

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

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

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

Alana Bauman made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2013 meeting and seconded by Jeff Cambe. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette gave an update on the DPC, which is Homeland Security for the Chicago area. Tom said that Jasper and Newton counties are included in the Chicago area Homeland Security. Tom presented an outline from the DPC to the council. Tom said that the town would have access to the whole region of equipment during an emergency situation like the wind storm we had in June 2011.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette said that the mandatory CPR training for the department will be held tomorrow.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette said that criminal arrests and daytime DUI arrests are up. Tom stated that he has had community service workers cleaning up trash on 700 W. When they are done with that area, he plans to have them start cleaning up along 8th Street.

Sewer Superintendent Bob Barton gave an update on the turbine. Bob said that the blower that is in for repair will be ready to install next week and that there is a one year warranty on the repairs. Bob asked for approval to have the second blower sent out for inspection and repairs. Terry Schultz made a motion to approve sending the second blower out for inspection and repairs. Jeff Cambe seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Sewer Superintendent Bob Barton said that disinfection season is April 1st to October 1st. Bob said that the UV lights have been installed and they are ready.

Dale Eenigenburg gave the street report. Dale said that the 2014 Freightliner from Truck City would cost \$115,565. Dale stated that this price is only good for one month. The council said that they would like Jeff Powers to get a price for a liquid spreader on the new truck for the next meeting. After a brief discussion, Dale Eenigenburg made a motion to purchase the 2014 Freightliner from Truck City in the amount of \$115,565 and to be paid from the Rainy Day fund. Alana Bauman seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

Town Manager John Dyke said that he and Jeff had interviewed seven people for the maintenance position. John said that they are planning to call one person back for a second interview.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz said that over 340 people attended the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday. Heather stated that \$280 in cash and six boxes of canned goods were collected and donated to the Food Pantry.

Officer Manager Heather Tokarz said that they will be interviewing for a Pool Director this week and that they will be needing lifeguards and concessions workers.

Town Manager John Dyke said that he has been working with Daryl Knip to coordinate information with the county in regards to the Flood Plain Maps. Daryl said they are pleading with FEMA to hold off on publishing the maps. Daryl stated that the county has agreed to do the work on the ditches.

Town Manager John Dyke asked for approval to attend classes on April 11th and April 12th for his Pool Operator's Recertification. Alana Bauman made a motion to approve John Dyke attending classes on April 11th and April 12th for his Pool Operator's Recertification. Jeff Cambe seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Town Manager John Dyke said that he will be holding safety meetings with the Street Department and Parks Department employees within a few weeks.

Town Manager John Dyke introduced Kevin Kelly from Jasper County Economic Development to give an update on county wide improvements. Kevin Kelly stated that Advanced Auto in Remington will be having their ribbon cutting ceremony soon, Carpenter Creek Seller's Winery opened in Jasper County recently, Tractor Supply opened in Rensselaer on March 16th and Legacy Farms Pig Farm should open sometime between Memorial Day and July 4th.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz stated that the Safe Routes to School Acquisition is almost complete. Heather said that construction will begin in spring 2014.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz said that she will be attending a webinar tomorrow on the healthcare act. Heather said that she will also attend a conference on the healthcare act on April 4th.

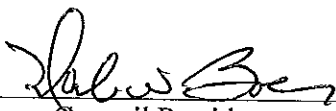
Office Manager Heather Tokarz stated that she and Emily Waddle attended the Legislative Conference in Indianapolis on March 19th. Heather said that they met the new governor and Representative Gutwein.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz said that Ethel Ralston will be retiring by August. Heather said that she would like to advertise for a full time employee. The council asked Heather to prepare a job description for the next meeting.

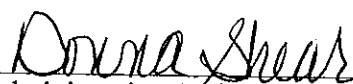
Town Engineer Daryl Knip stated that the water project is moving well.

Town Engineer Daryl Knip presented the bids for the water connections at town hall and at the Spencer Park Pool. The town hall bids were from DeYoung Dirt Works for the amount of \$8,860, Grube Construction in the amount of \$8,590, and KV Land Improvements for the amount of \$5,680.71 and Von Excavating in the amount of \$9,496.20. The Spencer Park Pool bids were from DeYoung Dirt Works in the amount of \$9,789, Grube Construction for the amount of \$13,690, and KV Land Improvements in the amount of \$7,919.01 and Von Excavating for the amount of \$13,057.90. Alana Bauman made a motion to approve the bid from KV Land Improvement for \$5,680.71 to connect the water to town hall and the bid from KV Land Improvement for \$7,919.01 to connect the water to Spencer Park Pool to be paid from water control. Terry Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

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