

Village of Decatur
Village Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday July 5, 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 (excused), President Pro Tem Jackson (excused), 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, and Decatur Public Works Forman James Ebeling.

III. **Public Comments**

a. Tom Stall expressed concerns with vehicle speeds within the Village.

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

a. Trustee Verran made a motion with support from Trustee Mead Jr. to approve the amended agenda for July 5, 2022, along with approval of meeting minutes from June 6, 2022, and accounts payable ending June 30,2022, in the amount of \$148,748.80, motion carried 5-0.

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

a. Marcia Cornell, Human Resources Consultant for MML, presented the Village’s Classification & Compensation Study to council. The study included market survey’s, job descriptions, and data from 14 local communities. The Classification & Compensation Study is for recruitment and retaining of highly qualifies and competent staff within an internally equitable and market competitive compensation system.

VI. **Unfinished Business**

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

VII. New Business – Request to approve proposal from Abonmarche Predesign Phase Development.

- a. Trustee Verran made a motion with the support from Trustee Benson to approve the proposal from Abonmarche Predesign Phase Development. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Benson, Trustee Mead Jr, Trustee Pelfrey, Trustee Verran, and President Elwaer, all voting yes, motion carried 5-0.

VIII. New Business – Request to Approve Classification & Compensation Study - MML

- a. Trustee Pelfrey made a motion with the support from Trustee Mead Jr, to approve the Classification & Compensation Study- MML, motion carried 5-0.

IX. New Business - Request to Adopt Ordinance 2022-002 Amendment Noxious Weeds

- a. Request was tabled for further discussion.

X New Business – Request to Approve Appointment of Parks & Recreation Committee

- a. Trustee Verran made a motion with the support from Trustee Benson to approve the appointment of Parks & Recreation Committee, motion carried 5-0.

XI Department Reports

- a. 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.
- b. Chief of Police VanDerWoude provided updates on Officer Frank and introduced the sponsorship to Dominic Pawlowski for the Police Academy.
- c. Manager Tapper provided updates on the Amendment to Parking Ordinance.
- d. Manager Tapper provided updates on Traffic Calming. Placing additional stop signs within the Village to help reduce the speed of traffic.

XII. Public Comments

- a. Kande Hawks expressed her concerns about the traffic speed on Phelps and believes the steps that are being taken will be beneficial.
- b. Tom Stull expressed his concerns with George Street, DDA park, and the maintenance of Village properties.

XIV Council Comments & Additional Public Comments

- a. Trustee Verran commented that George Street and Prairie Ronde should be discussed about traffic speeds as well.
- b. Trustee Mead Jr. shared his concern about the condition of township parking lot behind Decatur Township Hall.
- c. President Elwaer read the list of donations for the fireworks totaling \$7550.00, he expressed his gratitude to the community for their support. President Elwaer also made comment about council's continued efforts to control traffic speeds and blight.

XV Adjournment

- a. Trustee Verran made a motion with the support from Trustee Mead Jr. to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 P.M., motion carried 5-0. Minutes submitted by Megan Duncan, Village Clerk/Treasurer.