

Village of Decatur, Michigan Regular Meeting
June 6, 2016

At 7:00 p.m. on June 6th President Carl Wickett called the meeting to order, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Wickett moves to nominate Kim Gunther to the position of Village Trustee, supported by Heflin. Roll Call vote:
Ayes: Richardson, Mead, Stull, Heflin, Elwaer, and Wickett.
Nays: None
Motion passes

Village Manager Mitchell did roll call with Stull, Mead, Richardson, Heflin, Elwaer, and Wickett being present. Village Manager Krizan, Deputy Chief of Police Dahlquist also present with 28 guests.

Public Comment:

Carl Druskovich presents information on the Conservation District and their upcoming millage request. Jim Abshagen questions the previous appointment of Andrea Vaughn to Council. A discussion regarding a transition committee was held and Richardson and Elwaer agreed to be a part of it with the department heads. Richard Canarv asked about the Post Office asking residents on Delaware St to place mailboxes at the street. Betty Loveland also asked about the Post Office and complained about the noise from the Final Gravity.

Consent Agenda:

Agenda- Elwaer adds Uniform Crime Reporting Discussion under New Business. Motion to approve the agenda as amended made by Meade, supported by Richardson. All in favor, motion carries.
Minutes- Motion to accept the Minutes as presented made by Heflin, supported by Stull. All in favor, motion carries.
Bills- Motion to accept the bills in a total of \$105,249.34 made by Richardson, supported by Trustee Stull. All in favor, motion carries.

Public Hearings:

Motion to enter into a Public Hearing for Resolution 2016-07: Resolution of Approval of a CRE Application made by Richardson, supported by Mead. All in favor, motion carries. No public comment. Motion to close public hearing made by Richardson, supported by Heflin. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion to enter into a Public Hearing for Resolution 2016-08: Establishment of an Industrial Development District made by Elwaer, supported by Richardson. All in favor, motion carries. No public comment. Motion to close public hearing made by Heflin, supported by Elwaer. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion to enter into a Public Hearing for Resolution 2016-09: Approval of an IFT Application made by Elwaer, supported by Richardson. All in favor, motion carries. A question was asked about what on the property is considered Industrial. VM explained that the actual brewing facility is considered Industrial.

No further public comments. Motion to close public hearing made by Stull, supported by Mead. All in favor, motion carries.

Communications:

Don Hanson gives an update from the County. He explained that the County is reviewing their digital backup system and that they are looking at the addition on the Jail.

Dan Abbot was not present.

Letter from the Van Buren County Treasurer regarding tax foreclosed properties. There is no interest from the Village for these properties.

Kathy Homola presented a plan for decorating a tree in the DDA Park for Christmas. Council agrees to allow the tree to be decorated by the VFW Auxiliary.

Officer Reports:

Financial- Nothing to add, no questions.

VM- Elwaer asked about the blight at the Community Center. A complaint is open and the blight should be taken care of soon. VM stressed the importance of having a quorum at the annual Fireboard meeting on June 26, at 7:00pm.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

- a.) Resolution 2016-07: Resolution of Approval of a CRE Application – Motion by Richardson to approve Resolution 2016-07, supported by Mead. All in favor, motion passes.
- b.) Resolution 2016-08: Establishment of an Industrial Development District – Motion by Mead to approve Resolution 2016-08, supported by Elwaer. All in favor, motion passes.
- c.) Resolution 2016-09: Resolution of Approval of a IFT Application – Motion by Richardson to approve Resolution 2016-09, supported by Heflin. All in favor, motion passes.
- d.) Fireworks Permit – Motion by Elwaer to approve the Annual Fireworks display permit, supported by Stull. All in favor, motion passes.
- e.) Resolution 2016-10: Road Closure of M-51 for 4th of July Parade – Motion by Heflin to approve Resolution 2016-10, supported by Richardson. All in favor, motion passes.
- f.) Resolution 2016-11: Road Closure for Annual Steve’s Raider Stomp Run – Motion by Elwaer to approve resolution 2016-11, supported by Stull. All in favor, motion passes.
- g.) Resolution 2016-12: Road Closure of Phelps for Decatur Day – Motion by Mead to approve Resolution 2016-12, supported by Richardson. All in favor, motion passes.
- h.) DPW Trench Box Purchase – Ebeling explained the need for the purchase. Motion by Mead to purchase the Trench Box, supported by Mead. All in favor, motion passes.
- i.) Midway Electric Quote – Motion by Richardson to replace the Electrical Disconnect, supported by Elwaer. All in favor, motion passes.
- j.) Village Manager Resignation – Motion by Heflin to accept the resignation of Village Manager Krizan, supported by Richardson. All in favor, motion passes.

k.) Interim Manager and Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Position – Motion to appoint Village Clerk Aaron Mitchell as the Interim Manager as of 6-18-2016 made by Mead, supported by Elwaer. All in favor, motion passes.

Motion to post a position for a new Village Clerk/Deputy Treasurer with a salary range of \$37,500 to \$42,500 made by Elwaer, supported by Stull. All in favor, motion passes.

l.) Resolution 2016-13: Appointment of Street Administrator – Motion to approve Resolution 2016-13 and name Aaron Mitchell as Street Administrator made by Stull, supported by Elwaer. All in favor, motion passes.

m.) Police Chief Position – Discussion over the appointment of Deputy Chief Tom Dahlquist to the position of Interim Police Chief. Motion to appoint Dahlquist as interim Police Chief for the next 6 months made by Richardson, supported by Heflin. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Richardson, Heflin, Elwaer, and Wickett

Nays: Stull

Abstentions: Mead

Motion passes.

n.) Building Inspector – Letter to LARA for temporary assistance – Discussion about the process to fill the position.

o.) Austin Blvd Project – Award of Project – Motion to reject all bids and package the project with the planned projects for next year by Mead, supported by Richardson. All in favor, motion passes.

p.) Uniform Crime Reporting Discussion – Elwaer informed the Council that a new officer explained to him that the process the Decatur PD is using for reports when assisting other agencies is illegal. Interim Chief Dahlquist will have the officer make a written report and hand the investigation to the State Police.

Public Comment:

Sherri Kniss explained problems she is having with her new neighbors.

Betty Loveland commented on the trees along N Phelps Street.

Kevin Christensen explained a bit more about the self-sustaining cooling system they are going to install.

Interim Police Chief Dahlquist presented a new part-time officer Rhonda Delong.

Jim Abshagen also commented on the trees along N Phelps Street.

Robin Siegel commented on dangerous dogs in the community, Betty Loveland supported her comments about the dogs.

Jill Hemenway asked about the Community Center and the potential for MMA fights coming soon.

Council Comments:

Richardson congratulated Dahlquist and Village Manager for their new roles.

Motion to adjourn made by Elwaer, supported by Mead. All in favor, motion carries at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Krizan, Village Manager