

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
DeMotte Town Council
August 28, 2017**

In attendance were, Mark Boer, Alana Bauman, Jeff Cambe, Dale Eenigenburg, Terry Schultz, Attorney Luis Vallejo, Clerk-Treasurer Peggy Michelin, Town Manager John Dyke, Office Manager Heather Tokarz and Secretary Kimberly Kendrick.

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

Dale Eenigenburg made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2017 meeting and was seconded by Jeff Cambe. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Friends of DeMotte Parks, Leanne Doffin, Jenny Jonkman, and Silvia Stout were presented with a Proclamation by the Board for their work in raising \$173,000 for new playground equipment at Spencer Park.

Hailey Griffey, a student council member at KV School, made a citizens request to change their Homecoming Parade from Wheatfield to DeMotte. Hailey said the Parade usually lasts from a ½ hour to 45 minutes, has approximately 25 floats, and will be on Friday, October 6th. Police Chief Tom Jarrette said in order to have it down Halleck Street, the State would have to grant approval. Also, the time and day of the Parade would be difficult because of the traffic. Tom said Division Street would be a better option because it is a town street, he said he would meet with Hailey to come up with a plan. Motion was made to approve the KV School Homecoming Parade be moved from Wheatfield to DeMotte by Jeff Cambe and was seconded by Terry Schultz. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette gave the police report. Tom stated the Touch of Dutch was the largest one yet and went very well.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette distributed a report regarding a traffic count.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette made a request for Rocky Hilton to be approved for a crossing guard. Jeff Cambe made a motion for Rocky Hilton to be put on the list for crossing guard and was seconded by Terry Schultz. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette requested Adam Suarez be added as a part-time police officer. Jeff Cambe made a motion to approve Adam Suarez as a part-time police officer and was seconded by Alana Bauman. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Public Works Superintendent Bob Barton gave the wastewater report. Bob said they ran into problems when installing pumps at the Dogwood Lift Station. The pump was sent back for propeller repair so they only have one pump working.

Bob said he will be obtaining bids for block walls and solid concrete walls for the bio-solids building.

Street Superintendent Jeff Powers gave the street report. Jeff said he will be working with Gary Bristol to make a hand rail for the ditch near Halleck Street.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz said two bids were received on the paving job, Walsh & Kelly bid \$984,762 and Town & Country bid \$1,048,720, Heather said she has applied for a grant so the bids are proactive. The Council will take it under advisement and wait to hear back on the grant.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz gave the Park report. Heather said the ribbon cutting ceremony was a great success and many people attended.

Town Manager John Dyke gave the Town report. John said there was a drainage board meeting because a pond was being dug in Kaper's sub-division with about 4,000 loads of dirt coming out. Daryl Knip will be getting a dollar amount to repair or replace the Town streets and the land owner will get a bond.

Town Manager John Dyke said there is an issue with the paint in the pit and the floor at the pool. John said he met with a representative from Sherwin Williams and is waiting for an answer as to why the paint didn't adhere to the floor.

Town Manager John Dyke said Fieldhouse Ford is opening a Chrysler-Dodge dealership and next year a permanent building will go up.

Town Manager John Dyke stated that JCEDO will be interviewing for a new director this week.

Town Manager John Dyke said the DeMotte State Bank addition was moving along well and the footing is almost complete. John also said the foundation is in on the Kaper's office building.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz said the footers will be dug on the new Spencer Park Pavilion next week.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz stated that she will be meeting with all the departments for budgets next week.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz said Trick or Treat hours would be from 5-7 p.m. on October 31st this year. The time is being moved to start an hour later so the children will be home from school at the start. Terry Schultz made a motion to approve the Trick or Treat hours and was seconded by Alana Bauman. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz stated that the December Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 26th because of the Christmas Holiday falling on Monday.

Clerk-Treasurer Peggy Michelin gave the treasurer report. Peggy said the next budget hearing is September 24th and the budget adoption is on October 22nd.

Attorney Luis Vallejo gave an update on the Buchanan Strip Mall. The deeds are being worked on and signatures are still needed.

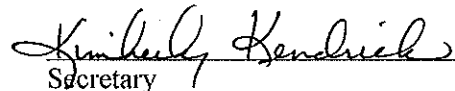
Attorney Luis Vallejo said the communication with the Marathon Station owner is not proceeding so he recommends the condemnation process to begin. Alana Bauman made a motion to begin the condemnation process on the Marathon Station and was seconded by Jeff Cambe. Motion passes with a 5-0 vote.

Attorney Luis Vallejo introduced ordinance 08282017-01 regarding amending Town code 7.2 dogs. After a discussion it was decided to table ordinance 08282017-01 until the next meeting.

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



Town Council President



Secretary