

DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 PM by President Keough at the Dexter Senior Center located at 7720 Ann Arbor Street in Dexter, Michigan.

ROLL CALL: President Keough

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

Also present: Donna Dettling, Village Manager; Courtney Nicholls, Assistant Village Manager; Carol Jones, Village Clerk; Dan Schlaff, Public Utility Foreman; Rhett Gronewelt, Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment; and Anne McLaughlin, Johnson, Rosati, Schultz & Joppich.

CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING PENDING LITIGATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH MCL 15.268 Sec. 8

Koback v. Village of Dexter – Washtenaw Circuit Case #11-579-NZ

Motion Tell; support Smith to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation at 6:07 PM.

Ayes: Smith, Tell, Carson and Keough

Nays: None

Absent: Cousins, Fisher and Semifero

Motion carries

Ms. Fisher and Mr. Semifero entered the meeting at 6:08 PM

Motion Smith; support Fisher to leave closed session at 7:15 PM.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Cousins

Motion carries

A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called back 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, Assistant Village Manager; Allison Bishop, Carol Jones, Village Clerk; Allison Bishop, Community Development Manager; Dan Schlaff, Public Utility Foreman; Jim Seta and Loren Yates, Dexter Area Fire Department; Rob Turner, Washtenaw County Commissioner; Mark Ouimet, State Representative; Dan Smith, Washtenaw County Commissioner; Rhett Gronevelt, Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment; members of the Hamburg Pirate Youth Football Association; Matt LaFontaine and Dave Klumpp representing the Dexter Disaster Relief Fund; and residents and media.

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Regular Council Meeting – March 12, 2012
2. Work Session – March 10, 2012

Motion Smith; support Fisher to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of March 12, 2012 and the Work Session of March 10, 2012 as presented.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

D. PREARRANGED PARTICIPATION

Hamburg Pirate Youth Football Association Check Presentation

Tim McDonald introduced the Board members from the Hamburg Pirate Youth Football Association and explained that the group wanted to do something to help Dexter after the tornado. They organized a bottle drive on March 16th and 17th and raised \$5000 to which the Association matched what was earned and presented a check for \$10,000 to Matt LaFontaine and Dave Klumpp who organized the Dexter Disaster Relief Fund.

Rob Turner – Washtenaw County Commissioner

Spoke of his personal experience with the tornado and how the Village and its residents handled the situation. He mentioned a comment from a restoration company who said that they had never seen a community help one another in a disaster as Dexter has done. He also spoke about Dexter Township and how the county could help Dexter Township, the Village of Dexter and parts of Webster Township with a pledge up to \$500,000 for overtime expenses for the Sheriff's Department and an extra car to patrol Huron Farms at night. Mr. Turner also commended the Village for doing an excellent job and the Washtenaw County Road Commission for the job they have done.

E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion Smith; support Fisher to approve the agenda with following additional information:

L-1, Post Tornado Update, additional information

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
3. Procedure Update from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission
4. Letter from Comcast
5. Information from Senator Warren's Office regarding Comcast
6. Letter from the Consulate General of Japan
7. Letter from the Congressional Prayer Caucus

I. REPORTS

1. Community Development Manager – Allison Bishop

Ms. Bishop gave the following verbal updates:

- Introduced the representative from the boulder play equipment company, local resident Hope McGonigle
- The Tree Board meets tomorrow (March 27) and will be discussing tree replacement from the tornado. The question was raised about trees lost from the tornado and Ms. Bishop responded that 34 were lost around Second Street and have not inventoried all of Huron Farms yet.
- At the Parks and Recreation Commission, discussed where to place the kiosks in the Park and decided the best location would be back where the trail splits. Also discussed the waterless bathrooms and will be looking for local contractors for the project. The name change from Warrior Creek Park to Mill Creek Park was unanimously supported by the Parks and Recreation Commission and will come before Council probably at the next meeting.
- The contractor still says he will be done in Mill Creek Park by May 15th. Some change orders will be on the next Council agenda. Also Ms. Bishop spoke about the landscaping on the west bank and would like some direction from Council. A question was raised as to how the amphitheater will look and would like Mr. Evanoff to come and take a look at this before the final work is done.
- A question was raised about changes made on the Master Plan and could those changes be reported to Council. Also the questions was raised if suggestions made were taken into consideration in the final plan and Ms. Bishop responded with a yes.

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

Dexter Area Fire Department – Jim Seta/Ray Tell/Chief Yates

- Mr. Seta called the Dexter Fire Department’s response to the recent tornado as remarkable and that it makes him proud to be a part of the Dexter Area Fire Department.
- He reported that the department is back on their regular schedule and are tracking overtime and expenses. He mentioned that although there were numerous runs, The Village, Dexter Township and Webster Township will be charged with one run each.
- Mr. Seta praised Chief Yates for an outstanding job as well as all who showed up to help – the 13 area departments who responded for Mutual Aid, Emergency Operations Center, Technical Rescue Team, Huron Valley Ambulance, Red Cross, Salvation Army, Dexter Schools, the Department of Public Works and others.
- Mr. Seta also reviewed the types of training firefighters will be going through; mentioned that the department is in the process of hiring another full time firefighter; and in the process of buying a new pumper truck for \$369,000 to be placed at the Dexter Township station and Engine 3 to be moved to the Webster station.

Washtenaw Area Transportation Study Policy Rep. – Jim Carson

- Mr. Carson reported on participation in the counties complete streets program.
- 2014 funding was completed last week and the Village will be getting the \$400,000.
- The Ride Agreement has been in the news lately and the agreement may be reviewed again before any approval.

