

**DETOUR VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
April 5, 2021**

The regular meeting of the De Tour Village Council was held on April 5, 2021 at 6:00pm via in-person and Zoom per Act No. 254 Public Acts of 2020 due to the pandemic (extended to include virtual option for medical or military reason). Board members present were President Lindsey McGuire, Josh Adams, Ron LaMere, Gordon Usher, Tim Loehr, Jeremy Vredenburg, and Jen Postula. Absent: Shirley VanAlstine.

A motion was made by Ron LaMere and supported by Gordon Usher to approve minutes of the regular monthly meeting held on March 1, 2021 as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Yes-5 No-0 Abstain-1 (Jeremy Vredenburg) Motion Carried

A motion was made by Jeremy Vredenburg and supported by Ron LaMere to approve minutes of the budget hearing meeting held on March 29, 2021 as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Yes-4 No-0 Abstain-2 (Gordon Usher & Josh Adams) Motion Carried

A motion was made by Tim Loehr and supported by Jeremy Vredenburg to approve the Treasurer's report as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Yes-6 No-0 Motion Carried

On a motion made by Ron LaMere and supported by Tim Loehr, the bills for April were approved to be paid as presented in the amount of \$17027.70.

Roll Call Vote: Yes-6 No-0 Motion Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ambulance: Jen presented the offer in writing from AT&T Firstnet for the ambulance cell phone to be replaced. A motion was made by Jeremy Vredenburg and supported by Ron LaMere to approve this account change with AT&T.

Roll Call Vote: Yes-6 No-0 Motion Carried

Jeremy Vredenburg made a motion to begin charging \$75.00 for a call out fee when the ambulance is called, but no transport happens-this will be charged at the discretion of the Corps Captain after a couple of free call out runs for a patient, to prevent abuse of our ambulance service. Motion supported by Ron LaMere.

Roll Call Vote: Yes-6 No-0 Motion Carried

Economic Development: No new business.

Festivals: It was discussed again that we have a need for festivals volunteers to plan 4th of July celebrations.

Finance: Jen presented the Council the contract for BS&A software, asking for approval to convert from Fundbalance for the Village's accounting needs. Tim Loehr made the motion to accept the proposal and engage BS&A, Ron LaMere seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Yes-6 No-0 Motion Carried

Jen requested authorization to sign the Business Internet Banking agreement with Central Savings Bank in order to offer Direct Deposit for employee payroll. Jeremy Vredenburg made motion to authorize this, Tim Loehr seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Yes-6 No-0 Motion Carried

Fire Department: No new business.

Parks and Recreation: Susie Baker discussed an article Doug McCulloch submitted for review regarding the eroding shoreline at the Botanical Gardens.

Susie also presented supporting documents to request the vacating of a portion of Michigan St. that runs through Veterans' Park, as well as an alley running through that block.

Ron LaMere made a motion to approve Resolution #20210405-2 to vacate the alley that runs through the block of Veterans' Park, Jeremy Vredenburg seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Yes-6 No-0 Motion Carried

Ron LaMere made a motion to approve Resolution #20210405-1 to vacate the portion of Michigan St. that runs through the block of Veterans' Park, Gordon Usher seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Yes-6 No-0 Motion Carried

The Poker Run/ORV ride will be postponed until a sufficient trail can be mapped out.

Planning Commission: Master Plan is still in revision with EUP Planning.

Public Works: No new Business

Water and Sewer: Bob Trudo advised on the progress with the sewer upgrade bond process.

Jeremy Vredenburg made a motion to authorize Jen Postula to apply on behalf of the Village for the grant through EGLE for the backup generator at the sewer pump station, Gordon Usher seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Yes-6 No-0 Motion Carried

Zoning: A variance application was presented for Brian Allison. The garage he wants to build will be over the setback line and be more square feet than zoning allows. Tim Loehr made the motion to approve the variance, Ron LaMere supported.

Roll Call Vote: Yes-6 No-0 Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

The Mayoral Committees were presented for review.

DeTour Friends of the Library asked for support from the Village for their Gaming License. Jeremy Vredenburg made motion to approve the resolution to allow the gaming license, Tim Loehr seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Yes-6 No-0 Motion Carried

Jen advised that the two lights in the old ice rink area directly across the street from the school (block 5) are still connected to power and costing the Village approximately \$350-\$400 per year. The rink has not been used in many years. Jeremy Vredenburg made a motion to disconnect that power, Gordon Usher seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Yes-5 No-1 (Josh Adams) Motion Carried

Jen suggested we obtain quotes for repainting the maintenance buildings, replace a window and door in the main building. Council agreed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Robert Vaught stated that High School Graduation will take place on May 15, 2021 at noon; and that they are back to tightening regulations in relation to COVID as there were many who travelled on spring break; and he confirmed that the athletics collaboration with Cedarville is moving forward.

Next meeting has been scheduled for 6:00 PM for May 3, 2021.
Motion made by Gordon Usher to adjourn meeting at 6:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jen Postula".

Jen Postula, Clerk/Treasurer

Village of DeTour