

Hello Residents and Council,

Happy Hot July to everyone! We are still in the middle of a long heat wave....please do your best to stay hydrated and be careful when outside in the heat!

Here is my report of recent activities and my calendar of planned Dexter activities looking ahead:

### **Mayor's Thoughts on Potential Facility Upgrades**

Recent Facility discussions – On June 11<sup>th</sup>, our architect from Partners in Architecture presented a concept and preliminary cost of \$6.3 Million for a new fire station at a potential site on Dexter Ann Arbor Road. I am not supportive of this location or the cost because I don't feel it provides the best response times for our Dexter community or is the most cost effective option to make upgrades to our current station. I am also concerned that the emergency routes for nearly 70% of the runs will create a lot of disturbance in the City because there is no direct route from the "potential" Dexter Ann Arbor Road location to Webster or Dexter Township without crossing through our busy downtown areas or through residential areas. While I know our fire fighters desire some improvements at the current station, I do not believe our fire fighters are supportive of moving the fire station to Dexter Ann Arbor Road. We need to continue to discuss less costly options for improving our current station.

### **Recent Meetings**

July 10, 2018 – 3045 Broad Street Committee Public Meeting #4 with Norfolk Team – this public meeting was held with the Norfolk Team at the Dexter District Library. I would like to thank all those who attended and participated.

July 11, 2018 – Conference call with Michelle Aniol and representatives of the Redevelopment Ready Communities group at the MEDC.

July 13, 2018 – Meeting with Pat Greve from Waste Management – we discussed the future of the trash, recycling and yard waste collection, as well as some of the current challenges and trends in this industry. With the reduction in drivers and the challenge to find labor across the State and Nation, the industry is switching to a one person automated pickup process. It is likely in the near future (year or two) that we are going to see this change in Dexter also, and we are beginning the discussions on how to understand these changes and prepare for this change in the most cost effective manner. This future change will likely require all residents to have large uniform carts for both trash and recycling pick up. The plan is to have Pat Greve come talk to Council to provide a more thorough update and then to use the newsletter to educate all residents and businesses on the potential changes and timelines.

### **Upcoming Activities**

July 19, 2018 – Downtown Development Authority meeting – I may not be able to attend this meeting due to a family commitment.

July 19, 2018 – Dexter Area Fire Department meeting for July 19<sup>th</sup> has been canceled.

July 20, 2018 – Meeting at City offices with Michelle Aniol and representatives of the Redevelopment Ready Communities group from MEDC.

July 23, 2018 – City Council meeting (with Facility Committee meeting at 6 pm)

July 25, 2018 – Website Committee – interviews with consultants for website upgrades.

I hope everyone is having a great summer and look forward to seeing you around our town. ☺