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Interview with Incumbent Jason Maciejewski



Jason Maciejewski
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By Aimee Bingham Osinski
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This week, I had the opportunity to interview a candidate for District 1 County Commissioner, Jason Maciejewski.

I started by asking Jason why he decided to run for a second term. "I am running for a second term as the 1st district County Commissioner because I want to continue to make a positive impact

on the variety of issues that impact our daily lives. Everything begins with providing impactful mandated services through balancing the county budget. Of particular focus is working with local stakeholders to bring broadband service to all county residents. I also want to continue building a strong communication link with the road commission to encourage as much public outreach as possible, far in advance of construction starting dates. The Border-to-Border Trail **continued on page 4**

Local Dexter teenager Sydney Collins decided to celebrate turning 13 a little differently during this Pandemic/ COVID-19 year



Photos Courtesy of Colette Cooper

From Colette Cooper
 Sydney decided she had everything she wanted/ needed at the moment and decided to give back to a local dog "Foster" care organization called Mikey & Me located in Chelsea. All of Sydney's friends were happy to provide "gifts" for the dog foster home, she researched what items they would benefit from or need and sent out a list with the birthday invite. **continued on page 2**

Dexter Daisy Girl Scouts participate in Bridging Ceremony



Photos Courtesy of Samantha Brandt

From Kari Stro- Dexter Daisy Girl Brownies this fall. schein and Maria Scout Troop 40008 With the help of lo- Green bridged to Girl Scout **continued on page 3**



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Local Dexter teenager Sydney Collins decided to celebrate turning 13 a little differently during this Pandemic/ COVID-19 year



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Last weekend Sydney delivered the donation items to Mr Daniel Depew - Founder/ Manager of Mikey and Me, a dog foster home for dogs waiting to be adopted. During Sydney's visit she loved meeting all the dogs and visiting the barn that houses all the foster dogs. Inside, the barn has been rebuilt with sectioned 10 x 10 foot rooms for each dog, enough room for each dog to exercise, rest and enjoy interaction daily with the volunteers who walk and look after the dogs. The barn contains 8 dog rooms along with

a special dog indoor playground which is used during rainy days and snow days in winter.

Outside on the 10 acres of property, they have sectioned off a fun play area for the dogs to enjoy with the volunteers during the day.

Sydney, an 8th Grade student at Mill Creek Middle School in Dexter, enjoys studying STEM subjects, Art, and plays flute in Mill Creek school band. After school Sydney loves swimming for the local swim team DCAC (Dexter Community Aquatic Club). Sydney is a Girl Scout, currently a 3rd year

Cadette, and working on achieving her Girl Scout Silver Award. At present she is in contact with Daniel from Mikey and Me to work out needs and wants for his organization to help work on her final project to achieve her Silver Award.

Mikey and Me is named after Daniel DePew's dog "Mikey" a corgi who died in 2009 at age 17, on that day Daniel promised he would care for other dogs who needed him because Mikey had brought so much joy and love to Daniel and his family.

Daniel joined a rescue group but became disappointed in how many dogs they turned away due to the facility not having a foster care area to help the transition from shelter to adoption. Daniel noticed many of the dogs need to learn how to socialize and interact with humans and other animals before being adopted out. Animal shelters do not have the time or money to provide this rehabilitation service to the dogs who arrive in their facility. Daniel decided to make such a facility and, envisioned a place where dogs can receive care, love and nurture in a safe environment while they wait for their "forever homes." The realization came into fruition in 2016 when Mikey & Me was established. Daniel, works with Happy Days Dog and Cat Rescue, and to date has found 138 dogs their forever home.

If you are interested in donating to Mikey and Me - please contact Daniel De Pew via Mikey and

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Letter To The Editor

The Statement issued by current and former Dexter School Board members (NOT the Board of Education) has nothing to do with Board functioning or Barbara Read's opinions or votes. It is being published because of her actions and their negative impact on District Leadership and Professional Staff and its ability to function at the highest level possible in order to best serve the interests of our students, families, and community. The statement is supported by seventeen individuals out of twenty of the most recent Board members who are closely connected to our schools.

