

Village of Decatur
Village Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday August 1, 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 (excused), Trustee Pelfrey, Trustee Verran, and President Elwaer (excused) in attendance. Also in attendance Village Manager, Christopher Tapper (excused), Village Clerk/Treasurer, Megan Duncan, Chief of Police Thomas VanDerWoude, and Decatur Public Works Forman James Ebeling (excused).

III. **Public Comments**

- a. Kande Hawks expressed concerns with the garage that was built on Pine Street.
- b. Blaine Rex explained his want for signs to be constructed at the Village limits signs to honor Edgar Bergan.

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

- a. Trustee Verran made a motion with support from Trustee Pelfrey to approve the amended agenda for August 1, 2022, along with approval of meeting minutes from July 5, 2022, and accounts payable ending July 31, 2022, in the amount of \$193,557.76, motion carried 5-0.

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

VI. **Unfinished Business**

VII. **New Business – Request to approve Village President appointments to Parks & Recreation Committee**

- a. Trustee Benson made a motion with the support from Trustee Verran to approve the Village President appointments to Parks & Recreation committee, motion carried 5-0.

- VIII. **New Business – Request to approve Village President appointments to Planning Commission**
- a. Trustee Pelfrey made a motion with the support from Trustee Benson, to approve the Village Presidents appointments to Planning Commission, motion carried 5-0.
- IX. **New Business - Request to adopt Resolution 2022-006 Traffic Control Orders**
- a. Trustee Verran made a motion with support from Trustee Benson to adopt amended Resolution 2022-006 Traffic Control Orders. Roll Call vote, Trustee Benson, Trustee Gunther, Trustee Pelfrey, Trustee Verran, and President Pro Tem Jackson, all voting yes, motion carried 5-0.
- X. **New Business – Request to approve Intergovernmental agreement-Van Buren County Road Commission**
- a. Trustee Gunther made a motion with the support from Trustee Verran to approve the Intergovernmental agreement-Van Buren County Road Commission, motion carried 5-0.
- XI. **New Business – Request to approve bid for Village Sidewalk Improvements**
- a. Trustee Pelfrey made a motion with the support from Trustee Benson to approve the bid for Village sidewalk improvements, motion carried 5-0.
- XII. **New Business – Request to approve proposal from McKenna & Associates**
- a. Trustee Verran made a motion with the support from Trustee Gunther to approve the proposal from McKenna & Associates, motion carried 5-0.
- XIII. **Department Reports**
- a. Clerk/Treasurer Duncan 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 information on Midwest Fest being a success with minimal issues.
 - c. Chief of Police VanDerWoude informed Council on the Police Department’s attendance to Active Violence/ Active Shooter Training.
 - d. Chief of Police VanDerWoude gave updates on Office Frank and his attendance in addition to the Active Shooter Training. Chief VanDerWoude also wanted to remind Council that Dominic Pawlowski will be starting the Police Academy at the end of August.

XIV. Public Comments

- a. Blain Rex expressed his concerns about the Village's partnership with HomeServe Company that provides additional insurance that the residents can participate in.

XV. Council Comments & Additional Public Comments

- a. Trustee Benson and Trustee Verran wanted to thank all of the departments for their continuous efforts on making sure the Village and its residents are taken care of.

XVI. Adjournment

- a. Trustee Pelfrey made a motion with the support from Trustee Verran to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 P.M., motion carried 5-0. Minutes submitted by Megan Duncan, Village Clerk/Treasurer.