

DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2012

**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, Assistant Village Manager; Dan Schlaff, Public Services Superintendent; Patrick Droze, Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment; residents and media.

**C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

1. Regular Council Meeting – October 22, 2012

Motion Smith; support Semifero to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of October 22, 2012.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

**D. PREARRANGED PARTICIPATION**

None

**E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion Smith; support Fisher to approve the agenda with the additional information provided for item K-2.

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. Letters from Comcast
4. Scio Township Newsletter

Trustee Carson informed Council that the CAPT-DART meeting for November will be held in Scio Township.

## **I. REPORTS**

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

### Community Garden Report – Melissa Kesterson

- The Community Garden grew in usage, including the addition of four raised beds
- The Garden has been a successful program in a great location
- Melissa will no longer be able to run the program due to relocating out of Dexter
- The Austin family has volunteered to step into the coordinator role
- Melissa has provided a road map that will keep the program running smoothly
- Melissa thanked Village staff for helping to make the garden successful

### Washtenaw Area Transportation Study Policy Rep – Jim Carson

- The documents provided in the packet that list the future Surface Transportation Funding – Urban projects were reviewed
- The Village has projects scheduled for 2014 (Ann Arbor Street) and 2017 (Baker Road and Mill Creek Park Phase II)
- The Village could be eligible for additional funding for Phase II of Mill Creek Park in 2018

2. Subcommittee Reports

### Website

- The new module dealing with the file structure is in place. Marie has been working on moving the documents from Google documents into the new structure. The Website Committee will be meeting this week to review the status of the information that has been entered into the new site.

4. Village Manager Report

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

- The street light poles for the Central Street project were delivered but had to be rejected due to an error in their fabrication. The new ones will likely not be available for several months
- Dexter Community Schools was receptive to participation in the stormwater study
- The NASCAR Green trees are expected the week of November 26<sup>th</sup>
- The item on the report regarding water/sewer service outside the Village involves property that is in Dexter Township and therefore not covered under a current 425 Agreement. The Village policy has been to require a property to come into the Village to receive water/sewer service.
- Prior to the meeting on November 26 a reception will be held for Trustee Smith
- Staff is developing a program to work with restaurants on Fats, Oil and Grease collection to deal with issues they are seeing with grease in the sewer system

#### 5. President's Report

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

- The Regional Fire meeting scheduled for November 14 has been cancelled due to scheduling conflicts with members of the Committee. The next meeting will be December 12.
- Meeting with Blackhawk on November 14, 2012
- All are invited to the meeting with AATA on November 13
- Work session proposed for December 8 – that date will not work so will potentially be December 15
- Meeting with Dexter Fastener to discuss their growth plans

### **J. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$436,751.19
2. Consideration of: Street Closures for Holiday Hustle on Saturday, December 1, 2012 including Central Street from Main to 5<sup>th</sup> from noon to 7:00 p.m., 5<sup>th</sup> Street from Dover to Broad from 4:00 p.m. to 5 p.m. and streets along the route temporarily as the race passes from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Motion Fisher; support Smith to approve items 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

Staff has contacted the County regarding setting the election date. The County Clerk will get back to the Village after the November election is wrapped up.

2. Consideration of: Resolution in Support of Participation in the Act 196 Regional Transit Authority Board

Decision required by close of business on December 10, 2012

*Motion Carson; support Cousins to approve the resolution in support of participation in the Act 196 Regional Transit Authority Board*

*Motion Semifero; support Tell to postpone the approval of the resolution until more information is received.*

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

*Nays: None*

*Motion carries*

Trustees Carson and Cousins withdrew their motion and second to approve the resolution in support of participation in the Act 196 Regional Transit Authority Board

The City of Ann Arbor has terminated their four party agreement with AATA, Washtenaw County and the City of Ypsilanti.

Trustee Carson explained that the WAVE service the Village currently pays for should not change. AATA has also stated that they will not start services that compete with WAVE. WAVE is looking into expanding Community Connector service to visit the stops every hour instead of every two hours based on feedback received at the resident meetings. This could result in an increased cost to the Village if we would like to provide that service to residents. There is also a possibility that our surrounding townships may choose to increase their funding of door to door service.

A meeting will be held with AATA on November 13 to talk about Village service needs moving forward. Will also determine whether it is still necessary for the Village to formally opt out.

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

1. Consideration of: Purchase of Speed Display Unit from Radarsign at a Cost of \$3,515

Motion Semifero; support Fisher to purchase the speed display unit from Radarsign at a cost of \$3,515

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

2. Consideration of: Recommendation to Enter into a Two Year Lease with Scot Thomas dba Hotel Hickman Wild West Adventure for 8050 Main

Motion Cousins; support Smith to enter into a two year lease with Scot Thomas dba Hotel Hickman Wild west Adventure for 8050 Main

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

3. Consideration of: Resolution of Support to Participate in the Red Barrel Program

Motion Tell; support Carson to adopt the Resolution of Support to Participate in the Red Barrel Program.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

4. Discussion of: Stormwater Master Plan Proposal from Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment (OHM)

Discussion was held regarding the information provided by OHM. Patrick Droze updated Council that the legislative bills that would make the S2 Grant available for stormwater asset management projects are still in Committee. The general consensus was to wait to see whether this funding will be available before moving forward with the plan.

Trustee Smith suggested using the wait time to gather feedback from staff and residents on stormwater issues they see in the neighborhoods and creating a contingency plan for funding the study if the S2 Grant doesn't become available.

5. Discussion of: Proposed Recycling Change Feedback

Council discussed the survey results which showed that a majority of respondents were supportive of the change to every other week recycling. The Village's current contract with Waste Management will expire in March 2014. Council will take action on the renewal in November or December. Council was generally in support of the change to every other week recycling to reduce the current cost of the Waste Management contract

7. Discussion of: Defining Local Streets Project

Discussion included but was not limited to the possible ways to use the \$100,000 budgeted in the local street fund for a project this fiscal year. Staff will come back with a recommendation for a sidewalk project in the 2<sup>nd</sup>/Hudson area and a cost estimate for reconstruction of the first block of Dover off of Main Street.

**M. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Cousins	None
Fisher	None
Tell	None
Smith	Trustee Smith passed out some thoughts on current and future Village issues – copy attached to the minutes
Semifero	None
Carson	None

**N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION**

None

**O. CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE POTENTIAL PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AND PENDING LITIGATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH MCL 15.268**

Motion Smith; support Semifero to go into Closed Session at 9:11 PM for the purpose of discussing the potential purchase of property and pending litigation in accordance with MCL 15.268.

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

Motion Smith; support Fisher to leave closed session at 9:24 PM.

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

**P. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Smith; support Carson to adjourn at 9:25 PM.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney Nicholls  
Assistant Village Manager, Village of Dexter

Approved for Filing: November 26, 2012