The Board has and can function and manage to act in spite of any internal conflict. However, it is essential to support our excellent staff and to do whatever we can in order for them to function most effectively on behalf of our students and continually improve the quality of education in our community. It is unprecedented to have School Principals and Directors

grieve the actions of a Board member, and for Teacher Representatives to formally request that a Board member cease and desist actions which negatively impact their ability to perform most effectively.

Dexter has become a premier School District in the State. It is a major draw for people moving into our community and a model which other School District personnel come to observe and learn from and we want to be able to continue on this path of being a model District in the state.

Creating controversy and distrust should not be the goal or result of legitimate transparency.

Ignoring the recommendations of our school district attorneys and Michigan Association of School Boards regarding appropriate behavior and actions related to fulfilling the responsibilities of a School Board Trustee is detrimental to the operations of the District. Barbara Read's inability and unwillingness to

acknowledge the negative impact of her actions continues as she spins her version of reality in her statements and postings.

Signers of this statement believe that they are compelled to inform the supportive stakeholders of our District about what has been occurring. We have truly done this reluctantly and with great sadness but we sincerely believe it is in the best interests of the future of our District.

If you support the excellence in our schools and want it to continue and improve, please recognize the significance of the statement made by people who are most familiar with and knowledgeable about the problems created by one Board member's actions inappropriately impacting school staff.

Dick Lundy
Dexter School Board Trustee
1979 - Present

This statement reflects the personal opinion of the writer and is not an official statement of the Board of Education or Dexter Community Schools.

Humane Society of Huron Valley **Humane Society of Huron Valley Pets of the Week!**

Adopt a Pet-of-the-Week this week, and get 10% off your adoption fee!

<p>The Ann Arbor's 107one Pet-of-the-Week is Dwight Meet Dwight! This adorable kitty is ready for his forever home. He is very active and social and will need a family who can keep up with his playful personality. Dwight is Feline Leukemia (FeLV) positive. FeLV is a serious virus that is contagious to other cats (but not contagious to people or other species of animals). It may cause a shortened lifespan, but FeLV+ cats have so much fun and love to give! If you have room in your heart for Dwight, and preferably a home without other cats, please call HSHV or email adoptions@hshv.org!</p>	<p>The WTKA Top-Dog-of-the-Week is Peterman Peterman's tail never stops wagging and given the opportunity, this happy, high-energy young boy would choose playing over anything else in life! If you enjoy an active lifestyle and have the time and energy for a playful dog, Peterman could be your perfect match. He is strong and active and will definitely need an adopter that can keep up with him and handle his strength. If you are looking for an exuberant, playful companion, look no further than this wonderful fellow!</p>
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Dexter Daisy Girl Scouts participate in Bridging Ceremony



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cal chalk artist, Chris Monaghan, these girls "crossed the bridge" to the next level in Girl Scouts. Girls received their new Brownie Girl Scout vest complete with a rainbow arc patch.

A rainbow is typically seen at Girl Scout Bridging ceremonies because each color is one step towards earning the Girl Scout Sign on the Rainbow.

Red is for the World of Health and Fitness. Orange is for the World of Science and Technology. Yellow is for Exploring the Out-of-Doors. Green is for the Junior Aide patch and a symbol of Girl Scouting. Blue is for World Citizens. Purple is for Arts Around the World.

Troop leader Maria Green had this to say about her involvement with the Girl Scouts and the bridging ceremony: "I've lived in the Dexter area for almost 5 years. I've worked with children for most of my life, in fact most of my experience has been working with special needs kids as a respite care worker or paraprofessional. When my daughter started Kindergarten, she wanted to be in girl scouts and the area leaders talked about how they needed more troop leaders. So I decided this was a journey I would take with my daughter together. I was in girl scouts for a couple years when I was a kid and I loved it back then so I had a little background and

knew a little about what to expect.

