

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
DeMotte Town Council
April 27, 2015**

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

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

Alana Bauman made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2015 meeting. Terry Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Mark Boer welcomed President of the JCEDO Kevin Kelly who introduced Sheila White the Director Of Tourism And Community Relations for the JCEDO. Kevin stated there would be a Bi-Centennial Celebration meeting on May 7, 2015 and they would be discussing how to get communities involved in the celebration.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette gave the police report. Tom stated he would be doing more research on pricing for body cameras for police officers.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette stated that the Fire Arm Simulator will be at the high school on May 2nd and that everyone is welcome to come out.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette said that the estimate he received for the safety glass film was \$24,968.32, he will continue researching for better pricing.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette stated that he would like to hire Mark Ceglarek for part time officer to fill the position left open by Jay Woodlock. Motion was made to hire Mark Ceglark for part time officer by Jeff Cambe and Alana Bauman seconded. Motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette stated spring cleanup of abandoned vehicles was starting and he would be putting an ad in the paper.

Public Works Superintendent Bob Barton gave the WWTP report. Bob said that the IDEM inspection report came in good.

Public Works Superintendent Bob Barton said Don Korem would be taking classes for his waste water license.

Street Superintendent Jeff Powers stated that Eric Hilton is in his 10th week of probation and is doing a great job, Jeff is requesting that probation be waived and his salary increased to \$16. Motion to raise Eric Hilton's salary to \$16 May 1st was made by Dale Eenigenburg and Terry Schultz seconded. Motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Street Superintendent Jeff Powers said that the leaf program is going well and they have made three trips through town. The leaf program ends May 8th.

Street Superintendent Jeff Powers said that he will be researching the cost of putting electricity in for lights at Airport Park.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz submitted the two year contract for Republic Services. No increase this year and next year a .40¢ increase. Alana Bauman made a motion to approve the two year contract with Republic Services and Terry Schultz seconded. Motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz stated that Immanuel URC received a favorable recommendation from the Planning commission for a two lot subdivision to be re-zoned from Agricultural to Residential 1. The Planning Commission sent the recommendation to Council for approval. Terry Schultz made a motion to approve the re-zone and Alana Bauman seconded. Motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Next on the agenda was a request by First Reformed Church to connect the new Church building to the Town's existing sewer between the KV Intermediate and High Schools. Town Engineer Daryl Knip stated that the Church would extend the gravity sewer and install a pump. Mark Boer stated that the usage would mainly be on the weekends so the peak flow would be opposite of the schools.

Mark Boer recused himself from the discussion.

Motion was made by Jeff Cambe to allow First Reformed Church to connect to the Town's existing sewer and was seconded by Dale Eenigenburg. Motion passed with a vote of 4-0 with Mark Boer abstaining.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz said the KV Agriculture Class was using Spencer Park as an educational tool to study the Emerald Ash Borer.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz said that Purdue Extension is offering a leadership program where people can be certified; classes are once a month for six months.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz stated that the State Board of Accounts School is May 21, 2015 and she would like to attend with Peggy Michelin. Motion was made by Terry Schultz for Heather Tokarz and Peggy Michelin to attend State Board of Accounts School and was seconded by Dale Eenigenburg. Motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz stated that the Town was granted approval through the Clerk's office to shred documents on May 21st. Heather said building permits have been scanned into the system so we will have records and that they can be shredded 10 years after they have been audited.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz said the next council meeting will be on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 due to Memorial Day.

Clerk Treasurer Peggy Michelin stated that the CCD Fund will be re-established and will be advertised next month.

DeMotte Chamber of Commerce representative Diva Rish introduced a map of Spencer Park laying out where all the different entertainment will take place. Diva said this year the Chamber would like to begin the festivities on Friday night and also include a beer garden. Mark Boer expressed concerns about keeping it contained and also the parking. Police Chief Tom Jarrette said the State permitting process was extensive so there would be enough security to keep it contained. Diva explained that Bethel Church will allow parking in their lot and there are other places around town that could be used.

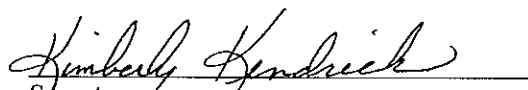
Town Attorney Emily Waddle stated that a lawsuit was filed on Jim Buchanan and the Rentals.

Town Engineer Daryl Knip said NORWEJ would be putting out for bid the Creekside and Harvestview restoration areas. Town Engineer Daryl Knip stated the FEMA Flood Plain culvert replacement was ready for bids. Town Engineer Daryl Knip stated that for the improvements of the intersection of Forsythia St. SE and 15th St. SE a right-of-way on the west side would need to be acquired and plans would need to be prepared. Motion was made for Daryl to move ahead with plans to 30% was made by Dale Eenigenburg and was seconded by Jeff Cambe. Motion passed with a vote of 5-0. Town Engineer Daryl Knip stated that Walsh & Kelly was awarded the contract for the INDOT paving project.

Walsh & Kelly would need to be contacted regarding connecting to the drain to help with the drainage in the downtown area.

Alana Bauman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Terry Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.


Town Council President


Secretary