

**DE TOUR VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
March 2, 2020**

The regular meeting of the De Tour Village Council was held on March 2, 2020 at 6:00pm in the De Tour Village Memorial Hall. Board members present were President Lindsey Fountain, Josh Adams, Ron Lamere, Tim Loehr, Marilyn McGuire, Jen Postula, Gordon Usher and Jeremy Vredenburg. Absent member was Shirley VanAlstine. Also, in attendance were Bob Trudo, Jeff Galarowic, and Candy Postula.

President Fountain called the meeting to order at 6:02pm with the Pledge of Allegiance immediately following.

A motion was made by Jeremy Vredenburg and supported by Josh Adams to approve the minutes of the regular monthly meeting held on February 2, 2020 as presented.

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

A motion was made by Josh Adams and supported by Ron Lamere to approve the Treasurer's report for the month of March 2020 as presented.

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

On a motion made by Josh Adamas and supported by Tim Loehr, the bills for March were approved to be paid as presented in the amount of \$6910.24.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ambulance: Per Corp Captain, Candy Postula, March 10th thru August the EMT Classes begin at 6pm.

Economic Development: EDC has entered a contract with EUP Regional Planning to assist in the creation of an Economic Development Strategy and marketing Strategy as part of the MEDC RRC Program. Contract amount \$4950 from which will be used from EDC 2019-2020 budget.

Festivals: Susie Baker reports the Winter Evening on the Trails (snowshoeing and skiing event) is this Saturday, March 7th starting at 6:30pm. This is a free event. The trails will be lighted, and they will serve hot chocolate and hot dogs. Eight Concerts are scheduled for 2020. All events can be found on the website (www.detourvillage.org). 2020 Event Brochures will be completed shortly.

Finance: Village Treasurer, Jen Postula, continues to research the internet fiber optic option with ISD and will bring further information at the next meeting.

Village Clerk will email Council for date to hold budget/amendment hearing prior to April 1, 2020.

Fire Department: No new business

Parks and Recreation: Susie Baker, Parks and Recreation Chairman

Public Hearing for Awareness and Public Hearing for the proposed De Tour Village Veterans Park and Pickleball Court Complex at 6:13pm.

Ms. Baker explained to Council and the Public the complete concept and provided handouts for all in attendance, including high-level overview of project, project cost of \$260,000 and fundraising underway. Floor open for questions and input. Display of the Veterans Park and Pickleball Complex Layout was on hand for all to view prior and following the meeting. Council and public comments were all positive. The Public Hearing ended at 6:19pm.

MDNR Recreation Passport Grant Application

Ms. Baker asked Council for a resolution of support to submit a MDNR Recreation Passport Grant application in the amount of \$150,000. It was explained by Ms. Baker, submitting for each is acceptable, however, Council can only accept one (1) grant should they both be awarded.

A motion was made by Jeremy Vredenburg and supported by Tim Loehr to approve a resolution to complete and apply for the 2020 Michigan Department of Natural Resources Recreation Passport Grant Program.

Roll Call Vote: Yes- 6 No-0 **Resolution Approved for MDNR Passport Grant Application**

Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Application

Ms. Baker asked Council for a resolution of support to submit a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant application in the amount of \$190,000. It was explained by Ms. Baker, submitting for each is acceptable, however, Council can only accept one (1) grant should they both be awarded.

A motion was made by Jeremy Vredenburg and supported by Tim Loehr to approve a resolution to complete and apply for the 2020 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund and Michigan Department of Natural Resources Recreation Passport Grant Program.

Roll Call Vote: Yes- 6 No-0 **Resolution Approved for Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Application**

Planning Commission: No new business.

Public Works: All is good per DPW Director Bob Trudo.

Water and Sewer: DPW Director Trudo stated he is waiting on sewer assessment from Rowe Engineering.

Zoning: No new business.

OLD BUSINESS

Rob Bloch, on behalf of the EDC, asked Council for a motion to elect the EDC as temporary planning commission board to begin the process This motion will help begin the process of scope of work needed to move forward with Redevelopment Ready Community.

A motion was made by Ron Lamere and supported by Gordon Usher to approve a temporary Planning Commission board to include the following members Rob Bloch, Jodi Vredenburg, Jeremy Vredenburg, Michele LaPlante, Bob Vaught Jr. and Marilyn McGuire.

Roll Call Vote: Yes-5 Abstain-1 No-0 Motion Carried.

Nick Fairchild, Associate Broker of Five Star Real Estate, representing Joe Behrens ask Council if the Village would accept the land purchase proposal regarding Behrens Property located on M134. Mr. Behrens proposal is for lots 1 & 2 withing block 27 and proposed closing of the unused strip of Erie Street that runs through the property approximately 265' l x 66' w.

A motion was made by Josh Adams and supported by Gordon Usher to decline proposal – Village will not sell property nor close Village street.

Roll Call Vote: Yes-5 No-1 Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Nathan Michels, US Census for Chippewa County attended the Council meeting. Council allowed Mr. Michels to speak after roll as he had another meeting to attend. Mr. Michels urged the need for census takers for Chippewa County, as well, the benefits for the community for all individuals to partake in the census.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There being no further business to come before the Village Council, a motion was made by Josh Adams and supported by Jeremy Vredenburg to adjourn the meeting at 6:40pm. The next regular council meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2020 at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn McGuire, Clerk
Village of De Tour