Bridging is something that girl scouts across the world do when they go from one level to another. Traditional bridging ceremonies include a bridge and usually a rainbow as the girls cross the bridge to their next level. With the COVID pandemic, I wanted to think a little outside the box to accommodate the safety protocols of the times. I decided to do a condensed ceremony in an outdoor amphitheater because of the ability for the attendees to distance from each other. I also have 2 special needs children in my troop and needed to think about accessibility in regards to the bridge. I found Chris Monaghan, who is a

local chalk artist, and asked him to chalk a rainbow bridge in the middle of the amphitheater. It was both visually dynamic and easily accessible for all my scouts. My scouts bridged from Daisy Girl Scouts to Brownie Girl Scouts."

Maria loves the work she does with the Dexter Girl Scouts: "I love empowering the girls to dream big, be a leader, and be unapologetically strong. They are each beautiful individuals with so many different gifts. I love that girl scouting gives these girls so many opportunities to explore a plethora of different interests from social/emotional well-being to outdoor activities to STEAM learning and everything in between."



Interview with Incumbent Jason Maciejewski

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system is an initiative I have a strong interest in because my family regularly uses it and other recreational resources. Also critically important are the services delivered through Public Health and Community Mental Health.”

I asked Jason what work he is most proud of from his current term. “I am proud of the collaborative work that has occurred to achieve broadband service for all county residents. The lack

of broadband internet service for all county residents is a major challenge and there is no quick fix, but we are making progress. During the Covid-19 pandemic, we’ve seen how crucial internet service is for education, work-from-home, and health care. In 2019 I worked to form the Broadband Task Force with the goal of getting broadband access for all county residents. A Task Force Survey in our rural townships showed that nearly 2/3

of respondents with K-12 students do not have the internet service at home. The data meets an important requirement for federal funding opportunities. As we move into 2021 I plan to work with the Broadband Task Force to use the survey data to pursue federal funding to expand service when another opportunity arises. We also need to continue collaborating on solutions like public hot spots so students can have some form of access. Advocating at the state and federal levels to make expanding internet service easier for communities is important. Broadband internet service should be viewed as a basic utility. It is vital for access to education, telemedicine, and today’s work environment.”

I asked Jason to highlight some major platform points. “First, we have to fully support the Covid-19 testing and contact tracing work being done by our county

health department. I will continue working with the Broadband task force, to position ourselves for federal funding opportunities that can achieve internet access for 64% of households in our western and southern townships without service. I want to continue building the County Commission’s relationship with the County Road Commission to improve road maintenance and communication with residents. I want to move forward on the county Environmental Council’s work on a sustainable future by enabling staff support. Another goal

is to keep building our Border-to-Border Trail connections. Our strong county Health department and community-based supports and services provided through Community Mental Health (CMH) must be maintained in the budget. Finally, we must continue to progress in addressing youth behavioral issues through collaboration amongst county, school, municipal, and health system resources.”

To learn more about Jason Maciejewski and his campaign, www.JasonMaciejewski.com. You can find him on Twitter at @votemaciejewski. His Facebook page is www.facebook.com/votemaciejewski. You can send him a question over email at jason4commissioner@gail.com.

Politics aside, Humane Society of Huron Valley calls for Compassion in election-week event

From Wendy Welch

We may have a 2-party system, but the Humane Society of Huron Valley (HSHV) is hosting a “party” of its own during election week, uniting people behind one simple theme: Compassion.

HSHV’s 14th annual and first time virtual “Compassionate Feast” on Friday, November 6 will star Jeff Corwin, host of ABC’s Emmy-award winning Ocean Mysteries with Jeff Corwin. Corwin, a renowned

conservationist and environmental journalist, will deliver a hopeful message, focused on the positive role which humanity can play in unifying to protect the planet’s most threatened animals and natural resources. He’ll also do a Q & A with local attendees.

