

1. Roll Call- Rankin absent
2. Approval of Agenda
 - Motion by G. Simpson supported by T. Fisher. Roll- yes. Motion Carried.
3. Public Comment (Limited to Agenda Items Only) – None
4. New Business
 - Discussion and possible action regarding prior support of the Co-Op Bloomingdale Food Project
 - Council discussed the prior letter of support issued for the Bloomingdale Food Project and concerns regarding a potential conflict of interest involving a trustee. Reference was made to Michigan conflict of interest law (MCL 15.322) and whether the trustee should have abstained from the original vote. Council members expressed the importance of maintaining transparency and avoiding any appearance of impropriety, as well as concerns about not having sufficient information at the time of the initial decision.
 - Project representatives stated they are willing to provide additional documentation, obtain legal review, and return with a new presentation for Council consideration. Additional discussion included FOIA applicability, access to grant documentation, and potential tax implications depending on the project's structure.
 - A motion was made and seconded to rescind the prior letter of support. Roll call vote as follows: Simpson, Fisher, Crawford, Strong, and Empson – yes; Dickerson – no. Motion carried, 5–1.
 - Discussion and possible action regarding communication with state agencies
 - Council discussed concerns about supporting local businesses and the importance of avoiding competition that could negatively impact existing establishments within the Village. It was noted that any proposed project should complement—not compete with—current businesses such as convenience stores and restaurants.
 - Project representatives clarified that the intent is to focus on local and fresh products (e.g., produce, dairy, and locally sourced goods) rather than convenience or packaged items, and expressed a goal of supporting and partnering with existing businesses rather than competing with them.
 - A request was made for materials referenced during the meeting to be made part of the public record and provided to Council members for review.
 - It was confirmed that no grant applications have been submitted and no formal action has been taken with state agencies. The project representative agreed to remove reference to the Village's prior support from their materials until further review.
5. Public Comment- None
6. Adjournment
 - Motion by B. Strong, supported by G. Simpson. Roll- yes. Adjournment at 8:27am