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REGULAR MEETING OF THE DEXTER TOWNSHIP LOCAL ROADS COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 8, 2023, 9:00 AM

Location: Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Rd., Dexter, MI

CALL to ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Christy Maier, at 9:00 AM.

ROLL CALL: Present: Lois Beerbaum, Christy Maier, Karen Sikkenga

Absent: Pat Casady, Tom Zatkovich (Leave of absence)

Guests: Chris Godwin, Chair for Local Roads Committee in Lyndon Township; Pam Byrnes, Supervisor Lyndon Township.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

By acclamation, the members present approved the agenda.

APPROVAL of the MINUTES:

The minutes from the October 11, 2023 meeting were approved as printed.

1st CALL TO THE PUBLIC: No members of the public were in attendance.

ORAL REPORTS: There were no oral reports available for this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: None

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. C. Maier and K. Sikkenga met with A. Lape and S. Burby at the WCRC. The following items were discussed:
 - a) Junction of pavement to gravel roads (apron) to decrease potholes. This can be done when the main construction is done but not otherwise unless the township wants to pay for it. If there is an extension, the township is responsible for maintenance.
 - b) Stops on roads are further back to encourage vehicles to use a creep approach to the intersection. Pictures taken by committee members and comments were discussed resulting in the recognition that more foliage trimming is required.
 - c) Emphasis on local collector roads for maintenance and rebuild has been the focus. The scheduling for maintenance differs depending on the traffic level. Costs are less for traffic levels below 500 users per day but higher for levels above 500 per day. Hence, major work, every 5 years for higher usage vs. every 10 years for less usage roadways. The

remaining funds from the County can be redeployed for foliage work and some road maintenance. Dexter Twp. has \$500,000 available for 2024 and \$300,000 for 2025 with a calculation of \$125,000 in out years.

2. K. Sikkenga met with the Washtenaw County Sheriff to clarify services by them. The Sheriff's Office has a social work component. The response of the social work component could relieve the Fire Department of 'social work' defined calls when reported to the Sheriff's Office. There is a cost of \$675,000/year split between Dexter Twp., City of Dexter, and Webster Twp. for Sheriff Department services. These funds permit three deputy Sheriff Office deputies to work 24/7 for the three areas. Dexter Township shares Fire Department services with the City of Dexter. So, there are two firefighters each in the City of Dexter and two fire fighters at the location on North Territorial in Dexter Twp. Funding for fire department services is separate from the Sheriff's Office for public safety.
3. The Planning Commission will hold its final meeting for input on the Master Plan on November 28, 2023. Any thoughts on the Transportation aspect of the Master Plan or general resident concerns on other parts of the Plan should be shared at this meeting. If the Master Plan is finalized at this time, it will go to the Township Board for an implementation vote.

RESOLUTION DISCUSSION: None at this meeting.

2nd CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

No members of the public were in attendance.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

1. There will be no meeting in December 2023 unless an urgent issue arises.
2. The January 10, 2024, meeting will include discussion and decision on meeting monthly, every other month, or quarterly.

ADJOURNMENT: By acclamation, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lois Beerbaum, Secretary

Dexter Township Local Roads Committee

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, LOIS BEERBAUM, THE DULY APPOINTED SECRETARY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF DEXTER LOCAL ROAD COMMITTEE, WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FORGOING IS A TRUE AND COMPLETE COPY OF CERTAIN PROCEEDINGS TAKEN BY THE DEXTER TOWNSHIP LOCAL ROADS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 8TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2023 AND THAT THE FORGOING MINUTES ARE THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON THE 8TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2023.

LOIS BEERBAUM – SECRETARY FOR THE DEXTER TOWNSHIP LOCAL ROADS COMMITTEE
