

**DE TOUR VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
March 4, 2019**

The regular meeting of the De Tour Village Council was held on Monday, March 4, 2019 at 5:00pm in the De Tour Village Memorial Hall. Board members present were President Lindsey Fountain, Josh Adams, Ron Lamere, Tim Loehr, Marilyn McGuire, Gordon Usher, Jen Postula, and Jeremy Vredenburg. Members absent was Shirley VanAlstine. Bob Trudo, Jeff Galarowic, Chuck Lanning and Candy Postula were also in attendance.

President Fountain called the meeting to order at 5:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance immediately following.

A motion was made by Josh Adams and supported by Jermey Vredenburg to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 4, 2019.

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

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

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

On a motion made by Ron Lamere and supported by Gordon Usher, the bills for March were approved to be paid in the amount of \$7322.67.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ambulance: No new business.

Economic Development: Rob Bloch informed Council of the success for job fair held in February for SIHDDA Farms. Approximately, twenty-four (24) people were scheduled for interviews. EDC will host a job fair in the Spring for community business similar to the one held last year. Mr. Bloch has spoken with the other owner of marijuana farm, when he is ready EDC will host a job fair as well. Mr. Bloch has been contacted by Clark Township, Pickford Township and Rudyard Township to discuss marijuana laws. De Tour Township is having a Public Hearing March 20 at 6pm for the purpose of introduction of recreational marijuana law and discuss Township positions and gain insight from residents.

Finance: Treasurer, Jen Postula, informed Council of the changes made on Treasurer's Report for Parks and Recreation. As advised by the Village CPA, the savings accounts were rolled into the General Fund Account and revenue and expense codes were created in Fund Balance to support the balance and tracking of revenue and expenses. Jen asked the Council for there approval to place monthly meeting pay in annual wages of Village Clerk and Village Treasurer eliminating the need to 1099 at year end.

On a motion made by Josh Adams and supported by Jeremy Vredenburg to approve meeting pay for the Village Clerk and Treasurer to be included in the employee wage pay. Meeting pay is \$50 per month and one extra meeting for the annual Budget Hearing with a total of 13 meetings equaling \$650 per year, inclusive of all special meetings throughout a fiscal year.

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

Festivals: No new business.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Lanning stated batteries are needed for the tanker truck. Jermey Vredenburg will research and email Clerk with the required information to order from Lynn's Auto.

Parks and Recreation: No new business.

Planning and Commission: No new business

Public Works: Public Works Director, Bob Trudo, thanked everyone that has helped during the recent winter storms to include Anthony Bosley, Jason Fountain and Greg McGuire. Bob expressed his immense gratitude for their help, reiterating the many hours of volunteer hours they have given to help the Village. Council expressed the need for a plow to be purchased and placed on the Water Department's vehicle. Bob is currently researching the cost. Bob express the need to hire a part time employee to help with during the mowing season as DPW has many maintenance issues to address and repairs made on the winter equipment and this will be addressed during the off season spring through fall.

Water & Sewer: Jeff Galarowic and Bob Trudo discussed the need to for an engineer to assess the current conditions of the three (3) major lift stations and lagoons. They contacted Rowe Engineering for and approximate cost for the firm's assessment and to date have not received a response. Clerk will contact their office to see if the cost can be obtained prior to the April meeting or the possibility of meeting Ms. Homberg if she is home for the Easter holiday.

Zoning: No new business.

OLD BUSINESS

President Fountain asked Council for a motion to table the discussion and options of in/out for MRTMA when Council is in full attendance at the May meeting.

A motion was made by Ron Lamere and supported by Josh Adams to table MRTMA until the May Council meeting.

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

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Garrett Vermeulen expressed his gratitude for everyone's help in keeping the Village Streets opened during the winter storms.

There being no further business to come before the Village Council, on a motion made by President Lindsey Fountain, to adjourn the meeting at 5:39pm. The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2019 at 5:00pm. May's meeting will begin the 7:00pm meeting time.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn McGuire, Village Clerk

