

**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
DeMotte Town Council  
February 25, 2013**

In attendance were Mark Boer, Alana Bauman, Jeff Cambe, Terry Schultz, Dale Eenigenburg, Town Manager John Dyke, Clerk-Treasurer Peggy Woods, Office Manager Heather Tokarz and Administrative Assistant Donna Shear.

Absent: Town Attorney Emily Waddle

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

Alana Bauman made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2013 meeting and seconded by Terry Schultz. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

A resident representing Ironlake Estates asked the council about the water project. He had concerns about the cost of the pit, monthly water rate and the cost of the connection. The board answered his questions and advised him that NORWEJ meets the third Saturday of every month at 8 a.m. at Town Hall.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette stated that there have been fraudulent phone calls and emails saying they are from DeMotte State Bank and requesting people to call them with their personal information. Tom said that the public was notified through the radio stations.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette said that his department will receive the Prosecutor update tomorrow at their Police meeting. Tom stated that gun permits are the biggest issue in the state now.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette stated that dispatcher Jill Hamstra has put in her resignation. Tom said that her last day will be April 15<sup>th</sup>. Tom said that they have candidates from the most recent search that they would like to choose from. The council said that would be ok.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette stated that his department is having copier problems. The current copier cannot handle their high volume. Office Manager Heather Tokarz looked into a new copier for the police department. The purchase price for a new Ricoh copier that has scanning and faxing capabilities is \$4,475. To lease the Ricoh copier with a service plan is \$95.52 per month. Jeff Cambe made a motion to approve leasing a Ricoh copier with a service plan at a rate of \$95.52 per month. Terry Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette presented a quote to purchase two Phantom radars at a cost of \$1,812. Tom said that two radars have gone down and need to be replaced. Jeff Cambe made a motion to approve the purchase of two Phantom radars for the amount of \$1,812 to be paid from Public Safety. Alana Bauman seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Sewer Superintendent Bob Barton stated that all of the new lab equipment except for one probe is in. Bob said the new equipment is working great.

Sewer Superintendent Bob Barton said that all of the lift station dialers have been updated.

Sewer Superintendent Bob Barton said that the blower approved for repair has been torn apart and found there is damage to the small impellers. Bob stated that it will cost an additional \$2100 to straighten the impellers. That will bring the repair cost to a total of \$9,971. The council told Bob to go ahead and have the work done. Terry Schultz asked Bob to find out what kind of warranty is on the repair work. The council said they would like to review the warranty on the repairs compared to a new blower to help them determine the best way to address the other two blowers that need repairs.

Street Superintendent Jeff Powers said there is an ad in the paper for a temporary maintenance employee to fill in for Byron Frieden while he is off work because of his back surgery. Jeff stated that they have a lot of applications and hope to have interviews soon.

Street Superintendent Jeff Powers stated that the 2011 Ford he presented in a previous meeting is no longer available. It will cost \$10,000 more to purchase a 2013 Ford truck with the same features. Jeff said that he priced a 2014 Freightliner for a cost of \$67,000 from Truck City in Gary. The outfitting for the truck would cost \$48,000 and that was quoted from Lindco in Merrillville. Jeff recommended the 2014 Freightliner as the truck to purchase because it meets all of their needs and does not require a CDL to drive it. Office Manager Heather Tokarz said that she spoke with Denise Nuttall at DeMotte State Bank to negotiate terms for a loan. Heather said she should have the information by Tuesday or Wednesday.

Alana Bauman said that the Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2013 at 10 a.m. at Field of Dreams.

Town Manager John Dyke stated that the FEMA properties on Begonia St SE will be ending at the end of March. John said they only need to seed the area.

Town Manager John Dyke stated that students at Purdue want to take on the task of creating an emergency response for the water system. They will be doing this as a class project and there will be no cost to the town.

Town Manager John Dyke said that there are four commercial projects that are going to take place this year. John stated that three already have the permits in place and one is still waiting on land acquisition.

Town Manager John Dyke said that he will have a Drainage Board Meeting on Wednesday. John stated that Town Engineer Daryl Knip will be at the meeting. They will be working on a plan to present to FEMA. John said they are hoping to reduce the proposed flood plain.

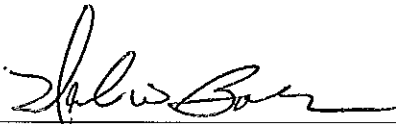
Office Manager Heather Tokarz said that the Safe Routes to School Acquisition should be complete soon. Heather stated that this project will put sidewalks from 9<sup>th</sup> St to Begonia.

Clerk-Treasurer Peggy Woods stated that the year-end reporting has been completed. Peggy said that she will be filing 60 sewer liens tomorrow.

Kevin Kelly from Jasper County Economic Development spoke about the Innkeeper Tax that the county started collecting recently. This tax was passed in July 2012 and took effect January 1<sup>st</sup>. Kevin said that it may be possible for grants to be available for local events from the revenue generated from this tax.

Mark Boer read the engineers report.

Terry Schultz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Dale Eenigenburg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.



Town Council President



Administrative Assistant