

Minutes of Town Meeting in the Village of Desire

February 9th, 1026

The magistrate Lee Gendary hosted a town meeting at his home in the village of Desire on the evening of February 9th, 1016. In attendance were Plantsa Wry, Foll Lee, Laughing Bees, Ben Therdonat, Eileen Toldaso, and Olaf Snarlman.

- Olaf Snarlman suggested adventurers should take some of the tax burden away from the town, a conversation ensued about the best way to tax them. A discussion was had about what kinds of tax might be imposed on them. Suggestions included making a toll for entering and exiting the town, sales tax, a communal stable which was paid into.
- Plantsa Wry noted the importance of ensuring that adventurers felt part of the community of Desire, which led to a discussion about various encouragements for adventurers to purchase land. Laughing Bees suggested requiring new purchasers to improve plots of land.
- Foll Lee noted uncertainty about whether the businesspeople of Desire would approve such a tax.
- Olaf Snarlman wondered about the situation with Clay Potts' claim over Gill Lake; the magistrate informed him that this was out of jurisdiction for the village council, but that perhaps the town could invest in Potts' venture and thereby have some control over that situation.
- Ben Therdonat asked about the status of The Lonely Steeple, and suggested ways to encourage adventurers to investigate it. Eileen Toldaso made a records request to the Lee Gendary, who will do research on the matter.
- It was remarked that few festivals have taken place recently in Desire. As the equinox is upcoming, planning was begun on the Annual Big Celebration of Desire's Equinox Festival Games, to include goat, non-tournament jousting, and honey.

Decisions reached:

1. Tax of 5sp for non-property owning adventurers each week for: Inn, Tavern, and General Store.
2. Requirement that life insurance policies for hirelings accompanying adventurers to Redux 1) be *at least* 100 gold pieces, 2) require at least two co-signers to the policy, and 3) the town of Desire shall receive 10gp in addition to such policy.
3. Set a flat tax rate of 20 gold pieces for purchase of land, and requiring that newly purchased land be improved and occupied; construction must begin within 3 months of land purchase, and it must be completed within a year.
4. Send a records request to Lee Gendary, who will conduct research on the Lonely Steeple.
5. Arrange for a festival, the Annual Big Celebration of Desire's Equinox Festival Games (ABCDEFG), to be organized primarily by Ben Therdonat.
6. Resolve that the clerics in Desire would take it upon themselves to instruct the children of Desire letters, numbers, industrious work, but that no adventure novels should be used in such instruction.

Village of Desire

Ordinances and Laws

As of February 10th, 1026

Article I

- 1) The Village of Desire shall have a magistrate, elected by the council for a term of one year. The magistrate can be removed from their position by unanimous less one support from the Council, and may resign.
- 2) The Village of Desire shall be governed by the Council and the magistrate working together. A resident of Desire may become a member of the Town Council through endorsement of 3 current members, and a majority approval of the council.

Article II

- 1) Quorum for a Town Meeting is either: 3 members of the Council and the magistrate or 5 members of the council without the magistrate.

Article III

- 1) Ordinances can be enacted through a majority vote with the assent of the magistrate, or 2/3rds majority vote without the magistrate.

Article IV

- 1) Desire shall collect taxes from residents and passers-by, to fill coffers for the common good and to meet obligations to the Crown.
- 2) Taxes shall be 5 gold pieces per person per annum, 2 of which shall be retained to Desire and 3 of which shall be remitted to Lord Brom of Devnishrash, in accordance with our agreement for protection with the same.
- 3) A tax on goods and services shall be applied to non-residents of Desire (anyone who does not own a plot of land). This tax shall be 5 silver pieces per week of patronage at any inn or tavern, and 5 silver pieces per transaction from any shops.
- 4) Any contract between persons going on dangerous expeditions and those they hire must have a life insurance policy valued *at least* at 100 gold pieces. Two or more signatories are required for this policy, in the event that one meets an untimely fate. Whenever a life insurance policy is paid out, an additional 10 gold pieces shall be taxed and given to the town.
- 5) Purchasing a plot of land in Desire carries a flat tax of 20 gold pieces. Newly purchased land must be improved; construction of some kind must begin within 3 months of purchase, and these projects must be finished within a year. Properties which are unimproved shall be reclaimed by the town of Desire and sold at auction.

Article V

- 1) Once a season the Magistrate shall submit a report to Lord Brom as a courtesy, detailing the goings-on in Desire.

Article VI

- 1) The magistrate shall organize for the common defense a complement of town guards.

Resolution 1:

The Council of the Village of Desire, Desire Parish hereby makes the following resolution to all who would hear it:

Be it resolved, the population of visitors and adventurers in Desire being largely composed of learned clergy, and being the case that there is no official school in Desire for the education of children, *that* on this day the 10th of February 1026 the **Village of Desire** encourages all clerics to take it upon themselves to educate the people of Desire in Letters, Numbers, Good Behavior, and Strong Work Ethic. Be it further resolved that no novels of thrill or adventure be used for this purpose.