

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
DeMotte Town Council
May 22, 2017**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Alana Bauman made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2017 meeting and was seconded by Terry Schultz. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Mark Boer recognized Larry Donis for his 15 years of service on the NORWEJ board.

Public Works Superintendent Bob Barton gave the wastewater report. Bob received only one bid for the biosolids building. So he will re-bid and have the quotes available next month. Bob also stated that the clarifier has been repaired and is online.

Street Superintendent Jeff Powers gave the Street Department Report. Jeff proposed a bid to clear the ditch north on 5th Ave SE just south of Spencer Park, from DeYoung Dirt Works in the amount of \$6850 to be paid from the CCD Fund. Dale Eenigenburg motioned to approve the bid. Jeff Cambe seconded.

Jeff Powers requested the GMC truck from the sewer department to be transferred to the street department inventory. The council supported.

Jeff Powers proposed to have alleys paved. The town council wants Daryl Knip to review the alleys for drainage. Jeff will bring it back to council next month.

The tree around the fountain is damaged. To replace the tree a 2-inch tree is \$500 installed. A four inch tree is about \$1000. A tree in the bump out by Holley's also needs to be placed. Alana Bauman motioned to replace the trees with a 2" trees for \$500 each tree. Dale Eenigenburg seconded and motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

The wood chipper is in for repairs.

Alana Bauman gave the Parks report. Emily introduced the resolution 05222017-1 concerning salaries for the park feest. Alana Bauman motioned to approve resolution 05222017-1. Jeff Cambe seconded and motion carried with a 5-0. Emily Waddle then introduced Ordinance 05222017-2. This ordinance established salaries for the pool staff. for the 2017season. Alana Bauman made a motion to accept the ordinance. Terry Schultz seconded and motion carried with a 5-0 vote. The pool opens May 27, 2017

Heather Tokarz stated that today (May 22) the Friends of DeMotte Park has an active crowd funding site. If there are \$25,000 of donations the Indiana Department of House and Community Development will match the grant with \$25,000.

John Dyke stated that pool is just about ready. The pool is on track for May 27 opening.

John Dyke stated that he is having issue with the liner in the fountain. Today the company tore out the complete liner. Wednesday the liner will be reinstalled under warranty. John should have the fountain filled by the weekend.

The DeMotte Planning Commission has received a court order to proceed to clean up the Baumgarte property. The expenses will be put on the property in form of the lien. There are three other parcels with the exact same issue. The public is being made aware that property must be kept up. Next council meeting will be final plat for Harvest View Subdivision 4th phase of approximately 20 lots.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz stated that Division Street RFP (Request for Proposal) has been accepted and scored. Abonmarche has been awarded the project. Heather stated that we will be having a lot of inventory that can be put up for sealed bids. Currently we have a 2003 GMC truck, a squad car and the playground equipment that will be removed at Spencer Park. The town council agreed to put the items up for bid.

Tom Jarrette proposed a window for the dispatch area and town hall windows. Jeff Cambe motioned to approve the Preferred Door – Sam Zylstra \$16,145 to come from building equipment fund. Terry Schultz seconded. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

The resistant film will be installed by June 5. Tazer training is coming up. New car is in and is almost ready for the road.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz discussed the new Spencer Park playground equipment. She stated that in order for the playground to be installed by Touch of Dutch we will have to order it now. However, Friends of DeMotte Parks are still short on the total amount. Alana Bauman motioned to order the playground equipment and the town will cover the remaining cost of \$56,000. However, fund raising will continue and the amount will be reduced. Jeff Cambe seconded and motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Heather Tokarz also discussed the condition of the older pavilion at Spencer Park. The council wants Heather Tokarz to work with Daryl Knip on a replacement pavilion.


Clerk-Treasurer Peggy Michelin gave the Treasurer's Report. Budget season is approaching.

Attorney Emily Waddle reported that she has seen movement from the Buchanan Strip Mall. Plans were sent to Daryl and Bob for review. Daryl has made changes to the plans but has not seen any amended documents.

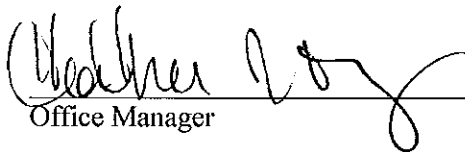
Town Engineer Daryl Knip stated that he is still working with the DNR regarding the flood plain maps. Daryl is also going to work with Jeff Powers and Heather Tokarz to prepare for the next round of INDOT Community Crossing Grants. Daryl also discussed that he is working on the Spencer Park pavilion replacement. He is meeting with Heather Tokarz on Thursday concerning these items.

Kevin Kelly from the Jasper County Economic Development Corporation discussed the new development in the county.

Dale Eenigenburg made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50p.m. Terry Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.



Town Council President



Office Manager