

**MINUTES OF DIMONDALE PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING**  
**136 N. Bridge Street, Dimondale, MI 48821**  
November 25, 2019  
James P. Gallagher, Clerk

**Public Hearing**

7:00 p.m. Chairperson Macak opened the Public Hearing to take comments on a proposed ordinance to amend sections 1264.01 and 1264.03 and repeal section 1264.02 of the code of the Village of Dimondale by providing that the Village Council shall act for all purposes as the zoning board of appeals within the Village of Dimondale.  
With no comments, the hearing was closed at 7:00 p.m.

7:01 p.m. Regular meeting called to order by Chairperson Macak.

**Roll call**

Present: Haynes, Macak, Reiffer, Reznick, Roesner  
Absent: none

Also present: James Gallagher, Village Manager; Betsy Kelly, Recording Secretary.

Reznick requested that the agenda be amended to add discussion on the Pledge of Allegiance and ordinances in general under New Business.

**Public Session**

No comments were received.

**Business Session**

1. Motion by Reznick, second Roesner, to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2019 public hearing and regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.
2. No unfinished business was presented.
3. Macak presented Ordinance 2019-4, an ordinance to amend sections 1264.01 and 1264.03 and repeal section 1264.02 of the code of the Village of Dimondale by providing that the Village Council shall act for all purposes as the zoning board of appeals within the Village of Dimondale. Reznick stated her understanding of the desire to eliminate the Board of Appeals from the practical standpoint that it is difficult to maintain volunteers and a general lack of knowledge on the current Board with regard to Robert's Rules of Order and Village Ordinances. She also expressed concern that elimination of the Board of Appeals removes an important check and balance leaving all the decision making with the Village Council. Discussion followed regarding low volunteer rates and composition of the current Board of Appeals. Motion by Reiffer, second Haynes, to accept the ordinance as written and forward a recommendation to the Village Council for adoption. Motion carried, Reznick opposed.
4. No communications were presented.
5. No reports were submitted.
6. Gallagher introduced the Capital Improvement Plan for member consideration. Discussion followed regarding clarification of grant funding sources, land acquisition, removing mural funding and adding bike repair stations and racks. Members directed Gallagher to clarify funding sources and amounts where grants are a consideration; retain mural funding; and add bike repair stations/bike racks to the plan. Gallagher will have the final document ready for approval at the January meeting.

7. Reznick suggested adding recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Planning Commission meetings and members concurred. Gallagher will amend the Bylaws for approval at the January meeting.

8. Reznick suggested an in depth review of the Code of Ordinances stating her opinion that meetings should not be canceled due to lack of business and that the time could be spent as a learning session for the Commissioners. Discussion followed regarding work sessions and complying with the Open Meetings Act. Members agreed that ordinance review will begin at the January meeting.

Motion by Roesner, second Reiffer, to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried.

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