

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
DeMotte Town Council
June 24, 2013**

In attendance were Mark Boer, Alana Bauman, Terry Schultz, Dale Eenigenburg, Town Attorney Emily Waddle, Clerk-Treasurer Peggy Woods, Town Manager John Dyke, Office Manager Heather Tokarz, Administrative Assistant Donna Shear and Town Secretary Kim Kendrick.

Absent: Jeff Cambe

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Alana Bauman made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2013 meeting and was seconded by Terry Schultz. Motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

Adrien Chabot of Inspire Providers addressed the board with a solicitation request. Adrien requested that the fee for solicitation be lowered. After a brief review, the council decided to let the ordinance for solicitation stand.

Norm Chappell of the Historical Society addressed the board with a request that the town mow the lawn and provide assistance with snow removal at the Fairchild House. The council said that they would take his request under advisement.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette stated that he will have his department's budget ready for Peggy within a couple of days.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette said there is an issue with trucks getting stuck at the railroad crossing at 8th Street and Begonia Street. Street Superintendent Jeff Powers stated that he had ordered two street signs for that crossing.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette said that he would like to set up a meeting with the Pool employees, Parks Department, Soccer Association and Little League to discuss safety procedures at the pool and parks during storms.

Sewer Superintendent Bob Barton stated that he had purchased a new pump for the Prospect Hills Lift Station. Bob said that it was cheaper to replace the pump instead of rebuilding the old one.

Sewer Superintendent Bob Barton stated that the number three blower has been installed and running great.

Sewer Superintendent Bob Barton said that 31 tons of bio solids were hauled away in May.

Sewer Superintendent Bob Barton stated that the water tower has been disinfected and passed the water tests.

Street Superintendent Jeff Powers said that the paving list is complete and will go out tomorrow.

Street Superintendent Jeff Powers stated that Jason Hunt is no longer working for the town. Jeff asked for permission to look for a replacement. The council gave their approval for Jeff to search for a new maintenance employee.

Street Superintendent Jeff Powers presented a quote to repair the cracks at Field of Dreams. The quote was from Town and County Paving in the amount of \$1,500. Alana Bauman made a motion to approve hiring Town and Country Paving to repair the cracks at Field of Dreams for the amount of \$1,500 and to be paid from Parks. Terry Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Town Manager John Dyke stated that there were 95 senior citizens in attendance at Senior Day on Wednesday, June 19th. John said that they had to turn people away because they were at full capacity at the Fire Station and may want to look for a larger dining area for next year. John said that 122 prizes were given away.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz stated that the paint is peeling at the Historical Depot. Heather also stated that movie night is every Wednesday and is going well. She said that attendance is between 150 – 250 people each week.

Town Manager John Dyke stated that the work at the war memorial is complete.

Town Manager John Dyke said that seven (7) water tests have been submitted to IDEM for the parks and pool. John said they all passed.

Town Manager John Dyke said that Vickie Bozell has requested use of the conference room in April of 2014 for early voting. John stated that the hours would be 2 – 7 p.m. for two days a week. John said that they want to provide early voting here for the northern part of Jasper County.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz submitted a quote to purchase office equipment for town hall. The quote was from Kramer & Leonard in the amount of \$3,961. Terry Schultz made a motion to approve the purchase of office equipment for town hall in the amount of \$3,961 from Kramer & Leonard to be paid from Rainy Day Fund. Alana Bauman seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

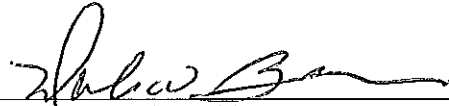
Clerk-Treasurer Peggy Woods said she and Heather will be meeting with Miranda from DLGF on July 8th. Peggy also mentioned that the lease rental payment has risen marginally due to the budget cuts from Washington.

Clerk-Treasurer Peggy Woods had Town Attorney Emily Waddle read Ordinance 06242013-2 and Ordinance 06242013-3 in regards to town issued credit cards. Terry Schultz made a motion to approve Ordinance 06242013-2 and Ordinance 06242013-3. Dale Eenigenburg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Town Attorney Emily Waddle gave an update on the Family Express sewer issue. Emily said that a permit and waiver of annexation have been completed and the tap fee will be paid by Family Express. Emily said that the fees for the past sewer usage is approximately \$11,000. The council said to give Family Express until the next meeting to pay the past sewer fees. If payment is not made by the next meeting, the council will look at their options.

Abonmarche Consultants Engineer, Nick Tremmel gave an update on projects in the town. Nick presented the low bidder for drainage work at Birch Street and 6th Street. The low bidder was Grube Construction in the amount of \$34,675.50. Nick mentioned that Grube was asked to adjust his bid for some changes to the scope of work. As a result of the changes, Grube will be able to deduct approximately \$700 from the bid. Dale Eenigenburg made a motion to approve Grube Construction to do the drainage work at Birch Street and 6th Street for approximately \$34,000 and to be paid from Rainy Day Fund. Terry Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Terry Schultz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Dale Eenigenburg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 4-0.


Town Council President


Administrative Assistant