

Village of Decatur
Regular Council Meeting, Monday, January 7th, 2018

Present: *Elwaer, Jackson, Mead, Pachner, Verran, Gunther, Hayes*

Absent:

Guests: *Police Chief VanDerWoude; and 10 visitors.*

The meeting was called to order in the Decatur Village Hall by President Elwaer at 7:00 PM

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Elwaer.

Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Comment was given.

Public Comment

3. Mead moved, Verran seconded, CARRIED, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the Agenda, Minutes from the November 5th, 2018, Regular Meeting, and Bills totaling \$97,376.52. All were in favor.

Consent Agenda

4. Representative from Gabridge & Co, presented the audit findings.

Audit Presentation

5. Officer Reports

Officer Reports

a. Village Attorney's Report - no report was given

b. Department of Public Work's Report

- i. November was a busy month as leaf pickup continued and snow removal started at the end of the month. Tree trimming continued while banners and flags were taken down for the winter. Christmas decorations were put up. Potholes were patched and shoulders were repaired with gravel. Built a loft in one of our open bays for storage. Tires for police cars were stored. Parks were winterized and cross connection inspections were done. Water service at Decatur Downs was connected to the main. Water samples were taken and all were clear. Waste water was discharged. Our PFAS results came back and were negative, the report will be available at Village Hall.

c. Chief of Police Report

- i. Sgt. Rigg attended a table top exercise hosted by Covert PD. The exercise involved a mock crash scenario (multi-vehicle crash on I-96) Very informative and excellent training.
- ii. Sgt Rigg attended training involving Financial Crimes hosted by Lake Michigan College.

d. Village Clerk and Treasurer's Report

- i. Babcock indicated that the final check was issued to Mr. Penning for fire insurance for the house fire cleanup on East St. Mary's.
- ii. Babcock stated that office has signed up for a table at the "Light up the Library" for their Christmas Celebration.

e. Village Manager's Report

- i. Newton noted that work continues on the FY'20 Budget.
- ii. Newton stated that he met with Julie Leighton-Moser regarding the Welcome to Decatur Sign at the south entrance on M-51. The current sign is in poor condition and could use a major refresh. The idea is it to mirror the sign coming in from the north. The cost would be approximately \$5,000.00 and Modern Woodman would be

able to provide matching funds of \$2,500.00 In order to qualify for the matching funds we would have to fundraise the remaining \$2,500.00 To facilitate this we are proposing the village contribute \$1,000.00 in funds towards the sign and that the DDA facilitate the fundraising efforts.

- iii. Newton stated the electrical repairs in the PD should be completed in early December.
- iv. Newton indicated that he has information about changing our downtown lights on Phelps Street to LEDs. The idea is to save money on monthly electric costs. The project costs were estimated at \$28, 350.00 with AEP offering a rebate of \$1,925.00 bringing the net cost to \$26, 425.00 if the project was completed, we would see an annual savings of \$2,035.84 in electric costs.
- v. Newton stated the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act passed on election night. The MRTMA legalizes the use of recreational marijuana throughout the State of Michigan. Under the MRTMA, municipalities will automatically be opted in unless they take action. In order to help us sort through the changes and address this effectively, Chief VanDerWoude, Clerk & Treasurer Babcock along with myself will be attending an information session being held by MML.
- vi. Newton stated that he and DPW Foreman Ebeling, Mikey Bitner and Anna Horner from Wightman & Associates met with representatives from Nutrien to discuss the pond area at East ST/Sherwood ST.
- vii. Newton indicated that he would be attending the MME Winter Institute being held in February/

6. Unfinished Business

a. Edgar Bergan Building

Mead moved, Gunther seconded, CARRIED, to approve Ordinance #205 as presented
Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Jackson, Pachner, Verran, Elwaer, Gunther, Mead, Hayes

No: None

Abs: None

Unfinished Business

Edgar Bergan Building

b. Sales of PD Patrol Car to Lawton

Jackson moved, Pachner seconded, CARRIED to approved counter offer from Lawton Police Department of \$8,000.00 on contingent of their council approval.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Jackson, Pachner, Verran, Elwaer, Gunther, Mead, Hayes

No: None

Abs: None

Sale of 2013 Patrol Car

9. New Business

- a. Pachner moved, Mead seconded, CARRIED, authorize Red Woolfe Park to be opened year-round to public.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Jackson, Pachner, Verran, Elwaer, Gunther, Mead, Hayes

No: None

Abs: None

*Red Woolfe Park-Winter
Opening*

- b. Jackson moved, Hayes seconded, CARRIED, to approve the sale of the 1420 Truck as presented. *Sale of 1420 Fire Truck*
Roll Call Vote:
Aye: Jackson, Verran, Elwaer, Gunther, Hayes
No: Pachner, Mead
Abs: None
- c. Jackson moved, Verran seconded, CARRIED, to approve the bid for the Fire Department tire installations as presented. *Purchase of Tires for DHFD Vehicles*
Roll call Vote:
Aye: Jackson, Pachner, Verran, Elwaer, Gunther, Mead, Hayes
No: None
Abs: None
- d. Jackson moved, Gunther seconded, CARRIED, to approve policy HR-01 as presented. *Village HSA Contributions*
Roll Call Vote:
Aye: Jackson, Mead, Elwaer, Pachner, Verran, Gunther, Hayes
No: None
Abs: None
- e. Gunther moved, Jackson seconded, CARRIED, to approve the FY' 2- PD Wage Rate Scheduled as presented. *PD Wage Rates*
Roll Call Vote:
Aye: Jackson, Mead, Elwaer, Pachner, Verran, Gunther, Hayes
No: None
Abs: None
10. Public Comment was given. *Public Comment*
11. Council Comment was given. *Council Comment*
12. Mead moved, Gunther seconded, CARRIED, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. *Adjournment*