

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE DECATUR VILLAGE COUNCIL

Mar 2, 2015

7:00 p.m.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the following were present at roll call: Trustees: Tom Stull, Norma Strickler, Mike Heflin, Ali Elwaer, and Carl Wickett. Absent: Robert Mead, Jr, and Greg Cole. Also present: Attorney Cooper, Chief McLeese, DPW Avery, VC Conklin, VM Krizan, eighteen guests. VT Rex excused.

President Wickett welcomed everyone and asked if there were any public comments that were not on the agenda. President Wickett asked if there were any agenda additions/deletions. Hearing none, moved by A. Elwaer and seconded by T. Stull to accept the agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes from the February 2, 2015 meeting was made by M. Heflin and seconded by N. Strickler. All in favor, motion carried. Motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$156,875.41 was made by A. Elwaer and seconded by M. Heflin. All in favor, motion carried.

Communications: Letter of resignation from Greg Cole as Council Trustee. Moved by A. Elwaer and seconded by N. Strickler to accept the resignation. All in favor, motion carried.

Officer reports: VT Rex excused. Chief McLeese had nothing to add to his report. DPW Avery reported water freezes are up this year. VC Conklin had nothing to add. Atty Cooper had nothing to add. VM Krizan reported an issue with the fans at Cargill, and explained it was a necessary evil. VM reported that it had been six years since the adoption of the Joint Master Plan and has contacted the townships to begin an update. The bids should be out by the end of this month for the resurfacing of Phelps Street, Sherwood to St. Marys. VM also reported they had borrowed a machine from Wayland to clean sidewalks and it seems to be doing a good job.

Unfinished Business: VM reported that the building inspector posted on the building the demolition order. Jane Flanagan, spokesperson for the Community Center reported that they would have insurance within the week. She did not produce a contract for demolition, nor any further information. Moved by A. Elwaer and seconded by T. Stull to proceed with the legal action in support of the demolition. All in favor, motion carried. The final draft of Ordinance 196- PILOT Plan for the Woda Development Group was presented. Moved by A. Elwaer and seconded by N. Strickler to adopt the ordinance. All in favor, motion carried. Moved by N. Strickler and seconded by M. Heflin to rescind the January motion to put DPW Superintendent on salary. VM explained that there would have to be four votes in favor to constitute a majority. Roll call vote: Ayes: N. Strickler, M. Heflin, and C. Wickett. Nays: T. Stull and A. Elwaer. Motion failed.

New Business: VM requested that there be a DPW Transition Committee to explore options for the public works department with the pending retirement of D. Avery. N. Strickler and T. Stull agreed to be on the committee. The Council Appointments and meeting dates were presented, moved by N. Strickler and seconded by T. Stull to approve them. All in favor, motion carried. VM presented a revised animal ordinance incorporating a graduated fine schedule and requested one change under section 7, that any additional citations "may" result in a Show Cause Hearing. Moved by M. Heflin and seconded by T. Stull to adopt the revised ordinance. All in favor, motion carried.

Council Comments: Snowmobile issues and the sidewalk machine works fine. Motion made by A. Elwaer and seconded by M. Heflin to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lou Ann Conklin
Village Clerk