Western Washtenaw Area Value Express Representative – Jim Carson

- Mr. Carson reported that ridership is up 35% in February and is encouraged that residents are using public transportation.
- A bus was provided in Dexter Township to shuttle workers along Dexter Pinckney Road and Carriage Hills for the clean up last weekend.
- Mr. Carson also shared a community survey on The Ride.

3. Subcommittee Reports

Downtown Fire Detection
Economic Preparedness
Facilities

Website – Jim Smith

Mr. Smith reported that the next meeting will be ~~in May~~ on March 29 and asked if anyone had any comments on the two design concepts that were distributed at the last meeting.

4. Village Manager Report

Mrs. Dettling submits her report as per packet. Mrs. Dettling gave the following verbal updates:

- Bricco will be back next week to make some corrections on curb stop boxes and finish restoration.
- A pre-construction meeting for Main Street will be held on March 29th and a meeting will also be held in the evening for residents.
- Received a bid for the environmental work on the old DAPCO property and will be asking the Downtown Development Authority for reimbursement of the cost.
- Did receive \$173,000 from the Michigan Trust fund.
- Trustee Cousins thanked Donna for getting the park ready for the Saturday Wellness Walk.

5. President's Report

Mr. Keough submits his report as per packet. In addition Mr. Keough gave the following verbal updates:

- Thanked Donna and her team for a great job and for all of the effort to keep things going in the Village after the tornado.
- Need to choose a second goal setting date and suggested it be Wednesday April 11 in the Copeland Board Room
- Spoke about Webster Township postponing a vote on the Regional Fire Agreement in and working on providing them the additional information they requested.
- Trustee Fisher thanked Shawn also for leading the Village through the tornado events. She stated that it didn't seem like chaos and that he kept us informed.

J. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$83,310.50

Motion Fisher support Smith to approve item 1 of the Consent Agenda.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

K. OLD BUSINESS-Consideration and Discussion of:

1. Discussion of: Cityhood Next Steps

President Keough mentioned that the response letter was sent to the Boundary Commission and that we think we are on the May 9th agenda. It is a two meeting process for the next step.

2. Discussion of: Central Street Bid Award.

Discussion included but was not limited to not having all the needed property easements yet and the county does not favor full road closure. Questions were raised on enhancing the design and replacing trees in the area with larger ones.

At 9:00 PM a recess was taken and the meeting resumed at 9:05 PM.

L. NEW BUSINESS-Consideration of and Discussion of:

1. Discussion of: Post-Tornado Update

Discussion included but was not limited to

- A thank you to the City of Chelsea for sending 7 people over to help with the clean-up and Saline Schools for donating their facilities for the Orchestra Concert.
- Recommend to the Tree Board that they plant 3-5 inch trees and offer trees at a discount to residents.
- A question was raised regarding the money donated to the Red Cross and if it will stay in Dexter.
- The money recently spent on the improvements at the waste-water treatment was well worth it with the events of the tornado; did have issues with the server and cell phone though.
- A great benefit to the Village was having the utilities underground at Huron Farms.
- Working on possible reimbursement for storm expenses.

2. Consideration of: Additional Scope of Services from Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment in the Amount of \$16,500 for the Sludge Handling Improvement Project

Motion Cousins; support Carson to approve the additional Scope of Services from Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment in the amount of \$16,500 for the Sludge Handling Improvement Project.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

3. Consideration of: Appointment of Public Art Selection Committee Members

Motion Cousins; support Carson to approve the appointment of the Public Arts Selection Committee members

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

4. Consideration of: 2012-2017 Capital Improvements Plan Recommendation from the Planning Commission

Motion Carson; support Cousins to approve the 2012-2017 Capital Improvement Plan Recommendation from the Planning Commission.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

5. Consideration of: Bid Award to Ann Arbor Landscape for Residential Tree Planting Program

Motion Fisher; support Semifero to award the bid for the 2012-2013 Residential Tree Planting Program to Ann Arbor Landscape in the amount not to exceed \$7000 for each year.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

M. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Cousins	Spoke about the email received in the morning of March 15 that Northern Brewing will be staying in the Village. This will be great for Dexter and will put us on the map. Thanks to all from the brewery for staying with the Village.
Fisher	None
Tell	None
Jones	With all of the help given to Dexter by organizations and volunteers hope that if the need ever arises, we as a community can pay it forward.
Smith	None
Semifero	None
Carson	None

N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

None

O. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Carson; support Smith to adjourn at 9:29 PM.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Jones
Clerk, Village of Dexter

Approved for Filing: April 9, 2012

**VILLAGE OF DEXTER
WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE
2012 - 2017 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN RECOMMENDATION
FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the Village of Dexter Planning Commission adopted the Master Plan on April 11, 2005, as amended, and is currently working on a revision to the Master Plan, the said Master Plan recommends the adoption of an annually updated Capital Improvements Program to evaluate, prioritize, and structure the financing of public improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Dexter Planning Commission has systematically reviewed the 2012 – 2017 Capital Improvements Program, as well as the proposed improvements related to the Master Plan and its Addendums, the improvements proposed by the Village Department Heads, the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Downtown Development Authority; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 – 2017 Capital Improvements Program has been prepared to address said review of projects, and presents a public improvements program that focuses on the current and future needs of the residents of Dexter; and

WHEREAS, a duly noticed public hearing was held by the Planning Commission on February 6, 2012;

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommended adoption of the 2012-2017 Capital Improvements Plan on February 6, 2012;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Village of Dexter Village Council accepts the Planning Commission recommended 2012 – 2017 Capital Improvements Program as a guide in funding priority capital projects within the plan and to develop the FY 2012-2013 Budget.

MOVED BY: Carson SUPPORTED BY: Cousins

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

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED THIS 26th DAY OF March 2012.

Shawn W. Keough, Village President

CERTIFIED BY:

Carol J. Jones, Village Clerk