

Village of Decatur
Village Special Council Meeting Minutes

Monday October 9, 2023, at 6:00 P.M.
Village Hall, 114 N. Phelps Street
Decatur, MI 49045

I. President Pro Tem Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

II. **Roll Call**

Clerk/Treasurer, Duncan provided roll call; Trustee Beute, Trustee Gunther (excused), President Pro Tem Jackson, Trustee Mead Jr. (excused), Trustee Pachner, Trustee Pelfrey, and President Elwaer (arrived 6:09 P.M.) in attendance. Also in attendance Village Manager, Christopher Tapper, Village Clerk/Treasurer, Megan Duncan, Chief of Police Thomas VanDerWoude, DPW Foreman James Ebeling, and administrative assistant Shantel Pentland.

III. **Public Comments**

a. Let the record show no public comment was received.

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

- a. Trustee Pachner made a motion with support from Trustee Pelfrey to approve the Special Council Meeting amended agenda for October 9, 2023, motion carried 4-0.
- b. Trustee Beute made a motion with support from Trustee Pachner the approval of meeting minutes from September 11, 2023, and accounts payable ending September 30, 2023, in the amount of \$343,200.29, motion carried 4-0.

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

a. There were no presentations or guest speakers.

VI. **Public Hearing**

- a. Trustee Pelfrey made a motion with support from Trustee Pachner to close the Special Council meeting and enter into the Public Hearing at 6:06 P.M., Roll Call Vote, Trustee Beute, President Pro Tem Jackson, Trustee Pachner, Trustee Pelfrey, all voting yes, motion carried 4-0.
- b. Karen McKay made public comments concerning the Tax Increment Financing Plan as presented. Those concerns were focused on possible discrepancies with the tax capture totals. President Elwaer arrived at 6:09 P.M.

- c. Trustee Pachner made a motion with support from Trustee Beute to postpone the Public Hearing to the regular Council meeting on November 6th, 2023, and re-enter back into the Special Council meeting at 6:12 P.M., Roll Call Vote, Trustee Beute, President Pro Tem Jackson, Trustee Pachner, Trustee Pelfrey, President Elwaer, all voting yes, motion carried 5-0.

VII. Unfinished Business

- a. No unfinished business.

VIII. New Business – Request to approve Halloween Trick or Treat Events 2023.

- a. President Pro Tem Jackson made a motion with support from Trustee Pelfrey to approve the Halloween Trick or Treat Events 2023, motion carried 5-0.

IX. New Business – Request to approve recommendation from the DDA, July 4, 2024, Fireworks contract.

- a. Trustee Pelfrey made a motion with support from Trustee Beute to approve the recommendation from DDA, July 4, 2024, Fireworks contract. Roll Call Vote, Trustee Beute, President Pro Tem Jackson, Trustee Pachner, Trustee Pelfrey, President Elwaer, all voting yes, motion carried 5-0.

X. New Business – Request to approve Village of Decatur Strategic Plan Update proposal from Abonmarche.

- a. President Pro Tem Jackson made a motion with support from Trustee Beute to approve the Village of Decatur Strategic Plan Update proposal from Abonmarche, motion carried 5-0.

XI. New Business – Request to approve Decatur-Hamilton Fire Department donation of fire equipment to the VBISD.

- a. Trustee Beute made a motion with support from Trustee Pachner to approve Decatur-Hamilton Fire Departments donation of fire equipment to the VBISD, motion carried 5-0.

XII. New Business – Request to approve Motor Pool equipment purchase.

- a. Trustee Beute made a motion with support from Trustee Pelfrey to approve the Motor Pool equipment purchase, Roll Call Vote, Trustee Beute, President Pro Tem Jackson, Trustee Pelfrey, President Elwaer, voting yes, Trustee Pachner, voting no, motion carried 4-1.

XIII. Department Reports

- a. Clerk/Treasurer Duncan, Chief of Police, Thomas VanDerWoude, and DPW Forman, James Ebeling provided Department Reports to the Council. Each department report was provided in the agenda packet. A general discussion ensued regarding the department reports.

XIV. **Public Comments**

- a. Let the record show no public comment was received.

XV. **Council Comments & Additional Public Comments**

- a. Trustee Pachner extended prayers to Village Manager Tapper.
- b. President Elwaer expressed his appreciation for all departments.

XVI. **Adjournment**

- a. Trustee Pelfrey made a motion with the support from President Pro Tem Jackson to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 P.M., motion carried 5-0. Minutes submitted by Megan Duncan, Village Clerk/Treasurer.