

**DE TOUR VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
February 1, 2021**

The regular meeting of the De Tour Village Council was held on February 1, 2021 at 6:03pm via in-person and Zoom per Act No. 254 Public Acts of 2020 due to the pandemic. Board members present were President Lindsey McGuire, Josh Adams, Ron LaMere, Gordon Usher, Jeremy Vredenburg, Tim Loehr and Shirley VanAlstine, and Jen Postula.

A motion was made by Jeremy Vredenburg and supported by Josh Adams to approve minutes of the regular monthly meeting held on January 4, 2021 as presented.

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

A motion was made by Tim Loehr and supported by Gordon Usher to approve the Treasurer's report for the month of February 2021 as presented.

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

On a motion made by Ron LaMere and supported by Jeremy Vredenburg, the bills for February were approved to be paid as presented in the amount of \$4,855.15.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ambulance: Jen presented the Firstnet AT&T cell phone option for the EMS phone. She will research more to see if the cost savings will work out for the Village.

Economic Development: No new business.

Festivals: It was again mentioned that the Festivals committee is in need of volunteers to ensure the 4th of July and Riverfest events can be planned for this year.

Finance:

Council voted to have Jen apply for the spring application for 2% tribal funding grants to pay toward the sewer grinder generator.

The motion to approve was made by Ron LaMere, seconded by Gordon Usher.

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

Jen advised that in working on the next fiscal year's budget, she would like to find out if council would like to vote for an increase in meeting pay. The last increase was in 2010. The council decided they did not want to pursue a raise for themselves at this time.

Josh Adams made motion to pay Mayor Lindsey McGuire as Overseer \$55.00 per meeting, with an average of 1 weekly meeting, and no Overseer pay for meetings held on regular council meeting days; Gordon Usher seconded this motion.

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

Jen asked for an increase in the 2021-2022 budget to give Patti Loehr a raise. She has been cleaning the hall for over 18 years and has never had a raise. Jeremy Vredenburg made a motion to increase her pay to \$200 per month, seconded by Ron LaMere.

Roll Call Vote: Yes-6 No-0 Abstain-1 (Tim Loehr) Motion Carried

Jen presented the budget amendments for current fiscal year for approval. Jeremy Vredenburg made a motion to approve the amendments as presented. Josh Adams seconded.

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

Jen advised that she'd be working on the new budget this month and will plan the budget hearing for March.

Fire Department: No new business.

Parks and Recreation: No new business.

Planning Commission: Overland Group (Dollar General) has submitted a new drawing showing that they have relocated their building so it does not directly rest upon the vacated alley.

Rob Bloch advised that the Master Plan is nearly complete, and their next task is to update the zoning ordinances.

Public Works: Bob Trudo discussed the need for around \$30,000 in parts for one of the grinder pumps.

Johnny Fountain Jr. discussed the need for a sand barn to house the road sand. He will bring a price proposal to March's meeting.

Water and Sewer: Bob Trudo discussed the need to raise rates to cover costs of maintaining the system and planning for future maintenance.

Zoning: A proposal for appointment of Bob Trudo for Zoning Administrator will be presented in a future meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Chippewa County Building Inspector update: Bob Trudo advised that some progress has been made on removal of this building.

NEW BUSINESS

Brian Allison has requested a portion of Division St. near his new home on Olmstead St. be vacated so he can build a garage near it. It was suggested that council could instead look into a zoning variance for the setback, or an easement. The issue was tabled.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

Next meeting has been scheduled for 6:00 PM for March 1, 2021.
Motion made by Josh Adams to adjourn meeting at 6:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Jen Postula, Clerk/Treasurer

Village of De Tour