that there will be strong opposition from those opposing cityhood. He recommends that Council be prepared to answer and respond to those people.

L. NEW BUSINESS-Consideration of and Discussion of:

- 1. Consideration of: Setting a public hearing for December 12, 2011 on proposed amendments to the General Code of Ordinances - Chapter 18, Addition of Sections 18-35 and 18-36.

Motion Semifero; support Carson to set a Public Hearing for December 12, 2011 on proposed amendments to the General Code of Ordinance – Chapter 18, Addition of Sections 18-35 and 18-36.

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

- 2. Discussion of: Retiree Health Care Funding Valuation

Ms. Nicholls addressed the retiree health care funding evaluation and that the Village is required to do an evaluation every three years. The difference in the figures is due to assumptions made. She mentioned presenting a resolution in December to use some of the revenue sharing money towards the unfunded liability.

M. COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Carson None
- Tell None
- Smith None
- Jones On a recent episode of *The Office*, some of the cast took a trip to Gettysburg as a team building exercise and Col. Harrison Jeffords was mentioned for his heroism in recapturing the company flag of the 4th Michigan Infantry.
- Fisher Invited all to attend *Christmas at the Mansion* on December 3 and 4. Also who owns the fence at the Forest/Broad Street location? It could be improved upon.
- Semifero Are there any plans for the property at Forest and Broad? One suggestion would be to have it graveled for additional parking.

Cousins The Historical Society has a Bazaar this weekend at the Museum. Will be going to New York City on Thursday to see Dan Cooney in *Bonnie and Clyde* on Broadway and will be back on Tuesday. Mentioned that his wife commented how well the leaves were picked up in the Village this year.

N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

Dan Schlaff, Public Utility Foreman, commented on the retirement funding that in the past it was not adequately funded and the union did take this under consideration in the union negotiations.

Mike Vickers, 3001 Edison Street, Dexter and Chairman of the Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee thanked Council for taking the art plan under consideration.

**O. CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING PENDING LITIGATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH MCL 15.268 Sec. 8
Koback v. Village of Dexter – Washtenaw Circuit Court Case #11-579-NZ
Webster Twp v. Director of the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and State Boundary Commission – Ingham County Circuit Court Case #11-001212-AA**

Motion Fisher; support Cousins to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation in accordance with MCL 15.268 Sec. 8 at 9:35 PM.

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

Motion Semifero; support Cousins to leave the closed session at 9:59 PM
Ayes: Carson, Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero, Tell and Keough
Nays: None
Motion carries

P. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Smith; support Fisher to adjourn at 9:59 PM.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Jones
Clerk, Village of Dexter

Approved for Filing: December 12, 2011