

Village of Decatur
Village Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 6, 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 Benson (excused), 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. Patricia Muscovalley, 409 S. Williams, Dortha Palsey, and Thomas Stull, 209 E. St. Mary's, were in attendance to thank Manager Tapper on how well he has represented our community in such a short period of time.

IV. Approval of Agenda, Meeting Minutes, Accounts Payable

- a. Trustee Verran made a motion with support from Trustee Mead Jr. to approve the agenda for December 6, 2021, along with approval of meeting minutes from November 1, 2021, and accounts payable in the amount of \$189,523.30, motion carried 6-0.

V. Communications to the Council – Presentation & Guest

Mike Chambers, Director, National League of Cities Service Line Warranty Program was in attendance to discuss their programs regarding warranty programs for water & sewer lines. Homeowners are commonly under the misconception the municipality is responsible for the maintenance of the water and sewer line on their property or repairs are covered by their homeowner's policy. The NLC service line warranty program will provide such coverage to residents in the Village of Decatur. NLC currently services over 4.5 million customers nationwide.

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 Marking Agreement – NLC Service Line Warranty Program

- a. President Pro Tem Jackson made a motion with the support of Trustee Gunther to approve NLC Service Line Warranty Program Marketing Agreement. Roll Call Vote; Trustee Gunther, President Pro Tem Jackson, Trustee Mead Jr, Trustee Pelfrey, Trustee Verran, and President Elwaer, all voting yes, motion carried 6-0.

VII. New Business- Adopt Resolution 2021-012 Meeting Schedule for Calendar year2022

- a. Trustee Verran made a motion along with the support of Trustee Pelfrey to adopt the Resolution 2021-012 Meeting Schedule for Calendar year 2022. Roll Call Vote, Trustee Gunther, President Pro Tem Jackson, Trustee Mead Jr, Trustee Pelfrey, Trustee Verran, and President Elwaer, voting yes, motion carried 6-0.

VIII. New Business- Approve the recommendation of the Village President for appointments for DDA & PC

- a. Trustee Gunther made a motion along with the support of Trustee Mead Jr. to approve the recommendations of the Village President for appointments for DDA & PC. Roll call Vote, Trustee Gunther, President Pro Tem Jackson, Trustee Mead Jr, Trustee Pelfrey, Trustee Verran, and President Elwaer, voting yes, motion carried 6-0.

IX. Department Reports

Manager Tapper and Chief of Police, Thomas VanDerWoude provided Department Reports to the Council. Chief VanDerWoude made note of a Christmas Toy Give Away taking place on December 15, 2021, from 6-8. Manager Tapper noted the Fire Department Report was also included in the Council packet for review. Manager Tapper also noted a Special Events Application needed to be addressed. It was also the consensus of the Council to approve the recommendations from the Village Attorney included in the Village Manager report. Each department report was provided in the agenda packet. A general discussion ensued regarding the department reports.

X. Council Comments & Additional Public Comments

- a. Mickey Bittner was in attendance and provide a brief update on the Prairie Ronde and George St. Road projects.
- b. President Pro-Tem Jackson and President Elwaer made positive comments about the Police Department, Decatur Public Works, and Village Hall staff.

XI. Adjournment

- a. Trustee Mead Jr. made a motion with support from Trustee Verran to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 P.M. Minutes submitted by: Megan Duncan, Village Clerk/Treasurer