

**Village of Decatur**  
**Village Council Regular Meeting Minutes**

Monday, January 3, 2022, at 7:00 P.M  
Village Hall, 114 N. Phelps Street  
Decatur, MI 49045

I. President Elwear called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

II. **Roll Call**

Clerk/Treasurer, Duncan provided roll call; Trustee Benson, Trustee Gunther, President Pro Tem Jackson, Trustee Mead Jr, Trustee Pelfrey, Trustee Verran, and President Elwaer in attendance. Also in attendance Village Manager, Christopher Tapper, Village Clerk/Treasurer, Megan Duncan and Chief of Police Thomas VanDerWoude.

III. **Public Comments**

a. Dortha Pasley had questions and concerns regarding water and sewer rates.

IV. **Approval of Agenda, Meeting Minutes, Accounts Payable**

a. Trustee Gunther made a motion with support from Trustee Verran to approve the agenda for January 3, 2022, along with approval of meeting minutes from December 6, 2021, and accounts payable in the amount of \$153,772.13, motion carried 7-0.

V. **Communications to the Council – Presentation & Guest**

Chief of Police Thomas VanDerWoude presented the Life Saving Award to Police Officer Taylor Stricklin. Officer Stricklin was recognized for his life saving efforts for a unresponsive individual on August 11, 2021.

VI **Unfinished Business**

a. Manager Tapper presented updates from Ad hoc Committee Members – Review of Ordinance 2019-03 Rental Ordinance and the USDA – Water System Improvements.

VI. **New Business – Approve of Bid from Nieuwenhuls Builder, LLC**

a. Trustee Verran made a motion with the support of President Pro-Tem Jackson to approve the bid from Nieuwenhuls Builders, LLC. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Benson, Trustee Gunther, President Pro Tem Jackson, Trustee Mead Jr, Trustee Pelfrey, Trustee Verran, and President Elwaer, all voting yes, motion carried 7-0.

**VII. New Business- Review Fiscal Year Budget 2022 Amendments**

- a. Council reviewed Manager Tapper's Fiscal Year Budget 2022 Amendments memo.

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**IX. New Business- Request to Schedule a Public Hearing Monday, February 7, 2022**

- a. Trustee Verran made a motion with the support of Trustee Mead, Jr. to approve a public hearing on Monday, February 7, 2022. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Benson, Trustee Gunther, President Pro-Tem Jackson, Trustee Mead Jr, Trustee Pelfrey, Trustee Verran, and President Elwaer, all voting yes, motion carried 7-0.

**X. Department Reports**

Manager Tapper and Chief of Police, Thomas VanDerWoude provided Department Reports to the Council. Chief VanDerWoude gave an update on the Christmas Toy Give Away that took place on December 15, 2021, it was a success. Manager Tapper noted the Fire Department Report was also included in the Council packet for review. Manager Tapper also noted Van Buren County was given ARPA funds that can be used for the expansion of Broadband within Village limits. Each department report was provided in the agenda packet. A general discussion ensued regarding the department reports.

**XI. Council Comments & Additional Public Comments**

- a. Trustee Verran requested Council comments for the Patrol vehicle parked behind Village Hall be used as a Municipal vehicle.

**XII. Adjournment**

- a. President Pro-Tem Jackson made a motion with support from Trustee Verran to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 P.M. Minutes submitted by: Megan Duncan, Village Clerk/Treasurer