

Village of Decatur
Village Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 2, 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 (excused), Trustee Gunther, President Pro Tem Jackson, Trustee Mead Jr, Trustee Pelfrey, Trustee Verran (excused), 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. No public comments were given.

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

a. Trustee Gunther made a motion with support from Trustee Mead Jr. to approve the agenda for May 2, 2022, along with approval of meeting minutes from April 4, 2022, and accounts payable in the amount of \$137,229.88, motion carried 5-0.

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

a. David Morgan, CEO, YMCA of Greater Kalamazoo presented to council that Van Buren County is to open a YMCA. Mr. Morgan explained the Feasibility Study that was done and takes in account for costs, sustainability, possible membership numbers, and location. Market is viable in Mattawan.

VI. **Public Hearing**

a. President Elwaer requested to hold a Public Hearing on the CDBG Funding for Cedar Street and Beers Street infrastructure improvements and sequentially adopt Resolution 2022-04.

President Pro Tem Jackson made a motion with support from Trustee Gunther approving the request to hold a public meeting, Roll Call Vote: Trustee Gunter, President Pro Tem Jackson, Trustee Mead, Jr, Trustee Pelfrey, and President Elwaer, all voting yes, motion carried 5-0. Time entering public hearing 7:27 P.M.

Paul and Andrew, from Wightman & Associates, presented the CDBG Grant Program which will help fund repairs to critical infrastructure on Cedar Street and Beers Street, and can be applied to our Capital Improvement Plan.

President Pro Tem Jackson made a motion with the support from Trustee Gunther to adopt Resolution 2022-04, Roll Call Vote: Trustee Gunther, President Pro Tem Jackson, Trustee Mead Jr, Trustee Pelfrey, and President Elwaer, all voting yes, motion carried 5-0.

Trustee Mead Jr with the support from Trustee Pelfrey to come out of Public Hearing, Roll Call Vote: Trustee Gunther, President Pro Tem Jackson, Trustee Mead Jr, Trustee Pelfrey, and President Elwaer, all voting yes, motion carried 5-0. End of Public Hearing 7:46 P.M.

VII. Unfinished Business

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

VIII. New Business – Request to Adopt Resolution 2022-05 MDOT George Street

- a. Trustee Gunther made a motion with the support from Trustee Mead Jr. to adopt Resolution 2022-05 MDOT George Street. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Gunther, President Pro Tem Jackson, Trustee Mead Jr, Trustee Pelfrey, and President Elwaer, all voting yes, motion carried 5-0.

IX. New Business – Request to Approve Bid Received from Krohn Excavating to Perform Work on George Street

- a. President Pro Tem Jackson made a motion with the support from Trustee Pelfrey, to approve bid from Krohn Excavating to perform work on George Street. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Gunther, President Pro Tem Jackson, Trustee Mead Jr, Trustee Pelfrey, and President Elwaer, all voting yes, motion carried 5-0.

X. New Business - Request to approve VFW, annual 4th of July Celebration

- a. President Pro Tem Jackson made a motion with the support from Trustee Gunther to approve VFW, annual 4th of July celebration, motion carried 5-0.

XI. 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.

Manager Tapper informed council that Louann Sun from Sun Provisions was wanting to switch the licensure from a microbrewery to a retail and grow license. Council was asked to put it on June's agenda, listing options for Ms. Sun approved by the Village Attorney.

XII. Council Comments & Additional Public Comments

- a. Trustee Gunther expressed concern about the MDOT road construction. The construction site is not clearly marked with the flow of traffic.
- b. President Pro Tem Jackson thanked each department for the hard work they are doing for the Village and its residents. A special thank you was given to Chief VanDerWoude for playing football with young children after school.
- c. President Elwaer thanked each department for their hard work and dedication, with a special congratulations to Manager Tapper for his new certification in High Performance Leadership.

XIII. Adjournment

- a. Trustee Mead Jr. made a motion with the support from Trustee Gunther to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 P.M., motion carried 5-0. Minutes submitted by Megan Duncan, Village Clerk/Treasurer.