

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
DeMotte Town Council
January 27, 2014**

In attendance were Alana Bauman, Terry Schultz, Dale Eenigenburg, Jeff Cambe, Clerk-Treasurer Peggy Woods, Town Attorney Emily Waddle, Town Manager John Dyke, and Office Manager Heather Tokarz. Not in attendance was Mark Boer.

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m.

Jeff Cambe made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 23, 2014 meeting and was seconded by Dale Eenigenburg. Motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

Emily Waddle opened the nomination for election of officers. Jeff Cambe nominated Mark Boer as President and Dale Eenigenburg seconded. Jeff Cambe nominated Alana Bauman as Vice President and Terry Schultz seconded. Alana Bauman nominated Dale Eenigenburg for Street Superintendent and was seconded by Jeff Cambe. Terry Schultz nominated Jeff Cambe for Police Commissioner. Jeff Cambe nominated Alana Bauman for Park Commissioner and Dale Eenigenburg seconded. Alana Bauman nominated Terry Schultz for Sewer Commissioner and Dale Eenigenburg seconded. Being no other nominations, nominations were closed. Terry Schultz motion to accept the nominations Jeff Cambe seconded. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Jeff Cambe then motioned to retain Gordon Etzler as the attorney for the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals. Terry Schultz seconded and motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

The DeMotte Chamber submitted a request to have a beer garden in Spencer Park during the Touch of Dutch festivities. Tom Jarrette discussed the requirements that the beer garden would need to follow. Tom Jarrette stated that he looked into the state statues and local ordinances. Tom suggested that we need to digest the information and come back next month. Emily Waddle questioned if our insurance will allow for this event to take place. The council tabled a decision for next month.

Tom Jarrette discussed the police report. He requested to purchase an additional new car. Next month he will have the costs. Tom is looking into the state pricing. Tom Jarrette then discussed the cameras for the parks. The lowest bid is approximately \$40,000. Tom questioned the council if he should continue with the low bid. Alana Bauman questioned about grant money. Tom stated that Heather had received a small amount but that there was not much available for the cameras. After discussion, the council will review the bid at next month's meeting. Tom will come to the next meeting with a solid bid.

Tom Jarrett discussed the snow storm and the outpouring of support from the citizens. Fire Department and ambulance stayed on station. American Legion was ready for a warming center. There were 3 people that stayed at the town hall for the storm after both storms. Tom discussed how the community rallied around to help.

Bob Barton spoke about the water system. With the cold weather we have been doing a lot of flushing. Meters are holding up nicely in the weather. Dave Yurko passed the test and will get his water certification.

Bob stated that the wastewater treatment plant has a new inspector. The new IDEM Inspector is Aaron Deeter. He was very impressed about the treatment plant. His report was good and probably will not be back to inspect for several years. Bob passed out reports and discussed the figures. Bob Barton stated

that the plant did very well and had another good year. Terry Schultz complimented the department for their great work.

Jeff Powers was unable to attend the meeting. Dale Eenigenburg reported that the Peterbuilt has had a lot of repairs recently. Heather Tokarz stated that she received a message from Jeff stating the Peterbuilt blew the hydraulic hose and the Ford 350 won't start.

John Dyke reported about Jim's Café parking. The parking on Forsythia Street SE has been eliminated. The owners installed a lot at the back of the building. Daryl Knip shot elevations of the property. John met with the two owners he feels that a resolution has been met. In regards to the FEMA flood plain there no new information. The county went out for bids on cleaning the ditches but did not include the culverts in the bid. The county would not do the culverts unless FEMA will reduce the flood plain.

John Dyke stated that there needs to be a replacement for a BZA meeting and he wanted to replace the member. John Dyke stated that Cori Kale has vacated her post. She has not attended meetings or responded to phone calls or emails. Emily Waddle stated that she needs to look into the statue on dismissing a member from the BZA.

Heather Tokarz stated that she is working with the Jasper County Emergency to obtain funding from FEMA for the storm.

Peggy Woods stated that there will be a public hearing on CCD Funds at the next meeting.

Emily Waddle introduced a resolution of 12272014-1 Encumbrance for police vehicle. The encumbrance is for the invoice submitted last month to purchase a police vehicle from Fieldhouse Ford. Jeff Cambe motioned to approve Resolution 12272014-1 and was seconded by Terry Schultz and motion was carried with a 4-0 vote.

Emily Waddle introduced a resolution of 12272014-2 in regards of outstanding checks. Peggy stated that these checks have not been cashed for over two years. Jeff Cambe and Dale Eenigenburg seconded. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Emily Waddle introduced the new Little League agreement with a change in the agreement. Emily Waddle recommended to the council that they do not sign the agreement until the deposit and insurance is received by the league.

NORWEJ is asking for policy to be established in regards to the tampering of meters and if the citizen had repaired the wells. A fee schedule needs to be set up for a fine. Emily will come back next meeting with a fine schedule on this.

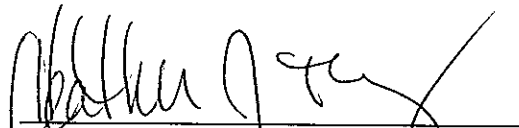
Emily Waddel stated the town council needed to have a policy put in place in regards to piling snow around the hydrants. Emily will work on the ordinance for this. Jeff Cambe suggested that we set up a perimeter around the hydrant. 10 foot perimeter with clearance to the road right of way is to be established. A fine needs to be established.

Agricultural properties are they an exception to the non-potable water. The farming industry would like to put in wells for the irrigation. The current ordinance does not allow for new wells. The council agreed that there needed to be more investigation on wells for agriculture use.

Nick Tremmel reported on NORWEJ and stated that we are near the end of the construction and will take a break in early spring to finish up restoration.

Dale Eenigenburg made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m. Terry Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 4-0.


Town Council Vice President


Office Manager