

**DE TOUR VILLAGE COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
June 1, 2020**

The regular meeting of the De Tour Village Council was held on June 1, 2020 at 7:00pm in De Tour Village Memorial Hall. Board members present were President Lindsey Fountain, Josh Adams Ron Lamere, Tim Loehr, Marilyn McGuire, Jen Postula, Gordon Usher, Shirley VanAlstine and Jeremy Vredenburg. Susie Baker, Robert Bloch, Johnny Fountain and Jeff Galarowic were also in attendance.

President Fountain called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance immediately following.

A motion was made by Josh Adams and supported by Jeremy Vredenburg to approve minutes of the regular monthly meeting held on May 4, 2020 as presented.

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 June 2020 as presented.

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

Clerk received an additional invoice from Ostlund Pest Control for spraying of the farmers market, information booth, and Village Memorial Hall, in the amount of \$250.00 to be added to bills to be paid. Original request for bills to be paid was \$18087.44 with the additional amount the total is \$18337.44.

On a motion made by Ron Lamere and supported by Gordon Usher, the bills for May were approved to be paid as presented in the amount of \$18337.44.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Ambulance:** Corp Captain, Candy Postula, reported the Ambulance #2 needs the HVAC system repaired. Candy was asked by Councilman Adams to handle the situation along with Chuck Lanning.

**Economic Development:** Rob Bloch reported RRC virtual meeting was held on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Zoning and Planning Master plan will be made digital. The current appointed members for planning commission will complete the needed paperwork to comply with RRC guidelines at which time work is completed will turn over to Council for appointment of planning and zoning board of appeals for compliance. Applications are available for residents seeking appointment.

**Festivals:** Council was handed out a revised calendar of events from Susie Baker. Because of the current crisis of Covid19 Susie explained the festivals committee's decision to change the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration adding a decorating contest for resident homes and having the fireworks display only. At which time, Councilman Adams interjected his views on whether the Village should have a band on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and a parade on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and the roll of festival committee. Discussion between Council member(s) ensued. Both matters were put to a vote.

A motion was made by Josh Adams and supported by Tim Loehr to approve having the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and band on the night of July 3<sup>rd</sup> located at the Water Plant property.

Parade - Roll Call Vote:            Yes- 6            No-1            Motion Carried

Band - Roll Call Vote:            Yes -4            No-3            Motion Carried

President Fountain asked Susie to continue discussion of events. Susie went through the schedule with Council.

Finance: Treasurer, Jen Postula reported the Village received 2% funding in the amount of \$7500.00 for the purpose of building updates at Village Memorial Hall.

**Fire Department:** No new business.

**Parks and Recreation:** Susie Baker, Park and Recreation Chairman, thanked the following volunteers for their help at the pocket park (Passage Park) located EUPTA property near ferry for preparing forms for the picnic tables and benches to be installed. Brian Wester, Floyd Baker and Brandon Rairigh helped in the preparation. A dog waste stations will be installed at the park. Jason Fountain will bring in sand for the beach located at Malette Park for the volleyball court being installed. Township purchased a new ADA table that will be installed near the information booth to replace the old picnic table where the old table currently stands. Botanical Gardens Volunteer Clean Up day is scheduled for June 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am until noon. Volunteers will be working on the Bid Munro Trail which is north of botanical gardens. Natural trails will be routed throughout the area. Plantings will attract birds and butterflies. Fountain Excavating completed work at the shoreline of Shula Giddens Parks to stop the erosion near the benches that were installed. De Tour Schools installed high speed internet hot spots at the gazebo at Shula Giddens Park, and at the Veterans Park Pavilion. There is also Wi-Fi connection located at the Farmers Market. The MDNR Trust Fund Grant submission passed the 1<sup>st</sup> review and is now in the points evaluation process. The committee is working on the 5 year Recereation Plan for 2021 – 2025. 2% funding from the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians in the amount of \$5000.00 for A resident survey is currently be conducted either online or can be picked up at Sune's Food Center, De Tour Building Center, EZ Mart, or the Village/Township Office.

**Planning Commission:** No new business.

**Public Works:** Johnny Fountain, Jr. is working on the installation of new street signage and poles with work being completed prior to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. The old signs will be made available to residents; however, no date is determined at this time.

**Water and Sewer:** No new business.

**Zoning:** No new business.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Village/Township dump day is scheduled for Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup> 7:00am – 2:00pm.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Rob Bloch introduced Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Lozdoski, owners of Marithon Cannabis Company. Council was given a handout explaining their business plan. Mr. and Mrs. Lozdoski made an offer on the former Lighthouse Insurance Office contingent on obtaining Village of De Tour MMFLA/MRTMA Licenses. Marithon Cannabis Co was vetted and approved for both MMFLA – MRTMA license(s). Mr. and Mrs. Lozdoski gave a brief introduction of themselves and their company. Council welcomed them to the community.

Johnny Fountain, Jr., Township Trustee, brought to the attention of Village Council the need for participation in National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Mr. Fountain stated the Township is a participant in NFIP and is listed on the national register. The Treasurer and Clerk's file showed the application process was completed in August of 2015. The Clerk has reached out to prior contacts and will update Council as soon as possible the steps needed to be a participant.

Mr. Robert Vaught, Superintendent for De Tour Area Schools asked Council's permission to use the Water Plant Property for the high school graduation on July 25<sup>th</sup>, and closure of Ontario Street from Church to Pine during the event.

A motion was made by Josh Adams and supported by Jeremy Vredenburg to approve the use of Village property located at the Water Plant for De Tour Area Schools graduation July 25, 2020 and to close Ontario Street from Church to Pine Street during the ceremony.

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

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Vaught on behalf of the 2020 graduating class thanked Johnny, Jeff and Nick for hanging the senior's banners and for the Council to allow this to happen. Jason Kronemeyer of Intermediate School District was instrumental in providing hot spots for high speed internet in the Village of De Tour for students and others use during the Covid 19 Crisis. Mr. Kronemeyer is also looking into high-speed internet for business in our area through a USDA Grant. Mr. Vaught is in contact with MDNR to allow everyone access to current internet provided for boaters at the De Tour State Marina.

There being no further business to come before the Village Council, a motion was made by Josh Adams to adjourn the meeting at 8:28pm. The next regular council meeting is scheduled for July 6, 2020 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn McGuire, Clerk  
Village of De Tour