

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

Monday, November 1, 2021, 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 Verran (excused), Mead Jr, President Pro Tem Jackson, Benson, President Elwaer, Gunther, and Pelfrey in attendance. Also in attendance Village Manager, Christopher Tapper, Chief of Police Thomas VanDerWoude and Forman, Jimmy Ebeling

**III. Public Comments**

Donald Hanson, Van Buren County Commissioner, provided a report to the Council of activities throughout the County.

Patricia Muscovalley, 409 S. Williams, was in attendance to provide an update on YMCA project to council.

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

Trustee Gunther made a motion with support from Trustee Mead Jr. to approve the agenda for November 1, 2021, along with approval of meeting minutes from October 4, 2021, and accounts payable in the amount of \$177,201.46 motion carried 6-0.

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

Carl Druskovich, Chairperson, Decatur-Hamilton Fire Department & Quick Response was in attendance to discuss the purchase of the new Fire Truck.

President Pro Tem Jackson made amotion with support from Trustee Mead Jr., to approve the purchase of the new Fire Truck, Roll Call Vote, Mead Jr, President Pro Tem Jackson, Benson, Gunther, Pelfrey, President Elwear, voting yes, motion carried 6-0.

**VI Unfinished Business**

Trustee Gunther made a motion to with the support of Trustee Benson to approval of Ad hoc Committee Member-Review of Ordinance 2019-03 Rental Ordinance, motion carried 6-0.

## **VI. New Business – Adoption of Ordinance 2021-001**

Trustee Benson made a motion with the support of President Pro-Tem Jackson to adopt Ordinance 2021-001, amending Sections of Ordinance 2019-04 Marihuana Facilities, Roll Call Vote, Mead Jr, President Pro Tem Jackson, Benson, Gunther, Pelfrey, President Elwear, voting yes, motion carried 6-0.

## **VII. New Business- Adoption of Ordinance 2021-002**

Trustee Gunther made a motion with the support of Trustee Mead Jr. to adopt Ordinance 2021-002, amending Planning Commission Composition, Roll Call Vote, Mead Jr, President Pro Tem Jackson, Benson, Gunther, Pelfrey, President Elwear, voting yes, motion carried 6-0.

## **VIII. Department Reports**

Manager Tapper, Chief Police, Thomas VanDerWoude and Forman, Jimmy Ebeling all provided Department Report to the Council. Tapper noted each department report was provided in the agenda packet. A general discussion ensued regarding the department reports.

## **IX. Council Comments & Additional Public Comments**

Mickey Bittner was in attendance and provide a brief update on the Prairie Ronde and George St. Road projects.

President Pro-Tem Jackson made positive comments about the Police Department.

Made note of the DDA meeting for next week.

## **X. Adjournment**

Trustee Gunther made a motion with support from President Pro-Tem Jackson to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 P.M. Minutes submitted by: Christopher Tapper, Village Manager