

**DE TOUR VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
August 3, 2020**

The regular meeting of the De Tour Village Council was held on August 3, 2020 at 7:00pm in De Tour Village Veterans' Park Pavilion. Board members present were President Lindsey Fountain, Ron Lamere, Jen Postula, Gordon Usher, Tim Loehr, Jeremy Vredenburg and Shirley VanAlstine. Susie Baker, Robert Bloch, Jeff Galarowic and Candy Postula were also in attendance. Josh Adams was absent.

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

A motion was made by Ron Lamere and supported by Jeremy Vredenburg to approve minutes of the regular monthly meeting held on July 6, 2020 as presented.

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

A motion was made by Ron Lamere and supported by Jeremy Vredenburg to approve the Treasurer's report for the month of August 2020 as presented.

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

On a motion made by Jeremy Vredenburg and supported by Ron Lamere, the bills for August were approved to be paid as presented, including one late addition of an ambulance repair bill, bringing the total amount to \$12,679.20.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ambulance: No new business.

Economic Development: Tim Loehr asked Rob Bloch if the rumor of a dollar store going in next to Sune's was true. Rob said a development company did ask him for a copy of the village zoning ordinances, but would not confirm what type of store they were planning.

Festivals: No new business.

Finance: Jen Postula presented a request to lease a new copier for the village office. The old one was leased in 2010 and has been out of service very often over the last year or two.

A motion was made by Gordon Usher and supported by Ron Lamere to approve the lease of a new copier.

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

Fire Department: No new business.

Parks and Recreation: No new business.

Planning Commission: Rob Bloch reminded council that there is a public hearing scheduled for 09/14/2020, and surveys have been distributed throughout the community to gather opinions about improvements in the Village to assist with the Master Plan.

Public Works: No new business.

Water and Sewer: No new business.

Zoning: No new business.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Rowe Engineering asked that the contract be executed by the Village for the road project to begin. As per the contract the council had to appoint a representative to oversee the project.

A motion was made by Jeremy Vredenburg and supported by Shirley VanAlstine to appoint Bob Trudo as the representative for the road project.

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

- b. Nancy Ledy presented the letter written to council regarding the flag near the museum. The museum board is no longer willing to maintain the flag. They are asking the Village to take over the maintenance and care of it. The council discussed and agreed to table the issue to investigate what repairs would cost, and how the maintenance could be accomplished.
- c. Chippewa County is asking for the Village to indicate if they would like to exercise their right of first refusal for three Village parcels going up for non payment of taxes. The parcels are:
 - 041-654-007-25
 - 041-654-010-00
 - 041-654-022-00

A motion was made by Jeremy Vredenburg and supported by Tim Loehr to waive our right of first refusal.

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

- d. Michelle Mannisto stated that she spoke to Sgt. Williams of the Michigan State Police regarding the dangerous situation the ferry lane sometimes causes. He advised that the Village contact Doug Noble from MDOT to ask them to install (or allow the Village to install) some cones, signs, and/or pavement paint to deter ferry lane traffic to block intersections, parking lots and driveways. The council advised that they will look into this.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Robert Vaught stated that they are working hard to create the plan to return to school in the fall and that there would be a Bond proposal on the ballot asking for funds to repair and upgrade both school buildings.

Diane Adams apologized to Shirly VanAlstine for any grief caused by her comments on social media following the Village sponsored 4th of July events.

There being no further business to come before the Village Council, a motion was made by Gordon Usher to adjourn the meeting at 7:32pm. The next regular council meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2020 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Postula, Treasurer-Village of DeTour