

MINUTES OF DIMONDALE VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

136 N. Bridge Street, Dimondale, MI 48821

March 12, 2018

Denise M. Parisian, Clerk

7:00 p.m. Meeting called to order by President Reznick.

Trustee Grab led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Ammarman, Bower, Campbell, Conarton, Grab, Reznick, Tardino

Absent: none

Also Present: Denise Parisian, Village Manager; James Gallagher, Manager Trainee; Betsy Kelly, Recording Secretary.

Approval of Agenda

Parisian requested an agenda amendment under Reports and Recommendations to report on recent flooding. Motion by Campbell, second Bower, to approve the March 12, 2018 agenda as amended.

Motion carried.

Minutes

Motion by Campbell, second Tardino, to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2018 public hearing and regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was filed with no corrections.

Bills

The bills were reviewed. Motion by Ammarman, second Campbell, to approve payment of \$50,913.08 in the General Fund; \$3,978.71 in the Major Street Fund; \$3,821.79 in the Local Street Fund; and \$51.80 in the Farmers' Market Fund for February 28th bills and transfers. Motion carried.

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Deputy Holliday, Eaton County Sheriff Department, reported on February activities.

Roger Eakin, Eaton County Commissioner, provided an update on budget concerns at the county level.

Recommendations/Reports from Council Committees and Village Officers

1. Reznick reported on the February Windsor Township meetings.
2. Reznick called upon Committee Chairpersons to schedule time within the next 60 days with Parisian and Gallagher to set goals for the next year.
3. Parisian noted that bids have been received for the W. Jefferson St. resurfacing project and the State of Michigan will likely award to the lowest bidder, Michigan Paving at \$179,489.20.
4. Parisian stated that she will be collecting for Meals on Wheels for anyone wishing to donate.
5. Parisian reported on the status of the street lighting upgrade noting that she has been unable to pull the project together for the previous budget cycle and will request a budget amendment for the 2018-19 fiscal year to complete the work when she is finished reviewing the proposal.
6. Parisian reported that recent flood damage was limited to two storm outlets on Creyts Road and a portion of the sidewalk and the limestone paths at Danford Island Park. She suggested that the Recreation Committee may want to research alternative path materials.
7. Conarton reported on the February 28th Management Committee meeting which focused on the MERS retirement plan, amendments to the payment in lieu of insurance policy, the new Manager's contract and the Manager transition plan. Motion by Conarton, second Campbell, to adopt the resolution to change to a defined contribution plan from a defined benefit plan for eligible employees hired on or after March 1, 2018. Motion carried unanimously and resolution adopted. Motion by Bower, second Tardino, to approve the payment in lieu of insurance policy to reflect a reimbursement rate of \$150.00 per month. Motion carried. Motion by Conarton, second Ammarman to approve the new Manager's contract. Discussion followed regarding removal of language contained in Section 3(B)2. Ammarman offered, and Conarton accepted, a friendly amendment to strike the language. Motion carried. Motion by Campbell, second Ammarman, to approve the proposed transition plan for the Manager's position which identifies Parisian as the Manager until the end of 60 days. Motion carried. Conarton suggested a meet and greet between 6 and 7 p.m. on April 9th for Gallagher as well as a media release and the Trustees concurred.

Unfinished Business

1. No unfinished business was presented.

New Business

1. Parisian stated that terms have expired for two Board of Appeals members and both are interested in reappointment. Motion by Conarton, second Bower, to reappoint Scott Ammarman and Linda Reznick to the Board of Appeals for terms to expire in March 2021. Motion carried.
2. Reznick introduced the 2018-19 Meetings Proceedings Resolution. Motion by Campbell, second Bower, to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried unanimously. (Copy attached.)

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No comments were received.

Announcements, Communications, Meeting Schedule

1. Reznick welcomed Gallagher and recognized Parisian for her 30 years of service.
2. Conarton invited the group to attend the Full Plate Fundraiser on March 25th to benefit the food bank.

Motion by Ammarman, second Campbell, to adjourn. Motion carried at 8:02 p.m.

Denise M. Parisian