

## Village of Decatur, Michigan Regular Meeting

May 2, 2016

At 7:00 p.m. on May 2<sup>nd</sup> President Carl Wickett called the meeting to order, and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Village Clerk/Treasurer Mitchell did roll call with Trustee Stull, Trustee Mead, Trustee Richardson, Trustee Heflin and President Wickett being present and Trustee Vaughn and President Pro-Tem Elwaer being absent. Village Clerk/Treasurer Mitchell, Village Attorney Cooper, Village Manager Krizan, Chief of Police McLeese are also present with 31 guests.

### **Public Comment:**

Kim Gunther would like for the minutes to be updated on the website. The most recent was the February minutes.

John Walker appreciates the removal of the underground house. However, there are many more houses in the neighborhood that are in violation of blight. President Wickett asks for Mr. Walker to get together with Chief McLeese and get a list of addresses that he believes are in violation.

### **Consent Agenda:**

Agenda- Village Manager Krizan asks to add Annie Brown to the agenda under Communications. Motion to accept the agenda as presented with the addition made by Trustee Mead, supported by Trustee Stull. All in favor, motion carries.

Minutes- Motion to accept the Minutes as presented made by Trustee Richardson, supported by Trustee Heflin. All in favor, motion carries.

Bills- Motion to accept the bills in a total of \$80,212.14 made by Trustee Stull, supported by Trustee Mead. All in favor, motion carries.

### **Public Hearings:**

Motion to enter into a Public Hearing for Resolution 2016-06: Resolution to Establish a Commercial Rehabilitation District at 100 S. Phelps St. for Final Gravity made by Trustee Richardson, supported by Trustee Stull. All in favor, motion carries. No public comment. Motion to close public hearing made by Trustee Heflin, supported by Trustee Richardson. All in favor, motion carries.

### **Communications:**

Don Hanson gives an update from the County. Looks like a potential sale of the Covert Generating Plant for \$650M, will give the county \$2,000 in delinquent taxes. The 911 Central dispatch has spent \$70,000 on technology improvements that will allow them to better serve the public.

Presentation by Phil Ortesky who is running for Van Buren County Sherriff.

Phylis Nelson from CMH of Van Buren County explains the program they offer that allows for people with Mental Health issues find jobs throughout the county. They will pay up to 40 hours of their initial wages if they are employed.

Letter from the Decatur Township ZBA pertaining to a parcel that is constructing a fence that borders a Village owned parcel. Council does not request any participation with the process. Council will be satisfied with whatever the ZBA decides.

Presentation by Annie Brown who is running for State Representative for the 66<sup>th</sup> District.

### **Officer Reports:**

Chief – nothing to add

Attorney- nothing to add

Financial- VC/T Mitchell regrets to add that he will not be at the next meeting, due to his School Board conducting Superintendent interviews.

VM- MML is putting together a campaign to shed light on the loss of revenue sharing. The Village will lose \$6.5M on taxable this year from the removal of Cargill Personal Property, but we budgeted properly and will not feel this loss.

**Unfinished Business:**

- a) Nelson Property Update- It is finished, it is cleaned up and Flory's Excavating did a good job.
- b) Village Local Streets Project Selection (Heavy Maintenance)- After being advised by council in last meeting DPW Foreman Ebeling went out and rated the potential routes to decide which is in most need. His findings show that Austin Blvd. and Meadow Brook are in the most need. Motion to accept the route of Austin Blvd and Meadow Brook to have Heavy Maintenance made by Trustee Stull, supported by Trustee Richardson. Trustee Stull, Trustee Richardson, Trustee Heflin and President Wickett in favor, Trustee Mead against, motion carries.

**New Business:**

- a) Resolution 2016-05: Local Microbrewery License for Final Gravity at 100 S. Phelps- Will provide room for canning and bottling. Motion to accept the resolution made by Trustee Mead, supported by Trustee Richardson. All in favor, motion carries.
- b) Resolution 2016-06: Resolution to Establish a Commercial Rehabilitation District at 100 S. Phelps St.- Motion to accept the resolution made by Trustee Richardson, supported by Trustee Stull. All in favor, motion carries.
- c) Development Agreement: Village of Decatur and Nick Johnson- Will protect the Village from the possibility of selling the property in the next seven years. It also provides a deadline at which Johnson will have to begin building on the parcel. Motion to accept the resolution made by Trustee Heflin, supported by Trustee Stull. All in favor, motion carries.
- d) Ordinance No. 200: Authorization to sell Certain Real Estate (Industrial Park) - Motion to accept the ordinance to sell real estate to Nick Johnson made by Trustee Richardson, supported by Trustee Stull. All in favor, motion carries.
- e) MERS Defined Contribution Retirement Plan- Mike Tackett from MERS presents on the potential of switching the employee pension program from Nationwide to MERS.
- f) Zero-Turn Mower Purchase-Motion to buy a Ferris Zero-Turn Mower from Formula K for \$10,470 made by Trustee Mead, supported by Trustee Richardson. All in favor, motion carries.
- g) Skate Park Pavilion Project Award- Motion to accept the bid by Mallory Pole Buildings at \$29,522 by Trustee Stull, supported by Trustee Heflin. All in favor, motion carries.
- h) Summer Tax Receipting- After looking at common practice in similar communities and looking at the possibility of saving money for the Village. The council approves the changing of the receipting process to not have mandatory receipts, but only if the box is checked on their bills.
- i) Swim Lessons Rates- Motion to keep the current rates for 2016 swimming lessons made by Trustee Richardson, supported by Trustee Stull. All in favor, motion carries.
- j) Generator Maintenance Contract- Maintenance could prevent an emergency situation in the case the Village were to lose power for an extended period of time. Motion to enter into a contract for Generator Maintenance made by Trustee Stull, supported by Trustee Heflin. All in favor, motion carries.
- k) Tree Removal Quote- Motion to accept bid from J.C. and Sons to remove 5 of the most dangerous

trees in the Village for \$2,625.00 by Trustee Mead, supported by Trustee Richardson. All in favor, motion carries.

l) Municipal Civil Infraction Bureau- Council appoints a committee to look into the procedure of creating Bureau under Village Treasurer. Committee includes Trustee Richardson and Trustee Stull.

**Public Comment:**

Kevin Christensen- Wants the council to be aware that he may be having a 400 ft. hole drilled at 100 S. Phelps St., to cool water used for brewing. Will bring the contractor to the June meeting to answer any questions.

Presentation by David Walker who is running for Van Buren County Sherriff.

Presentation by Cirillo Martinez who is running for 7<sup>th</sup> District Judge.

**Council Comments:**

Trustee Richardson wants to thank Kim Gunther for her patients with the Nelson property demolition. President Wickett asks all to keep former Trustee Strickler in your thoughts and prayers. She is in Borgess and not doing well.

Motion to adjourn made by Trustee Mead, supported by Trustee Heflin. All in favor, motion carries at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Aaron Mitchell, Village Clerk