

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

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

I. President Elwaer 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, Chief of Police Thomas VanDerWoude.

III. **Public Comments**

- a. VFW Auxiliary President Evelyn Avery, Vice President Makrina Conklin, and VFW Post 6248 Michigan State Commander Kevin Conklin presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Chief of Police Thomas VanDerWoude for the Decatur Police Department for all do for the community as a first responder.
- b. Donald Hanson, Van Buren County Commissioner, expressed his gratitude to the Manager Tapper for the additional communication mailed to residents informing them of the water and sewer rates increasing.

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 March 7, 2022, along with approval of meeting minutes from February 7, 2022, and accounts payable in the amount of \$201,075.19, motion carried 7-0.

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

- a. Kellie Lindsey, Account Manager, and Ted Hanson, Building Inspector from Safebuilt presented to Council what permits and inspections Safebuilt has performed, and the additional services offered to the Village of Decatur.
- b. President Pro Tem Jackson expressed Decatur Plumbing and Heating is extremely happy with Safebuilt. Professional and how simple it is to get a permit when needed.

**VI. Unfinished Business**

- a. Manager Tapper presented updates on the USDA – Water System Improvements and Wastewater System Improvements.

**VII. New Business – Request to Approve Contract Amendments Safebuilt**

- a. President Pro Tem Jackson made a motion with the support of Trustee Gunther to approve contract amendments for Safebuilt. motion carried 7-0.

**VIII. New Business – Request to approve recommendations for Village President for Appointments to DDA**

- a. Trustee Verran made a motion with the support of Trustee Mead Jr. to approve Village Presidents appointments to DDA. motion carried 7-0.

**IX. New Business – Request to Approve Engagement of Everbridge Nixle**

- a. President Pro Tem Jackson made a motion with the support of Trustee Verran approving engagement of Everbridge Nixle, motion carried 7

**X. Department Reports**

Manager Tapper and Chief of Police, Thomas VanDerWoude provided Department Reports to the Council. Each department report was provided in the agenda packet. A general discussion ensued regarding the department reports.

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

- a. Dortha Pasley inquired if all residents of Decatur, Village and Township, would be able to enroll in Everbridge Nixel.
- b. President Elwaer thanked each department for the hard work they are doing for the Village and its residents. President Elwaer also inquired about the upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday.
- c. Trustee Verran liked Everbridge Nixle for additional communication about upcoming construction projects.

**XII. Adjournment**

- a. Trustee Mead Jr. made a motion with the support from Trustee Verran to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 P.M., motion carried 7-0. Minutes submitted by Megan Duncan, Village Clerk/Treasurer.