“We realize this is right after the election,” says Tanya Hilgendorf, HSHV’s CEO. “And we wanted to help bring people back together, at least virtually. The Compas-

sionate Feast is a celebration of the animals, both in our homes and in the wild. Regardless of the results of that contentious week, this event allows us all to make a truly lifesaving difference in our own community.”

The evening will also feature optional cocktails and curbside vegan/vegetarian feast, a mixology lesson from Ann Arbor Distilling Company, humorous bits by Internet sensation dog star Tatum talks, and emceeding by Matthew

Altruda from Ann Arbor’s 107.1 radio.

Tickets can be purchased at hshv.org/feast. All proceeds benefit local injured, abused and homeless animals. HSHV is not affiliated with or funded by any other humane organization and relies on private donations and fundraisers like the Compassionate Feast to continue serving the community with programs like pet adoption, lost and found, and animal rescue.

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Letter to the Editor

COME OUT TO VOTE IN LIMA TWP.

If you are not one of approximately 1,800 absentee voters in Lima Township, then you will be standing in line (winter coats advised) with as many as 1,500 others on November 3rd to vote in-person. I am the Clerk, along with my Election Inspectors, who will get you through the line and voting as quickly and smoothly as possible. As voters, you may assist the process by being kind, patient, and following the rules.

The two-sided ballot has almost 30 choices to make, but the good news is most of you have already done your research and know who you will be picking. I want to

assist you on election day by suggesting using the Straight or Split-Ticket method to vote your ballot. Straight Ticket is voting for the party of your choice and nothing further need be done in the partisan section. The Split Ticket is voting Straight Party Ticket of whichever major political party you choose and cherry-picking any other candidates or write-in candidates from another party (do not forget to fill in the squares). That's as easy as it gets, and it completes most of the front portion of the ballot, and you get to move on to the nonpartisan section of the Ticket much quicker

and finish your voting much sooner. Once you finish, this allows the next person to vote sooner, and hopefully, they will also use Straight or Split-Ticket to vote and move through quicker. None of this is new information, just restated so that if used, it will make election day better for everyone.

Lima Township has only one local important race to decide on with this ballot. That of the Township Trustees. There are not a lot of qualifications a person must have to run for a township board. A person must be a township elector or, in other words - qualified to vote, but property ownership is

not required. An elector is defined as someone 18 years of age who is a U.S. citizen and has lived at least 30 days in the Township for which they will serve.

That being said, both of my adult kids are registered voters and have voted in most elections since they were 18 years old. Because they should. They were born and raised in Lima. My daughter drives a Chelsea School Bus, and my son works for the Milling Company, so their community roots run pretty deep. All this

sounds so much like Dale Luick's story. Both my kids may even think they could be Trustees - just like Dale. But I still wouldn't vote for either of them, like I won't vote for Dale. First - they were just lucky to be born and raised in Lima Township, and second I am already on the Board, and that is enough of one family. The Township is a five-member Board. If two are from the same, immediate family, is that a good representation for the approximately 4,000 people of the

Township?

The voters of Lima are fortunate to have two excellent candidates running for the Trustees' positions.

Greg McKenzie (R) wants to resolve the Township's facility deficiencies. David Hensel (I) brings his long-range planning and financial experience. What does Dale Luick bring to the table? - Another family member. Thank goodness it is almost Thanksgiving.

Lima voters, come out on Election day and make your voice heard. Maybe Lima Township will be the highest percentage of voter turnout in Washtenaw County.

