

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
DeMotte Town Council
February 23, 2015**

In attendance were Mark Boer, Alana Bauman, Terry Schultz, Dale Eenigenburg, Clerk Treasurer Peggy Michelin, Town Attorney Emily Waddle, Town Manager John Dyke and Office Manager Heather Tokarz.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Alana Bauman made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2015 meeting. Terry Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette gave the police report. Tom said the police department received an OWI Grant for \$1500.

Public Works Superintendent Bob Barton gave WWTP report. Bob said the CEU classes would begin in March.

Public Works Superintendent Bob Barton said various equipment needs repair; nothing major just small items.

Street Superintendent Jeff Powers requested the Boards approval to hire Eric Hilton to fill the Town Maintenance position at \$15 an hour and a probationary period of 90 days. Motion to hire Eric Hilton was made by Dale Eenigenburg and was seconded by Alana Bauman. Motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

Street Superintendent Jeff Powers said he would be going Monday to Walsh and Kelly to get a load of cold patch for street repairs.

Mark Boer opened bids for the 2003 F-350 Truck. Ellenberger's Maintenance Service bid \$4,963 and the bid from Wayne Daniels was \$1,856. Motion was made to accept Ellenberger's Maintenance Service bid by Dale Eenigenburg and was seconded by Terry Schultz. Motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz gave the park report. Heather said that the Easter Egg Hunt will be held on March 28, 2015 at 10 a.m.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz stated that mowing bids will be received until March 9th at 3 p.m.

Town Manager John Dyke stated that the special exception for Casey's was approved at the February BZA meeting. John showed the Board an area on the map where the road shoulder will be rebuilt for a turning lane and entrance into Casey's.

Town Manager John Dyke reported that there have been some complaints from the public wanting architectural/landscape requirements. Mark Boer asked John to investigate the standards from other communities.

Town Manager John Dyke reported the zoning on the 2nd block of Azalea Street SE is creating a problem for residents who want to sell their homes. Currently this area is zoned B-1 and consists of residential homes. John said lending institutions such as FHA, VA, etc. will not grant loans to other than conforming use. John said he will investigate rezoning to residential and will report back.

Town Manager John Dyke said there are two culverts left that need to be replaced one on 15th Avenue and one on 8th Street. Town Engineer Daryl Knip suggested putting them out for bids individually and the Board said to move forward with the bid process.

Town Manager John Dyke said the replacement for Dr. Ray Ooms on the BZA would need to be a Republican, living in the buffer zone, and would be County appointed.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz stated that there have been some issues with the carpeting in Town Hall. Mohawk agreed to replace the carpet tiles except for the new addition and the labor. Heather said it would be a \$2400 expense to repair.

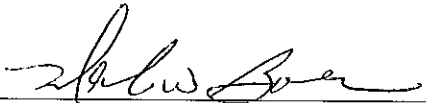
Town Attorney Emily Waddle reported that there is an illegal well at the Buchanan Strip Mall. Jim Buchanan asked what he needed to do to make the well compliant; he was told he needed to connect to the NORWEJ water supply. Town Attorney Emily Waddle said that penalties and fines are accumulating because the well is still intact. Jim Buchanan said that he is in the process of getting a lease from another property owner for a utility easement and parking area so he can run the water lines to connect to the Town water supply. Emily said dates of progress were needed because the well is illegal and against Town code. Mark Boer stated that the fines would be tallied up and the Board wants a progress report for the easement at the next Council meeting.

Town Engineer Daryl Knip gave the NORWEJ report and stated that the contracts are wrapped up except for restoration.

Town Engineer Daryl Knip said the WWTP lab addition is wrapping up.

Town Engineer Daryl Knip said they are working on drawings for improving the intersection at Forsythia Street SE and 15th Street SE.

Dale Eenigenburg made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Terry Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 4-0.


Town Council President


Secretary