

MINUTES OF DIMONDALE VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
136 N. Bridge Street, Dimondale, MI 48821
July 8, 2024
Betsy Kelly, Interim Manager

7:00 p.m. Meeting called to order by President Reznick

Trustee Haidamous led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Bowen, Bower, Campbell, Conarton, Haidamous, Reznick, Tardino
Absent: none

Also Present: Betsy Kelly, Interim Manager; Denise Parisian, Administrative Assistant.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Campbell, second Bower, to approve the July 8, 2024 agenda. Motion carried.

Minutes

Motion by Bower, second Bowen, to approve the June 10, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was filed with no corrections.

Bills

The bills were reviewed. Motion by Campbell, second Tardino, to approve payment of \$59,473.06 in the General Fund, \$3,049.26 in the Major Street Fund, \$2,242.78 in the Local Street Fund and \$1,012.07 in the Farmers' Market Fund for July 8, 2024 bills and transfers. Motion carried.

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Assistant Fire Chief Bill Fabijancic Jr., WTES, left for a call and submitted a written report for June 2024. Roger Rich spoke about the Council work session notice, zoning code violations, and driveway approaches.

Pam Austin spoke about blight.

Recommendations/Reports from Council Committees and Village Officers

1. Reznick provided a report.
2. Kelly provided a report.
3. Haidamous reported on the June 26, 2024 Public Works Committee meeting.
4. Tardino reported on the July 1, 2024 Management Committee meeting.

Unfinished Business

1. None.

New Business

1. Reznick noted that Troy Dean, 109 W. Jefferson St., was in attendance to provide an update on compliance with the Special Use Permit at this location. Dean stated that the exterior work on the building has been delayed due to the extended amount of time necessary to incrementally jack up the building and add support beams. He also noted that building reframing has begun but is going slow due to the need for new foundations to replace decomposing materials. Council requested a realistic time frame for exterior completion to bring the Special Use Permit into compliance and Dean committed to December 9, 2024 with a report due to Council by October 14, 2024. Motion by Bowen, second Bower, to approve the extension for compliance with the stated dates. Motion carried.

2. Reznick stated that there are three Arts Commission seats up for appointment noting that Sharon Novasel is interested in reappointment and that the Arts Commission has a recommendation for Eric De luliis, both for three-year terms. Motion by Conarton, second Campbell, to approve the appointments. Motion carried.

3. Reznick presented a request from the Arts Commission for preliminary approval for Island Jam 2024 in September, with the gazebo dedication to be held at the same time, and Story Tellers for October 2024. Camron Gnass, Arts Commission Chairperson, explained that preliminary approval is needed to begin talking with artists and donors for the events. Motion by Campbell, second Bower, to approve the events on a preliminary basis. Motion carried.

4. Reznick presented a recommendation from the Arts Commission to work with Mathew Sharum, Dustin Hunt and Jazzmyn Benitez on proposals for the mural. Gnass explained that the next step would be to engage in contracts with the artists for \$500 each for presentation of concepts. Motion by Campbell, second Haidamous, to approve the recommendation. Motion carried.
5. Haidamous presented a recommendation from the Public Works Committee to approve the Bridge/Jefferson Street repairs under a change order as part of the current local street project. Haidamous noted that the original quote was for \$133,368 but because it is being done in conjunction with the current project the new amount will be \$84,070.00. Motion by Campbell, second Bowen, to accept the change order as presented. Motion carried.
6. Haidamous presented a recommendation from the Public Works Committee to approve an exception to the driveway policy for 225 E. Quincy Street and allow a 16' extension to the driveway approach, with 100% of the costs to be paid by the property owner. Bowen requested a voting abstention due to ownership of the property in question. Motion by Campbell, second Tardino, to approve the abstention. Motion carried. Haidamous explained that the lot in question has 100' of road frontage and could have two driveways if desired but the owner is asking for one driveway with an expanded approach and the engineers as well as DPW Superintendent have reviewed the request with no concerns. Motion by Tardino, second Bower, to approve the request as presented. Motion carried; Bowen abstained.
7. Tardino presented a recommendation from the Management Committee to adopt the Village Manager Core Competencies and Performance Evaluation. Motion by Haidamous, second Bowen, to approve the recommendation. Motion carried.
8. Reznick presented the MML Workers' Compensation Fund ballot of three candidates for three openings. Motion by Haidamous, second Bower, to approve the slate as presented. Motion carried.
9. Reznick presented the PROTEC membership offer. Motion by Campbell, second Tardino, not to participate in PROTEC. Motion carried.
10. Reznick introduced a request for an additional street light in the alley behind Bridge Street businesses. Council members will evaluate the impact of the recently repaired street light on the area with possible referral to the Public Works Committee.

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Roger Rich spoke about the street light and commercial construction.

Pam Austin spoke about renting 109 W. Jefferson St., and the SUP compliance extension.

Announcements, Communications, Meeting Schedule

1. Committee meetings scheduled: Administration, August 5, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. and Council Work Session, August 12, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

Motion by Campbell, second Bowen, to adjourn. Motion carried at 8:32 p.m.

Danielle Tredman