Elaine Bater



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Boys Varsity Cross Country

11/7/20 TBA (A) vs Multiple Opponents MHSAA State Finals



Girls Varsity Field Hockey

10/31/20 TBA (H) vs OPEN MHFHA State Finals at Dexter



Girls Varsity Volleyball

10/31/20 8:00am (A) vs Multiple Opponents AA Huron Varsity Invite

DEXTER FOOTBALL

DEXTER FOOTBALL HAS FINISHED STRONG AND READIES FOR THE NEXT SEASON AND THE PLAYOFFS

By Dave Merchant
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Dread Coach Phil Jacobs is pleased how his team finished.

The Dexter Dreads defeated Ann Arbor Pioneer 49-14 to finish the regular season.

Passing leader was Colin Parachek with 16-25 216 yards, and 2 TDS.

Rushing was led by Cole Cabana with 9 rushes 65 yards, and 1 TD, C. Paracheck with 4 rushes 27 yards, and 2 TD and E. Krolewski with 2 rushes and 4 yards.

Receiving:
Brennan Parachek 4 catches 41 yards, 1 TD.
Cole Cabana 3 catches 28 yards, 1 TD.

Braden Fuson 3 catches 57 yards.

Cal Bavineau 2 catches 13 yards.

Ty Rychener 1 catch for 75 yards.

Lukas Koone 1 catch for 4 yards.

Defensively:
Gerzen Herter 99 yard INT for TD.

Blake Sislo INT.
Ethan Esch INT and

Fumble Recovery.

"We played a GREAT game on defense," Jacobs said.

The Dreads finished with a record of 4-2.

They will host Ypsilanti Lincoln in the first round of the playoffs.

CAL HAS A GREAT SEASON



Photo By Wendy Martin

Dread receiver Cal Bavineau has done some good things on the field this season.

"My favorite football moment was probably against Lincoln," Cal said. "I think everyone had fun and it was a complete team win."

His favorite class at the moment is English.

"I play basketball as well," he said. "My family consists of my dad Mike, mother Andrea and sister Ryleigh."

His goal is to play at the highest level of competition he can.

He wants to play college basketball

somewhere.

"My favorite part of football is just competing," he said.

"Some advice for younger athletes is just have fun and compete because it will make you better."

Dread football coach Phil Jacobs had this to say about Cal: "One of the smartest players I've coached.

He knows what everyone on the field is supposed to do. He has improved as a football player each week and has worked to become one of the best receivers in the SEC."



DEXTER ATHLETICS



COLE HAS SPEED



Photo By Wendy Martin

By Dave Merchant
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Dexter has good young talent on the football field. One such speedster is sophomore running back Cole Cabana.

He loves playing football.

"I love running into the end zone and turning around to see everyone cheering," Cole said.

Health and Wellness is his favorite class this year.

Coach Jacobs the head football coach is his favorite coach.

Basketball and

track are two other sports he enjoys.

Mike and Holly are his mom and dad and Kendall and Kylie are his sisters. They are all very supportive of him.

"I want to attend a D1 College," he said. "And play college football."

He likes playing team sports especially football.

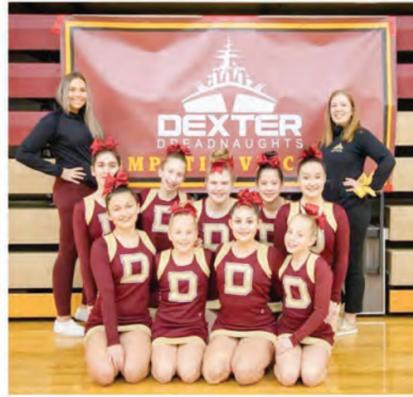
"When the hard work pays off and you celebrate with your team in the locker room is my favorite part," he said.

His advice is solid for younger players.

"When you are young work harder than the person next to you and watch yourself rise over others," he said.

Dread football coach Phil Jacobs had this to say about Cole: "Cole is extremely fast and talented. As a sophomore, he is usually the fastest player on the field every Friday. He has the ability to break a big play anytime he touches the ball. He will be a huge part of our offense for the next couple of years."

