

**Village of Decatur**  
**Regular Council Meeting, Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**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 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Regular Meeting, and Bills totaling \$97,376.52. All were in favor.

*Consent Agenda*

4. Letter from Housman Residence-DPW

*Correspondence*

5. Officer Reports

*Officer Reports*

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

b. Department of Public Work's Report

- i. December has brought an unpredictable winter. Leaf pickup continued, and Red Woolfe Park had its leaves mulched and brush picked up. Brush picked up continued, throughout the village along with Christmas trees that were picked up. The snow blower cutting edge was replaced and a camera system was installed on the salt spreader. Sand was mixed with salt and roads were patched and road shoulders were filled. Water samples and PFAS results were both negative. Sewer lines were jetted for maintenance. A little snow and ice removal were done. Trash and recycle container delivery continued. Lights at the DPW shop were worked on, and streets were swept. The storm water system was worked on. November waste water discharge was turned in.

c. Chief of Police Report

- i. Sgt. Taylor attended Basic Evidence and Advance Evidence Technician School
- ii. Hiring Process continues for our current full-time vacancy. VanDerWoude stated that they have a conditional offer extended to a young man and look to have him on board by the end of February.
- iii. VanDerWoude stated that the LEIN Audit was done on 12-17-18 and the police department did very well.
- iv. VanDerWoude stated that they handled a school threat at Decatur Public Schools, this case is still under investigation.

d. Village Clerk and Treasurer's Report

- i. Babcock indicated that the annual Health Savings account disbursements to employee's was completed.
- ii. Babcock stated that the County, Village and Township Revenue Sharing forms were completed and submitted to the state.

- e. Village Manager's Report
  - i. Newton presented the FY'20 Budget.
  - ii. Newton stated that the new website launched.
  - iii. Newton stated the new payment processing service was transitioned with BS&A and the new website.
  - iv. Newton indicated that Red Woolfe Park will be open throughout the remainder of the winter.
  - v. Newton stated the he will be attending the Van Buren County Rural Task Force meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup>. Newton indicated the he worked with Wightman & Associates to submit a project for Prairie Ronde.
  - vi. Newton stated he will start to plan on reviewing the Water/Sewer rates and recommendations by Wightman & Associates for a meeting in February.

9. New Business

*New Business*

- a. Jackson moved, Pachner seconded, CARRIED, to move that the Village Manager and Chief of Police move forward with the Curt Order and proceed with procuring bids for demolition.

*Blight*

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Abs: None

- b. Mead moved, Pachner seconded, CARRIED, to approve the 2019-2020 Council Rules & Procedures as presented.

*2019-2020 Council Rules & Procedures*

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Abs: None

- c. Pachner moved, Gunther seconded, CARRIED, to approve the 2019 Appointments as presented.

*2019 Appointments*

Roll call Vote:

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

No: None

Abs: None

- d. Gunther moved, Mead seconded, CARRIED, to approve the Budget Amendments as presented.

*Budget Amendments*

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Abs: None

- e. Jackson moved, Mead seconded, CARRIED, to approve the Business Loan Application as presented, contingent upon any additional information or documentation that might be necessary.

*Business Loan Application*

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 8:17 PM.

*Adjournment*