

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
DeMotte Town Council
May 27, 2014**

In attendance were Mark Boer, Alana Bauman, Terry Schultz, Dale Eenigenburg, Town Attorney Emily Waddle, Clerk Treasurer Peggy Woods, Town Manager John Dyke 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 April 28, 2014 meeting. Terry Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried with 4-0 vote.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette stated that the new cars are in. Tom said they are still negotiating on the sale of the old cars.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette said that all of the security cameras are in. Tom said Field of Dreams, the Sewer Plant and Street Department now have power but the Water Plant and Water Tower still need power. Tom stated that he is still working on that.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette said that he is getting prices on the weather system that the Little League had requested. Tom stated that he will come back with the information.

Public Works Superintendent Bob Barton stated that Jason Kearney is now a Class 2 Operator with certification. Bob requested approval for a pay increase effective as of May 15th. Terry Schultz made a motion to approve Jason Kearney be moved to Class 2 Operator with certification and to increase his pay according to Salary Ordinance 12232013-1. Dale Eenigenburg seconded the motion and motion carried with 4-0 vote.

Public Works Superintendent Bob Barton said that his new employee Don Korem is doing a great job and has a lot of experience, which has made training easier. Bob recommended that the last 30 days of his probation be waived and make him a full-time employee. Terry Schultz made a motion to waive Don Korem's last 30 days of probation and to make him a full-time employee. Alana Bauman seconded the motion and the motion carried 4-0.

Street Superintendent Jeff Powers reported on a drainage issue on Almond St SW. Town Engineer Daryl Knip stated that he will look into this and it could possibly be a \$40,000 project.

Street Superintendent Jeff Powers stated that a street light is needed at 19th St SE & Elderberry St SE in Harvestview Subdivision.

Street Superintendent Jeff Powers showed pictures of two sinkholes at the corner of 10th St & Almond St SW to the council. Jeff said that only one contractor submitted a bid for the work. Jeff had a bid from DeYoung Dirt Works to repair these sink holes in the amount of \$1,774. Dale Eenigenburg made a motion to approve DeYoung Dirt Works repair the sink holes for the amount of \$1,774. The motion was seconded by Terry Schultz and was carried with a 4-0 vote.

Street Superintendent Jeff Powers showed pictures of large piles of branches that people are setting out for branch pick up. Jeff said that people are using the branch program as a means of clearing out areas of their property instead of for cleaning up their yards. He also mentioned that people are leaving big piles in vacant lots. Town Attorney Emily Waddle said that she will draft an ordinance for the next meeting regarding the branch program.

Clerk Treasurer Peggy Woods said that she needs to speak with Don Goetz regarding financing for the one ton dump truck. Peggy said she should have an answer next week.

Alana Bauman gave the Park Report. Alana Bauman stated that tickets are on sale in the office for the Rail Cats game on June 6th at 7:10 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person. The tickets are for the party deck and include the food and there will be fireworks after the game. However, everyone will have to provide their own transportation to the game.

Alana Bauman said that Senior Day will be held on June 18th at 10:30 a.m. at the Keener Township Fire Station.

Town Manager, John Dyke stated that there are a few construction projects that will be starting soon.

Town Manager John Dyke said the pool opened on Saturday, May 24th and all went well. John stated that the fountain should have water by tomorrow.

Town Manager John Dyke said that he attended the Jasper County Economic Development meeting this afternoon.

Clerk-Treasurer Peggy Woods stated that she and Heather attended a conference on May 7th & 8th. Peggy said she filed 20 sewer liens this month and that she has started the budget for 2015.

Town Attorney Emily Waddle presented Ordinance 05272014-1 regarding absorbent water fees due to unforeseen circumstances beyond the homeowner's control. Alana Bauman made a motion to approve Ordinance 05272014-1 and was seconded by Terry Schultz. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Town Engineer Daryl Knip said that the NORWEJ project is coming to a close. Daryl stated there is about a month to month and a half left of restoration work and then the punch list items can be addressed.

Town Engineer Daryl Knip stated that bids for the Wastewater Lab Addition were opened at 1p.m. today. Daryl recommended the bid from Andree Builders in the amount of \$210,212. Daryl said there were two other bids that were for \$280,000 to \$289,000. Terry Schultz made a motion to approve the bid from Andree Builders in the amount of \$210,212 for the Wastewater Lab Addition. Dale Eenigenburg seconded the motion and it carried with a 4-0 vote.

Dale Eenigenburg made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Terry Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 4-0.


Town Council President


Administrative Assistant