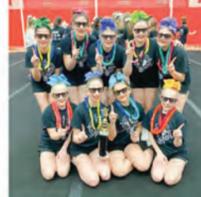
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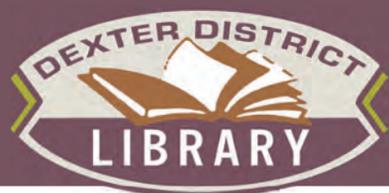
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Dexter District Library 2020 Fall Events for Kids, Tweens and Teens

Upcoming Fall Events at Dexter District Library



Tuesdays at 10:30 am, September 15 to November 17

Virtual Fall Story Times

Fall Story Times for ages five and under will be offered on Tuesdays at 10:30 am on our DDL facebook page from September 15 to November 17. Everyone is welcome to join Ms Krista for a fun morning of picture, pop-up and interactive books, flannel-board stories, songs, puppets, finger plays and other activities that encourage a love of reading to your child. Registration is not required.

Bi-weekly Thursdays at 11:00 am, September 24 to November 19

Preschool Super Stories

Kids ages five and younger are invited to join Ms Krista this fall on our DDL facebook page every other Thursday at 11:00 am. We will read a longer picture book and share an activity related to the book. Everyone is welcome. Future dates: October 8, October 22, November 5 and November 19.

Bi-weekly on Wednesdays at 4:30 pm, September 30 to November 11

Club Create

Kids in grades K through 2 are invited to join us on facebook, every other Wednesday at 4:30 pm beginning September 30. Ms Krista will share fun challenges, activities and craft ideas that you can try at home. She will also highlight a few new chapter books and readers. Everyone is welcome. Future dates: October 14, October 28 and November 11.

November 1 to November 30

Children's Virtual Art Gallery

The Dexter District Library is happy to present our first ever Children's Virtual Art Exhibit. Young artists ages 12 and under are invited to create their masterpieces using art supplies available at home. The artwork can be any variety of subjects, from fall themes and landscapes, favorite books and characters, current events or pure abstraction. The exhibit will be featured on our website during the months of November and December. Submit your electronic masterpieces – along with your name, age and address – to cjurich@dexter.lib.mi.us. Any child who submits a work of art by November 30 will receive a \$5 gift card to A & W.

Thursday, November 5 at 7:00 pm

A Night of Family Baking with Zee the Cook

Get the entire family together in the kitchen for a tasty fun night hosted by Chef Zee Shami from Zee the Cook Culinary Studio in Dearborn Heights, Michigan. Zee will be making Oreo Cake Pops live via Zoom. The entire family is encouraged to try their hand at preparing the cake pops along with Ms. Shami during the program – questions and comments will be welcome. The list of ingredients for Zee's Oreo Cake Pops will be available on the Library website when you register at <https://dexter.lib.mi.us/events/a-night-of-family-baking-with-zee-the-cook/>. A Zoom Meeting link will be sent to you prior to the program.

November 5 to November 11

Puzzles and Games Craft Kits

Puzzle and Game craft kits for grades K through 5 will be available for curbside pick-up from November 5 to November 11. Call from the Library parking lot and we'll deliver them to our outside table. Registration is required on our website beginning Monday, October 19.

Thursday, November 12 at 4:30 pm

What We're Reading

Kids in grades 3 through 6 are invited to join us on our facebook page where we will share what we have been reading and highlight new books in our collection that they may want to check out. This month's theme is: Graphic Novels.

Saturday, November 21 at 11:00 am

Thanksgiving Story Time

Join Ms Krista on our facebook page for a fun morning of picture books, flannel-board stories, songs, finger plays and other activities celebrating Thanksgiving. Geared for ages five and under but everyone is welcome.

