

**DE TOUR VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 8, 2018**

The regular meeting of the De Tour Village Council was held on Monday, January 8, 2018 at 5:00pm in the De Tour Village Memorial Hall. Board members present were Josh Adams, Murray Fountain, Joe Hudak, Fred Payment, Gordon Usher, Jeremy Vredenburg and David Rhinard. Jen Postula, Johnny Fountain, Jeff Galarowic, Bob Trudo were also in attendance. Marilyn McGuire was absent.

A motion was made by Joe Hudak and supported by Fred Payment to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 4, 2017.

Roll Call Vote: Yes-7 No-0 Motion Carried

A motion was made by Jeremy Vredenburg and supported by Josh Adams to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of January as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Yes-7 No-0 Motion Carried.

On a motion made by Joe Hudak and supported by Fred Payment, the bills for January were approved to be paid in the amount of \$9,561.74 as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Yes-7 No-0 Motion Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ambulance – Council discussed the purchase of a cot for the ambulance. Corps Captain Postula was not present, so council tabled the approval of any funds allocation until they can research further. Rob Bloch did research grant availability for medical equipment and there is a grant available which requires matching funds.

Economic Development – EDC plans to hold a Job Fair at the DeTour Village Hall for HVAL, WMH, Sault Tribe and several other area employers. Date to be announced.

Festivals – Susie Baker reported that they received funds for the grant they applied for to benefit the summer concert series.

Finance – no new business

Fire Department – Chief Chuck Lanning presented the request for purchase of the Fire Truck which will be offered at auction from Wyoming, MI. The Wyoming Fire Chief predicts that \$5,000.00 will be enough to purchase the truck and that it will need about \$7,000.00 worth of repairs, equipment and upgrades. An issue with this truck is the length; it is a few inches too long to fit in our current building. Chief Lanning researched the possibility of adding on to the building, receiving an estimate of \$20,000.00-\$30,000.00. Between the two accounts allocated for Fire Department, the Village has just over \$12,000.00 available.

Jeremy Vredenburg made a motion to authorize Chief Lanning to facilitate the purchase of the new truck for a maximum of \$12,000.00 total, with the stipulation that he verify first that a modification to the front bumper would allow the truck to fit in the existing building; also he will need to look into the possibility of reducing the repairs and upgrades to only include critical and required ones, reducing the

overall cost; he will consult with council members prior to the sale regarding the final cost. Motion was seconded by Joe Hudak.

Roll Call Vote: Yes-7 No-0 Motion Carried

Parks and Recreation – no new business

Planning Commission – no new business

Public Works – DPW Director Bob Trudo reported everything is running smoothly.

Water & Sewer – Jeff Galarowic reported that the frost is 4’9” down and he has over 70 residents on let-run.

Zoning – no new business

OLD BUSINESS

Cloverland Electric Supervisor, Mark Merchberger, has been in contact with Rob Bloch regarding the street lights being upgraded with LED bulbs. He has painted the lens of one near the old baseball field and is willing to do the same if the Village requests it. Council decided to allow the LED installation to continue and field resident complaints as they come by following up with Cloverland to paint other lens’ if necessary.

Council discussed Dennis Aubert’s request for a greenbelt to be installed near the front of the Business Park. Susie Baker offered her time in researching the cost of some trees and landscaping to add to the Parks and Recreation priority list.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dianne Karsh asked how much the lots at the Business Park were. Rob Bloch advised that the Village is asking \$13,000.00 per acre.

There being no further business to come before the Village Council, on a motion made by Josh Adams and supported by Jeremy Vredenburg, the meeting adjourned at 6:08 pm. Council agreed to meetings being held at 5:00pm for the months of February through April. The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2018 at 5:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Postula, Treasurer