

Official Minutes- Village of Decatur Council Meeting January 4, 2016

The January regular meeting of the Village Council for the Village of Decatur, Michigan was called to order by President Pro-Tem Ali Elwaer at 7:00 pm., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call taken with Trustee Mead, Trustee Stull, Trustee Strickler, Trustee Heflin and President Pro-Tem Elwaer all present, with Trustee Richardson and President Wickett absent. Also present: Village Attorney Cooper, Chief of Police McLeese, Deputy Chief Dahlquist, DPW Foreman Ebeling, Village Manager Krizan and Village Clerk/Treasurer Mitchell, along with 15 guests.

Public Comment:

Anthony MaKay brings to the board attention that he is building a storage building for Bernie Sherburn that will not meet the setbacks from a piece of property that the village owns. If the council has any questions or issues with it, the Decatur Township Zoning Board of Appeals will be having an open hearing in the near future. He hands out a sketch to explain the plans.

Consent Agenda:

Motion made by Trustee Mead, seconded by Trustee Stull to accept the agenda as presented. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion made by Trustee Heflin to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Mead. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion made by Trustee Mead to approve bills totaling \$348,892.84, seconded by Trustee Stull. All in favor, motion carries.

Communications:

Letter from Kirk Richardson VP and COO of Bronson Lakeview Hospital thanking the Village of Decatur Council for their letter explaining the effects of possibly removing some of their services out of town. In response Bronson has decided to retain the services within the Village of Decatur.

Van Buren County Prosecutor Mike Bedford and "Tehya" present on the new K-9 Children Victim Advocacy Program. The dog allows for the children to be able to relax during the tense situations they encounter throughout the litigations proceedings. Taya has been welcomed by all judges within Van Buren County. The only cost was \$500 that was paid with a grant by the state. Prosecutor Bedford will also inform the village whenever there is a felony conviction from the Village.

Reports:

PD: Trustee Stull asks why the Chief is being paid over-time when he is a salary worker, also wants to know who decides this. VM explains the decision to pay him over-time was playing it safe, legally. In hopes of avoiding any FLSA violations.

Financial: No Questions

VA: No Questions

VM: The new truck has had some issues getting here, nothing on our part. Freightliner has had an issue with the paint being scratched and also needing to replace a wiring harness. As of now it should be here

in the morning tomorrow. However, I will not believe it until I see it sitting out front. The small dump truck is down again, transmission was getting hot. But, it is still under warranty and that will be fixed as soon as possible.

Unfinished Business:

Nelson Property- Should be in the house by the end of the week to conduct the asbestos survey by the end of the week. Once the survey is done, the demolition should move follow quickly.

DPW On-Call Policy- Motion to pay DPW workers \$60/weekend that they are on-call, made by Trustee Mead, seconded by Trustee Stull. Roll Call vote: Trustee Mead, Trustee Stull, Trustee Heflin and President Pro-Tem Elwaer in favor and Trustee Strickler against. Motion carries 4-1.

DPW Emergency Call in Policy- In an effort to clarify the call-in procedures for DPW workers. VM is informed to create and enact policy to be brought in front of council in February meeting.

New Business:

Council Appointments 2016- Motion to accept the appointments as presented made by Trustee Mead, seconded by Trustee Heflin. All in favor, motion carries.

2007 Dodge Charger sealed bids- Winning bid was \$3101.01 of the two sealed bids. Motion to accept the winning bid for sale of the '07 Charger made by Trustee Strickler seconded by Trustee Mead. All in favor, motion carries.

Budget Committee Report and Recommendations (Police Staffing) – Motion to rescind PD hiring motion from November meeting made by Trustee Stull and seconded by Trustee Mead. Roll Call vote: Trustee Mead, Trustee Stull, Trustee Heflin and President Pro-Tem Elwaer in favor and Trustee Strickler against. Motion carries 4-1. Motion to hire a full-time officer and have Chief McLeese patrol 24 hours a week made by Trustee Mead seconded by Trustee Stull. Roll Call vote: Trustee Mead, Trustee Stull, Trustee Heflin and President Pro-Tem Elwaer in favor and Trustee Strickler against. Motion carries 4-1.

PD Vacation Buy-out- Due to the PD scheduling without a full staff for the previous 2 months, the non-union officers were unable to use vacation time. They would appreciate a buy-out of the vacation time that they can't carry over to 2016-17 fiscal year (any hours over one full year granted). A buy-out is done every year with the union employees. Motion to buy out what is not able to be carried over, pending an honest effort to use it made by Trustee Strickler, seconded by Trustee Heflin. Roll Call vote: Trustee Mead, Trustee Stull, Trustee Strickler and Trustee Heflin in favor, and President Pro-Tem Elwaer against. Motion carries, 4-1.

Fiscal Year 16-17 Budget Presentation- VM Krizan gives presentation on 2016-17 Budget. Budget Committee has met and approve of the budget. This is the first year with the loss of Personal Property and the SAW Grant but there are still multiple projects planned. The budget is in a total of \$1.839M. The budget will be voted on in the February regular meeting.

Public Comment:

Beth Griffin- Running for State Representative, hands out fliers and willing to answer any questions anyone may have. Gives brief description of past as school teacher and why she is running for office.

Comments from Council:

N/A

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. made by Trustee Mead and seconded by Trustee Stull. All in favor, motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aaron Mitchell

Village Clerk