Dexter City Council Special Meeting

By Aimee Bingham Osinski
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Dexter City Council held a special meeting Monday October 19th. The meeting was scheduled to make up for a missed meeting. The change in laws during Covid19 has caused everyone to re-adjust and be flexible. The Supreme Court handed down a decision and the regularly scheduled meeting had to be canceled, but the Michigan legislature created a law allowing for socially distanced zoom meetings. So the meeting on the 19th was scheduled to replace the previously canceled meeting. As a response to the new law, each council member needed to state that they were remote and their current location.

After the approval of minutes, the approval of the agenda sparked some debate. Councilman Jim Smith suggested some changes be made to the agenda. One such change was to move councilman Micheles and Cousins reports from reports to communications. Micheles stated that it's unprecedented. And Cousins was clearly upset. Cousins stated that he did not know why Jim did not call to let the council know he wanted that changed. Cousins called it abhorrent and stifling of freedom. He went on to say that he is disappointed in Jim. Councilwoman Fischer stated that she feels she's in a battle of personalities and she doesn't want to referee. Jim Smith tried to explain he suggested the move because the council did not request the information and placing it under reports appears as if it was a council requested report.

The mayor stated that he did not suggest that firefighters be removed. He tried to be respectful. He added that, "we have some healing to do." Then the decision to move the reports to communications and to remove L1/L2 and postpone L6 was made. November 23 a public hearing will be held on conflict of interest. The motion carried.

Non-arranged participation started with Jamie Griffen. She started by expressing gratitude that there would be a hearing on conflict of interest. She stated that she emailed council a statement and got no response back so she wanted to read the

statement onto record. I don't have her statement verbatim, but it will be recorded in the minutes. The gist of what she alleges with emails and other forms of evidence she noted in her statement, is that City manager, Courtney Nicoles had a conflict of interest acting as both city manager and a volunteer on the board of Faith in Action on the sale of the property for the Avalon housing project. Even though as a volunteer, Courtney stood to receive zero financial gain and the entire Council was aware of her position on the board. Jamie requested that her evidence be submitted to the Attorney General's office to let someone else determine if there was a conflict of interest.

The Mayor stated that he did receive Jamie's letter but opted not to respond due to Jamie's history of twisting words and reading into things much deeper than she should. He added that Jamie is kicking dirt on good people.

Stephanie Henyard spoke next and gave her full support to Courtney Nicoles and the council. She requested that council meetings continue to be available via zoom when they move back to in person because it makes it much easier to participate and stay informed.

Cole Miller spoke next and thanked Courtney for her service to the City. He expressed his frustration with the people slinging her name and added that they are the same people trying to impose a headache of a proposal for the city. He asked the council to carefully review the structure rental requirements being suggested by the planning committee and think about the impact it will have on housing rental prices. He also requested that council act cautiously on vacation rentals.

Communication was next on the agenda. Councilman Micheles reported on the pros and cons of various fire departments he toured. He also explained that he participated in a zoom session with fire and safety design, that he was not asked to attend and report on, but he did.

It was noted that the Dexter fireboard was having a meeting via zoom the following Thursday.

Dan Schlaff, the public supervisor gave

his report next. Fire hydrant winterizing should be complete, by publication. There was a water main break at Grand and Baker, on Grand but it was fixed the next day. Sewer mains were cleaned and preventative maintenance was done. The leaf machine has been going since October 13th.

Community Development Manager, Michelle Aniol gave the Council updates. MedHub has moved to Minneapolis and the broad street property is vacant. Erratic Ale was approved for a special use temporary permit.

White Tail Farm is consolidating to be at the Grand location. A business from Ann Arbor is relocating to the other location. The Red Brick property has been purchased. The new owner will be submitting plans for a remodel. One level will be retail and commercial space and the upstairs will be residential. No confirmation on businesses planning to move into space yet. 3268 Central St. has an app submitted for the demolition of the property. No application for a new building, just demolition.

Millennium project, what fire department codes are stalling the development?

We are going into an updated zoning ordinances workshop and a joint meeting will be scheduled before the end of the year.

