

DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2012

A. CALL TO ORDER

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-absent	J. Knight
J. Semifero-absent	R. Tell

Also present: Donna Dettling, Village Manager; Courtney Nicholls, Assistant Village Manager; Carol Jones, Village Clerk; Dan Schlaff, Public Services Superintendent; Scott Munzel, Attorney for Dexter Downtown Development Authority; Brian Urquhart, Attorney for Tupper Properties; and residents.

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Regular Council Meeting – December 10, 2012
2. Work Session – December 11, 2012

Motion Cousins; support Knight to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 10, 2012 and the Work Session of December 11, 2012 as presented.

Unanimous voice vote for approval with Trustees Fisher and Semifero absent

D. PREARRANGED PARTICIPATION

None

E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

Unanimous voice vote for approval with Trustees Fisher and Semifero absent

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. Letter from Comcast

I. REPORTS

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

Dexter Area Fire Department – December 20, 2012 Meeting Packet

Dexter Fire Board Representative, Ray Tell, spoke about the changes from the previous budget presented to Council with the change in how Lima Township reimbursement is reported. The question was raised regarding the property for a new station in Dexter Township and that the township has lost their bid on that property.

3. Subcommittee Reports - None

Economic Preparedness
Facilities
Website

3. Village Manager Report

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

- The poles for Central Street were shipped for a second time and rejected for a second time.
- Mentioned MIOSHA concerns at the fire station and that the Village should proceed with resolving the issue even if MIOSHA has concluded their investigation.
- A question was raised regarding the upkeep of the new sidewalk along Dexter Pinckney Road and who is responsible for this.
- President Keough mentioned the signage and chaining off of the new stairs at the Library going down to Mill Creek Park and that he does not want to see “Keep Off” signs used. Suggested more of a warning such as slippery when covered with snow.
- Trustee Carson inquired if there were any outstanding issues with the Central Street project and announced that MDOT now owns the railroad going through the Village.
- Mr. Cousins reported that the Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee will be re-applying for the Arts Alliance Grant that was recently denied.

4. President’s Report

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

- Trustee Cousins inquired about the Regional Fire Board and Dexter Township's participation. President Keough reported that Harley Rider will now be representing Dexter Township at the meetings and that the committee is looking to cleanup the draft from various suggestions and then he will bring it back before Council.
- The 2013 meeting schedule was mentioned and any comments to the Village Manager.

J. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$437,687.74
2. Consideration of: 2013 Meeting Schedule
3. Consideration of: Appointment of James Davis to the Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee with a Term Ending June 2013

Motion Knight; support Carson to approve items 1, 2 & 3 of the Consent Agenda.

Unanimous voice vote for approval with Trustees Fisher and Semifero absent

K. OLD BUSINESS-Consideration and Discussion of:

1. Discussion of: Cityhood Next Steps

President Keough reported that Ms. Nicholls is working on a fact sheet on cityhood for a forthcoming Town Hall meeting.

L. NEW BUSINESS-Consideration of and Discussion of:

1. Discussion of: Organizational Matters Resolution and Council Rules

M. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Carson	Happy New Year
Knight	Happy New Year
Jones	Happy New Year
Tell	Happy New Year
Cousins	Happy New Year
Fisher	Absent
Semifero	Absent

N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

Brian Urquhart of 230 S. Steinbach Road, Dexter introduced himself as the attorney for Bill Tupper and handling the sale of property. He offered his services if needed for any questions in the closed session.

O. CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE ATTORNEY / CLIENT COMMUNICATION REGARDING THE POTENTIAL PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AND UPDATE ON THE PENDING LITIGATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH MCL 15.268

Motion Carson; support Tell to move into closed session for the purpose of discussing the Attorney/Client communication regarding the potential purchase of property and update on the pending litigation in accordance with MCL 15.268 at 8:01 PM

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

Motion Tell; support Cousins to leave closed session at 8:32 PM

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

Motion Carson; support Tell to affirm the DDA decision to complete the purchase of property at 3045 Broad Street, Dexter for a price of \$1,350,000.00.

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

P. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Cousins; support Knight to adjourn at 8:35 PM.

Unanimous voice vote for approval with Trustees Fisher and Semifero absent

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Jones
Clerk, Village of Dexter

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