

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
DeMotte Town Council
May 26, 2015**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Alana Bauman made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2015 meeting. Jeff Cambe seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Mark Boer introduced Brad Cozza, Airport Manager for Jasper County Airport. Brad briefly went over the infrastructure, operations and finances of the Jasper County Airport. Brad also explained how the airport is trying to maintain a relationship and support DeMotte. Brad invited everyone to the Annual Fly-In/ Drive-In Pork Chop Lunch that will be held on July 11, 2015 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Jasper County Airport.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette gave the police report. Tom said that the parade application for the Touch of Dutch has been sent to Scott for processing.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette provided a packet to the council from the School Safety Meeting that he attended.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette stated that he attends the District 1 Meetings that keeps our community in contact with emergency resources from surrounding communities if there is ever a need.

Public Works Superintendent Bob Barton gave the wastewater report. Bob said that he and Dave Yurko are renewing their certification and that the IDEM permit should be renewed soon.

Public Works Superintendent Bob Barton stated that he hopes to rent a pump for the Bio Solids because their pump is not working right now.

Public Works Superintendent Bob Barton asked the council for approval to purchase a Tremble GPS unit for GIS that maps the sewer and water lines and is cloud based. The cost for the unit is \$16,200, which includes 2 days of training. This unit can also incorporate storm drains and street signs. Terry Schultz made a motion to approve the purchase of the Tremble GPS unit for the GIS program at a cost of \$16,200 and was seconded by Dale Eenigenburg. Motion carried with 5-0 vote.

Street Superintendent Jeff Powers mentioned to the council that 3 out of 4 of the overhead doors at the street department need to be replaced. Jeff explained that the doors are rusted and you can see snow come in during the winter. Jeff said that he would like to get pricing to replace these doors.

Street Superintendent Jeff Powers stated that he had advertised for bids to clean the Spencer Park Ditch. Jeff said he only received one bid from DeYoung Dirt Works in the amount of \$41,000. The council took the bid under advisement and asked Jeff to contact some other contractors for quotes.

Street Superintendent Jeff Powers stated that the Branch Program begins on June 1st.

Alana Bauman made a motion to hire four people as new pool employees. They were Andrew Kuiken, Daniel Hinchy, Kala Beenes and Brea Beenes. Jeff Cambe seconded the motion. Motion carried with 5-0 vote.

Alana Bauman announced that Movie Night will start on June 10th and that Frozen will be the movie.

Alana Bauman stated that tickets are on sale for the Rail Cats game on July 25th for \$25 per person. This includes the party deck, food and ticket. Tickets must be purchased by July 10th.

Town Manager John Dyke said that he will look into electric for Airport Park.

Diva Rish from the DeMotte Chamber of Commerce said that the Chamber has been in talks with Marti's Place to handle the Beer Garden for the Touch of Dutch. Diva also mentioned that the beer garden is being moved to the south end of the park. Diva said that she should know soon if Marti's Place will be handling the Beer Garden.

Town Manager John Dyke presented Immanuel United Reformed Church Subdivision for Final Approval upon recommendation from the Plan Commission. This property is located at County Road 700 W approximately a half mile south of State Road 10 and there are 2 lots. Alana Bauman made a motion to give the Final Approval to the Immanuel United Reformed Church Subdivision contingent upon receipt of their Park Donation of \$1,000 and was seconded by Jeff Cambe. Motion carried 5-0.

Town Manager John Dyke stated that the pool opened on Saturday, May 23rd and that the fountain is up and running.

Town Manager John Dyke presented a packet from the Kankakee Valley High School FAA Class that gave their recommendation of a 2 year treatment, for the Emerald Ash Borer problem in Spencer Park. John Dyke was directed to take care of getting the treatment and to see if there are any other trees that need to be treated.

Town Manager John Dyke presented a recommendation from the Plan Commission to rezone one block of Azalea St SE from the railroad tracks to 9th St SE from B-1 to R-2. John stated that public notices were sent to all property owners within 300 feet. Alana Bauman made a motion to approve rezoning the one block of Azalea St SE from the railroad tracks to 9th St SE from B-1 to R-2. Motion was seconded by Terry Schultz and motion carried with 5-0 vote.

Clerk-Treasurer Peggy Michelin stated that budgets for all departments need to be turned in to Heather Tokarz by June 15th. Peggy also mentioned that a \$5,000 contribution will be sent to JCEDO in June.

Clerk-Treasurer Peggy Michelin said that she recorded 37 sewer liens last week.


Town Attorney Emily Waddle stated that the lawsuit against Mr. Buchanan has been filed and just waiting for response. Emily also said that she is looking at options to move forward.

Town Engineer Daryl Knip stated that NORWEJ is continuing to wrap up restoration.

Town Engineer Daryl Knip said that he will advertise for bids in June for the two culver replacements at 15th Ave NW and 8th St SE. The culvert work at 8th St SE will be done in July and the culvert at 15th Ave NW will be done in August.

Town Engineer Daryl Knip said that Walsh & Kelly are getting ready to begin work on Halleck Street within the next few weeks. Daryl stated that they are supposed to have the work completed in time for Touch of Dutch.

Jeff Cambe made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Terry Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.


Town Council President


Administrative Assistant