

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
DeMotte Town Council
April 28, 2014**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Alana Bauman made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2014 meeting as amended. Terry Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried with 5-0 vote.

Mark Boer announced that the next meeting will be Tuesday, May 27, 2014 because the fourth Monday in May is Memorial Day.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette said that the Christian School had their 5k run at Field of Dreams on the same day that Soccer had their opening day. Tom said that he will make sure this does not happen again next year due to parking and traffic issues.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette said there was a hazardous spill on I-65 recently, and the hazmat team wanted to bring the hazardous waste to the town near DeMotte Christian School. Tom said that he did not feel that would be safe for the school children or residents and was able to convince them to take it somewhere else away from the town.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette said the department had their annual police shoot at the high school and that it went very well.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette said that the Little League asked for weather balls to be used on the fields. Tom said that these weather balls display warning lights when there is bad weather approaching. Tom stated that he will look into this.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette said that the security camera equipment has come in and is ready to be installed. Tom said that he will get with Circle R to see if he can have power run to the top of the water tower.

Public Works Superintendent Bob Barton stated that the new skid steer should be in next week, that someone from Ecova is coming out to inspect the press, and that the mixer drive went bad and has been replaced.

Street Superintendent Jeff Powers mentioned a drainage issue at Almond ST SW. Jeff also presented the paving list to the council and was given approval to get bids. Jeff submitted bids for a 2015 1 ton truck with dump bed for the street department. The bids were from Schepel Buick for \$37,750, Fieldhouse Ford for \$36,137 and Wiers Chevrolet for \$32,988. Council said they will table bids until it is determined what funds will be used to purchase the truck.

Street Superintendent Jeff Powers said that leaf pick up started today and will continue through May 7th. Jeff mentioned that branches will be picked up on May 19th, June 2nd, July 7th, August 4th and September 2nd.

Alana Bauman introduced the new Park Board member Russ Baily to the council. Alana said that the Easter Egg Hunt held on April 12th had the highest attendance ever and that \$460 in cash and 6 full boxes of canned goods were collected for the Food Pantry.

Alana Bauman stated that the pool will open on May 24, 2014, which is Memorial Day weekend. Alana also said that the Parks Department has tickets for a Rail Cats Game on June 6th. The cost is \$25 per person and covers the cost of the ticket, food and parking. Money must be in by May 23rd.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz said that she received notice to proceed for the Division Street and Safe Routes to School projects. Heather said that the pre-construction meeting for Division Street should be held next week and work should begin by end of month. Heather also said that she is submitting applications for two INDOT Grants for additional funding for the Division Street and Safe Routes to School projects.

Office Manger Heather Tokarz stated that the Court Secretary, Barb Echterling has submitted her resignation effective as of May 31, 2014 and will be looking for a replacement for her.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz requested permission for her and Peggy to stay at a hotel on May 7th and 8th for SBOA training. Jeff Cambe made a motion to approve Heather and Peggy staying at a hotel for SBOA training on May 7th & 8th. Terry Schultz seconded the motion and carried with a 5-0 vote.

Town Attorney Emily Waddle presented Sewer Rate Ordinance 032414-2 for second reading. Council waived the second reading and Terry Schultz made a motion to approve Ordinance 032414-2 on the third reading and was seconded by Dale Eenigenburg. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Town Attorney Emily Waddle presented Ordinance 04282014-1 to establish a Cumulative Capital Development Fund. Mark Boer opened the floor for comment. There were no comments and Mark closed the floor. Jeff Cambe made a motion to approve Ordinance 04282014-1 and was seconded by Terry Schultz. Motion carried with at 5-0 vote.


Town Attorney Emily Waddle presented Ordinance 04282014-2 regarding Security Deposits for water customers. Jeff Cambe made a motion to approve Ordinance 04282014-2 and seconded by Terry Schultz. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Town Attorney Emily Waddle presented Ordinance 04282014-3 to establish charges for NORWEJ. Jeff Cambe made a motion to approve Ordinance 04282014-3 and seconded by Dale Eenigenburg. Motion carried with 5-0 vote.

Town Attorney Emily Waddle requested permission to attend a Law Conference on July 31st in Merrillville at a cost of \$355. Alana Bauman made a motion to approve Emily Waddle attending the Law Conference in Merrillville on July 31st and seconded by Jeff Cambe. Motion carried with 5-0 vote.

Town Engineer Daryl Knip said that the NORWEJ project should be wrapping up in about a month. Daryl requested permission to advertise for bids for the Wastewater Lab Addition. Terry Schultz made a motion to approve Daryl advertising for bids for the Wastewater Lab Addition. Dale Eenigenburg seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

Jeff Cambe 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



Administrative Assistant