The City Manager, Courtney Nicholls gave her report. The healthcare renewal is 4.4% and will not impact the budget or employee share. The city is looking to purchase a trailer to store election equipment. The ballots must be kept for two years. Ballots must be in by 8 pm on election night to be counted.

Huron River Watershed Council calendars were mailed last week. The library has reopened. 2090 people requested absentee ballots and as of Monday, Oct 19th, 1336 had been returned.

Work on crack seals will be weather dependent. Huron Commons contacted the city explaining that Waste management hydraulic fluid in the parking lot and it needs to be redone.

The Mayor's report was next. The sheriff held a meeting and is going back to eight-hour shifts from twelve-hour shifts. The twelve-hour shifts

were within the contract guidelines during the executive order but are no longer within the guidelines. The sheriff stated he will not seek another term and is looking to create a two or three-year contract extension. He recommends Chet Hill to fill the vacancy on the planning commission. There was no DDA meeting because of no zoom. And The DAFD had a meeting on Thursday, the 22nd, Chief Smith presented the draft spending budget. Courtney Nicholls is leaving her position and taking a job in another community. She did a great job for the entire city and earned the respect of her staff. She took over in 2014, after seven years of experience as an assistant. Thanks for the good work, friendship, solid advice, knowledge of the rules, and honesty.

The consent agenda was voted on and passed. Chet Hill was appointed to the Planning Commission.

Under new business L-3, The ice rink has been a challenge in recent years and the parks and rec commission was looking for guidance from the council. Since they don't control the grounds and they've struggled to have it opened for the past few years, is it safe to try to put it in this year? Donna Fischer stated she does not want it up this year as she is concerned for the safety of the public since there will be no crowd control. Donna made a motion to not put it up. Jim Smith 2nds the motion. It unanimously carried.

A motion to accept dedication of Dexter-Ann Arbor Rd passed.

L-5 The Planning Commission recommends text amendments on short term rentals and bed and breakfasts. Zach Michels spotted a typo and suggested postponing until staff can make sure the resolution is accurate.

Councilman Bell wanted to know what is driving the need for this and what problem it is solving. In 2018 6 short-term rentals were identified. Since there were no provisions about where and how they can be carried out, they were forced to shut down and the city had to use enforcement to do it. They were not permitted to happen unless the owner applied to be a Bed and Breakfast. The owners asked the planning commission to address the issue.

It was noted that vacation rental seems separate, where does it come from and why now? A vacation rental is dedicated and used exclusively as a short term rental rather than occasionally. No resident requirement allows less incentive for property maintenance and absentee landlords. Michele Aniol, stated, rental and special land use approval require a dedicated responsible agent, thus the amendment has baked in control. There are rental inspections required every 2-3 years regarding property maintenance. Washtenaw County does not do rental inspections currently and it will

be up to staff. The council unanimously voted to postpone the vote to November 9th to correct typos in the amendment.

L-7 Consideration of a City Office meeting group space. The new owner of the former Encore building has offered the City a two-year lease. It came up the day of the meeting and was unsolicited. The vote was postponed until October 26th.

L-8 Resignation of Courtney Nicholls. It was accepted unanimously.

There was a discussion on how to fill the vacancy. A suggestion to try to promote from within and have Courtney be a part of the process was made. Given the enormous shoes that need to be filled and the task of finding the right person, it was suggested that an interim manager be appointed while the search is underway. Courtney's last day will be November 9th.

Council comments turned into a bit of back and forth between councilman Michels and the mayor. It appears an issue between the two needs to be resolved and has yet to be settled.

Non-arranged public comment featured an employee of Courtney Nicholls speaking about what a great leader and boss she has been and how she's earned the respect and admiration of her entire staff.

The meeting adjourned to reconvene on Oct 26th.

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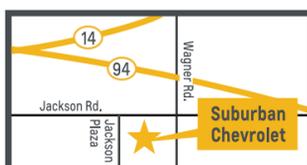
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