

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
DeMotte Town Council
March 24, 2014**

In attendance were Mark Boer, Alana Bauman, Terry Schultz, Dale Eenigenburg, Jeff Cambe, Clerk-Treasurer Peggy Woods, Town Attorney Emily Waddle, Town Manager John Dyke, and Town Secretary Kim Kendrick.

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

Alana Bauman made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2014 meeting and was seconded by Terry Schultz. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette stated that the lowest bid for the park cameras was \$49,500 and would cover Spencer, Freedom, and Field of Dreams Parks along with the Public Works, Street Department, and concession stand at Field Of Dreams. Tom said it would take three to four days to install. Motion was made to accept the bid to install the IP Surveillance System by Alana Bauman and was seconded by Jeff Cambe. Motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette said the Police Department has transferred the water cooler to the Street Department.

Public Works Superintendent Bob Barton stated that the people from Holland Michigan needed to come and make repairs to the bio solids equipment.

Public Works Superintendent Bob Barton said that Jason Kearney would be going in April to attend a class II certification class, and also that he, Dave, and possibly Jason, would be taking a class in the fall.

Public Works Superintendent Bob Barton stated that the previous employee hired didn't work out and that he wanted to hire Donald Korem for the probationary period. Bob stated that he had passed the math test. Terry Schultz made a motion to hire Donald Korem for the probationary period. Dale Eenigenburg seconded the motion. Motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Public Works Superintendent Bob Barton said the Public Works Department has a 2004 tractor with 26 hours on it that is not needed. Bob Barton said he would like to trade it in for a new skid steer

Motion was made to trade the tractor and an additional \$900 for purchase of new skid steer by Terry Schultz and was seconded by Jeff Cambe. Motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Council had first reading of ordinance to increase the sewer/trash rates 3% over the next two years and will introduce next month.

Street Superintendent Jeff Powers stated that he would have more information and cost estimates for the drainage issue at Almond Street SW at the next Town Council meeting.

Street Superintendent Jeff Powers stated that eleven tons of cold patch has been purchased and used for filling pot holes, and he is now beginning to get some from Jasper County. Jeff said that he will have a paving list at next meeting.

Street Superintendent Jeff Powers said that the 2001 Ford Truck is having problems and is not trustworthy, a new truck is needed and a one ton dump truck would be very useful. Mark Boer requested that Jeff obtain pricing for a new dump truck.

Clerk-Treasurer Peggy Woods said that she met with Russell Bailey, applicant for the Park Board position. Peggy believes he would make a good addition to the Park Board. Alana Bauman made a motion for Russell Bailey to fill the Park Board position. Jeff Cambe seconded the motion. Motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Clerk-Treasurer Peggy Woods said the Easter Egg Hunt will be April 12, 2014 at 10 a.m. at Field Of Dreams.

Cameron Fritts, a sophomore at KV High School, spoke about changing the position of the sign at the entrance to the Town. Cameron said he will have to obtain the new easement numbers from Dave Tiemans before getting the easement recorded. Cameron stated that INDOT waived the bond and permit fee and requested the Town waive their permit fee as well. Motion was made to approve the sign position change and waive the permit fee by Alana Bauman and was seconded by Terry Schultz. Motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Council President Mark Boer appointed Carolyn Davidson to the BZA Board.

Town Manager John Dyke stated that he would like approval to attend the IABO Conference on April 14th – 16th. Motion was made by Terry Schultz to approve John attending the IABO Conference and was seconded by Dale Eenigenburg. Motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Town Manager John Dyke said several commercial permits have been taken out. Faith Lutheran Church expansion is beginning in April, New Leaf Counseling to start in a month or two, Pizza Hut remodeling, the golf course building, and DeMotte Christian School.

Town Manager John Dyke stated that he met with the Little League Director and went over the concession building repairs.

Clerk-Treasurer Peggy Woods stated that the State Board of Accounts recommends re-establishing the CCD fund. Mark Boer stated that it needed to be advertised and would open for public hearing at next meeting.

Town Attorney Emily Waddle introduced ordinance 03242014-03 establishing requirement for security deposit on water accounts. This ordinance would only affect delinquent accounts. Motion was made to adopt ordinance 03242014-03 by Jeff Cambe and was seconded by Alana Bauman. Motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Town Attorney Emily Waddle introduced ordinance 03242014-04 placing responsibility on landlords for unpaid water bill liability from tenants and establishing protocol for the use of a collection agency for payment of delinquent water user accounts. Motion was made to adopt ordinance 03242014-04 by Jeff Cambe and was seconded by Alana Bauman. Motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Daryl Knip said there was about two months left of construction on the water project.


Daryl Knip stated that the WWTP lab is 600 square feet and is too small to accommodate four people; he is requesting approval to move forward with acquiring the design and construction drawing for an addition on the south end of the building. The addition would include offices, a new lab, and a conference room. The budget currently would be approximately \$150,000. Motion was made to approve moving forward with the design and construction drawing by Terry Schultz and was seconded by Jeff Cambe. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

Daryl Knip stated that the Division Street Project was awarded to Grimmer Construction.

Daryl Knip said the Safe Routes to School Project was awarded to Walsh and Kelly.

Council made a motion to approve Abonmarche Construction Engineering for the Division Street road reconstruction and made it contingent on INDOT approval.

Dale Eenigenburg made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Terry Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.


Town Council President


Town Secretary