

**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
DeMotte Town Council  
January 23, 2017**

In attendance were Mark Boer, Jeff Cambe, Terry Schultz, Clerk-Treasurer Peggy Michelin, Town Attorney Emily Waddle, Town Manager John Dyke, Office Manager Heather Tokarz, and Secretary Kim Kendrick

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Jeff Cambe made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 27, 2016 meeting and was seconded by Terry Schultz. Motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

Terry Schultz made a motion to elect Peggy Michelin to the NORWEJ Board for a four- year term to fill a vacancy on the Board. Jeff Cambe seconded the motion, motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette gave a summary report for the year.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette talked about the Teen Challenge Program which is a drug rehabilitation program to help substance abuse recovery and prevention. Tom stated that there were 23 or 24 overdoses in Jasper County and we have nothing in the County, at this time, to help with drug addictions.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette gave an update on the Police radios, he said they are up and running and working great at minimal cost.

Public Works Superintendent Bob Barton gave the wastewater report. Bob said that he and Dave needed five more hours of training and would be taking a class in the spring.

Public Works Superintendent Bob Barton said the pumps at the Dogwood pump station needed to be upgraded.

Public Works Superintendent Bob Barton said it was time to upgrade the fleet and he would like to add a package to their normal purchase. Bob said he would like to have the backup camera that comes with the package to assist with hooking up the equipment to the truck. Bob said the upgrade would be less than \$1000. The Board recommended that Bob submit bids at next months meeting.

Public Works Superintendent Bob Barton gave a summary of 2016, he said they are working at 48% capacity and could see no issues going forward.

Street Superintendent Jeff Powers gave the Street Department Report. Jeff said winter roads have been an ongoing problem with snow pack in past winters. Jeff said he's purchased a beet juice mixture that is molasses and salt mixed in with the beet juice but hasn't had an opportunity to use it yet because the weather has been good.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz gave the Park Report. Heather said Friends of the Park is a group that is helping to raise money for playground equipment. Heather stated that Demotte State Bank donated \$15,000.

Town Manager John Dyke gave the Town Manager's report. John reported that the Baumgarte violation court date has been set for this Thursday, John said they are looking for an order from the court for direct disposal, that way there would be no storage fees and it would bypass titles to the vehicles. John said they would also need access to catalog the vehicle vin numbers.

Town Manager John Dyke stated that the Town Hall generator heater core needed to be replaced. Also there was a water leak in the dispatcher's office, from a broken pipe, which has been repaired.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz stated that the year-end reporting is nearly complete and should be finished by the end of the month.

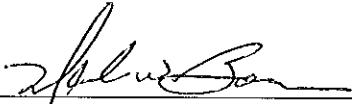
Office Manager Heather Tokarz introduced Resolution 01232017-01 concerning sewer and trash accounts receivable records. Heather stated that further collection efforts are not justified by the amounts due. Terry Schultz made a motion to adopt Resolution 01232017-01 and was seconded by Jeff Cambe. Motion passed with a 3-0 vote.

Clerk-Treasurer Peggy Michelin gave the Treasurer's Report. Peggy said the budget was approved for the year.

Town Attorney Emily Waddle said there has been no movement in the Buchanan Strip Mall and that there is a hearing in April.

Town Engineer Daryl Knip said the Forsythia Street project will be finished and closed out this spring, all that is left to do is the road striping and to clean out the valve boxes.

Jeff Cambe made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Terry Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 3-0 vote.



Town Council President



Secretary