

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
DeMotte Town Council
August 27, 2018**

In attendance were Jeff Cambe, Alana Bauman, Terry Schultz, Dale Eenigenburg, Mark Boer, Attorney Emily Waddle, Office Manager Heather Tokarz, and Secretary Kim Kendrick

The meeting was called to order at 7:18 p.m.

Alana Bauman made a motion to approve the July 23, 2018 minutes and was seconded by Dale Eenigenburg. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette gave the police report. Tom said the Church training was on going and would continue for several months.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette said there had been a couple of incidences involving animals in the Town. He is working with Attorney Emily Waddle on a revised ordinance making the penalties tougher.

Police Chief Tom Jarrett made a request to hire Eric Roosma as a part-time officer. Tom said he would be replacing another officer that left the position.

Public Works Superintendent Bob Barton gave the wastewater report. Bob said both pumps failed at the Hickory Street lift station. Bob said Flow Technics has a pump that can be installed this Friday and the second one would be installed in two or three weeks. The pumps cost \$4,050 each for a total of \$4,400.

Public Works Superintendent Bob Barton said there was a problem with the 42' deep well. SOWELS Well Service came out and confirmed that there was a leak, parts were replaced and the well is back on line.

Public Works Superintendent Bob Barton said that IDEM came out for a compliance inspection and everything went well.

Street Superintendent Jeff Powers gave the street report. Jeff said there are four areas around town that are in need of sidewalk repair. Jeff said he received a bid from Jeff Wiggs for \$7,190 to remove and replace the sidewalks. Also, there are some tree roots in the way and it would be an additional few hundred dollars to remove or grind down the roots. Motion to repair the sidewalks and additional monies for tree removal was made by Mark Boer. Dale Eenigenburg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Street Superintendent Jeff Powers said he is waiting for three bids for the bandshell repair.

Street Superintendent Jeff Powers said the last branch pick-up will be Tuesday, September 4th.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz gave the Park report. Heather said the Rotary Clock was installed at the fountain before the Touch of Dutch.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz gave the Town Manager's report. Heather said the pool locker room floor is finished and the first coat has been applied to the pit. The work on the pool should be complete within the next couple of weeks.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz said next week John Dyke would be working on closing the concession stand for the winter.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz said building permits are going good and are set to surpass last year. Heather said John Dyke and Kim Kendrick went to IAOGO training last week and will be going for two days next month.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz stated that she is meeting on Wednesday with INDOT for their quarterly meeting and the Division Street project is progressing nicely.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz said she is applying for the 2018 Community Crossroads Grant. The 2017 Community Crossroads Grant 5th Street Project is nearly complete with only checking grades and seeding left.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz said two bids were received for the police department's car. Ron Musch bid \$727.07 and Jeff Schultz bid \$851. Mark Boer made a motion to accept the bid from Jeff Schultz in the amount of \$851 and was seconded by Terry Schultz. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz said the Town has received a bid from Rejuvtech for \$11,459.40 to apply rejuvenate to Division Street from Halleck to Tyler Ditch and it should be applied when the road is still in good condition. Heather said it is in the budget and could be taken from LRS or MVH. Alana Bauman made a motion to accept the bid from Rejuvtech for road maintenance and was seconded by Terry Schultz. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

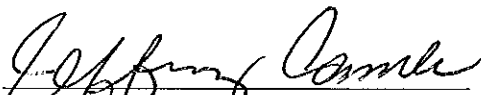
Office Manager Heather Tokarz stated that the preliminary is done for the budget and the public hearing will be next month.

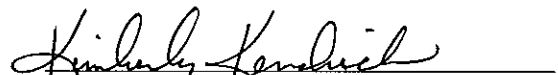
Office Manager Heather Tokarz said the Town Hall parking lot and Garden Park are in need of seal coating. Town and Country bid \$5910 for Town Hall and \$2,270 for Garden Park with funds coming out of CEDIT. Mark Boer made a motion to seal coat Town Hall Parking Lot and Garden Park that includes striping and was seconded by Dale Eenigenburg. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Town Engineer Daryl Knipp stated he is working with Heather and John on the Community Center concept.

Boy Scout Daniel Finch addressed the Board to request putting up a Blessing Box, which is like a miniature food pantry for non-parishables. Daniel said he would like to install it outside the police department. Town Attorney Emily Waddle suggested it be placed out of the way of foot traffic. Mark Boer made a motion to approve the Blessing Box with approval from the Town Manager and the Police Chief on it's location and was seconded by Terry Schultz. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

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


Town Council President


Secretary