

**COUNCIL MINUTES OF  
November 9, 2023**

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Charles Ellms, Marcia Delaware, Heidi Kinney, Andrew Bermudez, and Levi Ladd

**EXCUSED ABSENCE:** Peter Haskell and Adam Briggs

**I. PUBLIC HEARING**

*1. Ordinance C2023-07 Lease of Space in the Morrison Building*

No Comments

*2. Order A2023-53 New Victualers License for Jerry Durgin DBA Scoops on Wheels*

No Comments

**II. MINUTES**

*1. Approve/Amend Council Minutes of October 12, 2023*

Motion to approve: **Marcia Delaware**

Second: **Heidi Kinney**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

**III. NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS, & ELECTIONS**

*1. Order A2023-54 Appointment to the School Board*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby approves the appointment of Trina Neptune to the MSAD 46 School Board for a term to expire November 5, 2024.

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**CHARLES ELLMS**

**Marcia Delaware** stated that this is an elected position and there are two vacancies. One is due to a resignation and the other to a termination by the School Board. **Ms. Delaware** stated that we need to advertise for the opening, so we will move this to next month's agenda with our yearly appointments to boards and committees.

*2. Order A2023-55 Election Results from November 7, 2023*

**BE IT ORDERED** that the Dexter Town Council hereby accepts the results of the State of Maine Referendum Election and Local Municipal Election of November 7, 2023, election as follows:

**STATE OF MAINE ELECTION RESULTS**

**QUESTION 1**

Yes	616
No	310
Blanks	36

**QUESTION 2**

Yes	768
No	172
Blanks	22

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**QUESTION 3**

Yes	206
No	753
Blanks	3

**QUESTION 4**

Yes	763
No	186
Blanks	13

**QUESTION 5**

Yes	439
No	482
Blanks	41

**QUESTION 6**

Yes	601
No	328
Blanks	33

**QUESTION 7**

Yes	247
No	668
Blanks	47

**QUESTION 8**

Yes	336
No	590
Blanks	36

**TOWN OF DEXTER LOCAL ELECTION**

**TOWN COUNCIL -3 YEAR**

Ames, Elijah	446*
Hutchins, Daniel	651*
Main, Aaron	442
Blanks	383

**DEXTER UTILITY DISTRICT TRUSTEE - THREE YEAR**

Bennett, Anne	755*
Tibbetts, Deborah	766*
Blanks	401

**SAD #46 DIRECTOR - THREE YEAR**

Ames, Alisha	652*
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Burton, Michael	741*
Blanks	529

**\*ELECTED**

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**HEIDI KINNEY**

Second: **Marcia Delaware**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*1. Manager's Report*

**Trampas King** thanked everyone for their patience with paving as it was done late. The highway crew is still filling in the sides of the roads and it will be good to have everything done. **Mr. King** congratulated the new members that were elected to the Council and thanked those whose terms are up for their dedication and service to the residents of the Town. **Mr. King** stated that the Christmas Tree Lighting followed by Santa at the Town Hall will be Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 and the Holiday Light Parade will be Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00. **Mr. King** reminded everyone of the blood pressure clinic on Wednesdays from 8-10 in the Council Chambers. **Mr. King** told everyone to enjoy their Thanksgiving with their families.

*2. Departmental Reports*

**Levi Ladd** asked if we have lost more officers. **Trampas King** stated that we have but we also got one back. He stated that the Chief is working with the Academy to try to get some recruits.

*3. Ordinance C2023-07 Lease of Space in the Morrison Building*

**BE IT ORDAINED** that the Dexter Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager to sign a one-year lease agreement with Jason Wolanyk. Rent will be \$400 a month and the lessee is responsible for providing renters' insurance.

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**LEVI LADD**

Second: **Charles Ellms**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*4. Order A2023-53 New Victualers License for Jerry Durgin DBA Scoops o Wheels*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby approves the new Victualer's License for Jerry Durgin dba Scoops on Wheels, subject to the final inspection and approval from the State and local authorities.

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**MARCIA DELAWARE**

Second: **Heidi Kinney**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

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**V. NEW BUSINESS**

*1. Order A2023-56 Observance of Christmas Eve Holiday*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby approves the four hour Christmas Eve holiday to be observed on Friday, December 22, 2023. The Offices will close at 12:00pm on that day.

Filed November 9, 2023

**CHARLES ELLMS**

Second: **Heidi Kinney**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*2. Order A2023-57 Accept Donation from Bangor Savings Bank for Golf Course*

**BE IT ORDERED** that the Dexter Town Council hereby accepts the donation in the amount of \$100.00 from Bangor Savings Bank for the Dexter Municipal Golf Course.

Filed November 9, 2023

**HEIDI KINNEY**

Second: **Marcia Delaware**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*3. Order A2023-58 Accept Bid for 1999 Freightliner FL90 E-One Trident*

**BE IT ORDERED** that the Dexter Town Council hereby accepts the bid submitted by \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ for the 1998 Freightliner FL80 E-One Trident.

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**LEVI LADD**

There were no bids received for the truck.

*4. Order A2023-59 Closure of Town Office on Mondays*

**BE IT ORDERED** that the Dexter Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Office to change to a four-day work week. The office will be closed on Mondays.

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**CHARLES ELLMS**

Second: **Marcia Delaware**

**Levi Ladd** stated that he has asked some residents their preference on hours but admitted that he just started a week ago but said that some had said they would like to see the office open a little later one night a week. **Heidi Kinney** asked what the hours would be, and **Trampas King** stated the employees would work 7:00 to 5:30 and the office would be open from 7:30 to 5:00. It would start on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

**VI. PUBLIC FORUM**

**Elijah Ames** thanked everyone that voted for him to be on the Council. He stated that he had been talking to a gentleman on Zions hill and he was asking for a deer crossing sign to be placed near Fairway Knolls. **Trampas King** stated that he knew who it was as he had talked to him before. **Mr. King** stated that he would look into it.

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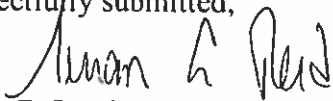
**Marcia Delaware** stood up to honor **Chuck Ellms** who is leaving the Council. She stated that he is the only Councilor that has served seven consecutive years and amazingly he has only missed one meeting the whole time. **Ms. Delaware** said that **Mr. Ellms** is the anchor that always brings the Council back to the center when they get lost and is always quick with Father used to say. **Trampas King** stated that **Mr. Ellms** has always been good to him and has always been patient. He will miss him and appreciates everything he has done for him. He stated that sometimes they disagree, but they have always been friends. **Mr. King** presented him with a clock shaped like the State of Maine. **Mr. Ellms** said that it has been a privilege and honor to serve the residents for all these years and it has been a good experience. **Andrew Bermudez** stated that he has taught him a lot and has always treated him as an equal from day one and he will miss him.

**Marcia Delaware** made a motion to adjourn at 7:27

Second: **Heidi Kinney**

Vote: unanimous in favor, motion passes

Respectfully submitted,



Susan E. Reed, Town Clerk

