

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

Monday, April 4, 2022, at 7:00 P.M.  
Village Hall, 114 N. Phelps Street  
Decatur, MI 49045

I. President Pro Tem Jackson 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 (excused) in attendance. Also in attendance Village Manager, Christopher Tapper, Village Clerk/Treasurer, Megan Duncan, Chief of Police Thomas VanDerWoude, and DPW Foreman, James Ebeling.

**III. Public Comments**

- a. Emily Hickmott, Deputy Administrator, Jacob Diljak, Outreach Coordinator, and Kalli Marshall, Recycling Coordinator from the Van Buren County Conservation District was in attendance to present information about recycling grants, back yard information, and Dump Day on April 30<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Donald Hanson, Van Buren County Commissioner, presented Market Van Buren Press Release, Begins the First Step in Broadband Expansion Efforts. He also gave information on DCS Technology traveling county wide to detect within the communities who has internet access and who needs it.
- c. Pat Muscovalley was in attendance to discuss the opportunity to have a YMCA in our community. Pat asked Council if they would be willing to invite David Morgan, CEO of Greater Kalamazoo YMCA

**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 April 4, 2022, along with approval of meeting minutes from March 7, 2022, approval of the closed meeting minutes from February 7, 2022, and accounts payable in the amount of \$196,735.64, motion carried 6-0.

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

- a. There were no presentations

**VI. Unfinished Business**

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

**VII. New Business – Request to Approve Professional Service Agreement – Night Magic Displays**

- a. Trustee Gunther made a motion with the support of Trustee Pelfrey to approve professional service agreement – Night Magic Displays, motion carried 6-0.

**VIII. New Business –Request to Approve Quote from Brink Wood Products (Red Woolfe & Veterans Park)**

- a. Trustee Verran made a motion with the support of Trustee Pelfrey, to approve quote from Brink Wood Products, motion carried 6-0.

**IX. Department Reports**

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

**X. Council Comments & Additional Public Comments**

- a. Trustee Gunther expressed her gratitude to Republic Services for their quick delivery and pick up of large dumpsters.
- b. President Pro Tem Jackson thanked each department for the hard work they are doing for the Village and its residents.

**XI. Adjournment**

- a. Trustee Mead Jr. made a motion with the support from Trustee Benson to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 P.M., motion carried 6-0. Minutes submitted by Megan Duncan, Village Clerk/Treasurer.