

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
DeMotte Town Council
September 28, 2015**

In attendance were Mark Boer, Alana Bauman, Jeff Cambe, Dale Eenigenburg, Terry Schultz, Town Attorney Emily Waddle, Town Manager John Dyke and Office Manager Heather Tokarz.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Alana Bauman made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2015 meeting as amended. Terry Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

The Council took a break to hold the Redevelopment Commission meeting. The council meeting reconvened at 7:08 p.m.

Alana Bauman made a motion to set Trick or Treat hours from 4 – 6 p.m. on October 31st and seconded by Jeff Cambe. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

It was brought to the council's attention that Tom Jarrette's Birthday is on Halloween.

Mark Boer presented Resolution 09282015-1 to adopt the 2016 Budget. The Public Hearing was held last month. Jeff Cambe made a motion to approve Resolution 09282015-1 and was seconded by Dale Eenigenburg. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Attorney Bob Gabrielse presented a request for the Town to vacate a road that is located between Casey's General Store and the Hollandale Property. The ownership would be split equally between Casey's and Hollandale. Bob said that he would meet with Emily Waddle to work out all of the paperwork. Terry Schultz made a motion for the Town to vacate the road that is located between Casey's and Hollandale. Alana Bauman seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Pat Dinga, owner of ReChic Boutique stated that a lady broke her ankle on the step in front of her business. Pat said that the step is difficult to see and that she has fallen there as well. She requested that the town do something to make the step more visible. Emily Waddle said that the State is the owner and responsible for maintaining it. Pat said she called INDOT and they told her it is the Town's responsibility. The council told Pat they will have the Town Engineer look into this for her.

Dawson Straley requested approval for an Eagle Scout Project to place bat boxes throughout the town. Dawson would like to place bat boxes in the parks and he would place them in no traffic areas of the park. Alana Bauman made a motion to approve Dawson Straley to place bat boxes in the parks with the condition that he meet with John Dyke to inspect the sites before placement. Jeff Cambe seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette gave the police report. Tom said that the state mandated training should be finished tomorrow.

Public Works Superintendent Bob Barton gave the wastewater report. Bob said that the Ultra Violet Protection will end on October 31st and that the screen and one socket need to be replaced. Bob stated he will review these issues this winter after he is finished with UV Protection.

Bob Barton said that he is having issues with storage for the Bio Solids dumpsters. Bob would like to possibly have a storage shelter with a roof that the Wastewater Department could share with the Street Department. He would use his side for the Bio Solids Dumpsters and Jeff could use his side to store salt. Bob said he would like to meet with Jeff Powers to discuss this and present a plan at next month's meeting. The council said they had no objections to that.

Street Superintendent Jeff Powers gave the street report. Jeff said that the Almond Street drainage work will start next week and the paving is completed. The branch program ended on September 8th and he is preparing the leaf vacs for the leaf program, which begins on October 19th.

Jeff stated that he has someone that is interested in helping with the leaf program and that he would like to talk to him. The council had no objections.

Heather Tokarz gave the park report. Heather said that Christiana Koebecke would like to partner with the Park Board to start a program called Fun in Motion at the elementary schools. This would be offered to children through the 5th grade. It is a fitness program geared at keeping children active all year long. Emily Waddle will review the contract.

John Dyke gave the Town Managers Report. John said that he is waiting on Nipsco to run an electric line at Airport Park. John stated that a citizen has requested a guardrail at 8th Ave, where the culvert was repaired last year. Mark Boer said that he would like to see pictures of the area before and after the repairs so they can compare them since there was no guardrail there before the repairs.

John Dyke said that the repair work on the 8th St and 15th St culverts should begin in about a couple weeks.

John Dyke reported that the Architectural Committee has been meeting and reviewing standards to present to the Plan Commission.

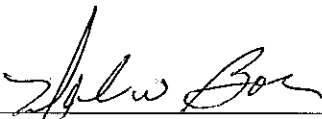
Mark Boer presented two bids to do the drainage work at 9th St SW & Birch St SW for the Foley residence. The first bid was from KV Land Improvement for \$2,805 and the second bid from DeYoung Dirt Works for \$1,664.25. Dale Eenigenburg made a motion to approve the bid from DeYoung Dirt Works for \$1,664.25 and was seconded by Jeff Cambe. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Emily Waddle said the Buchanan Strip Mall is moving forward. Bob is supposed to meet with Mr. Buchanan tomorrow morning, and Mr. Buchanan has been given a deadline of October 15th.

Emily Waddle said that there will be a public hearing on October 26th regarding an unsafe building that has been abandoned on State Road 10.

Mark Boer presented Ordinance 09282015-2 amending Salary Ordinance 12232013-1. Jeff Cambe made a motion to approve Ordinance 09282015-2 and seconded by Terry Schultz. Motion carried with 5-0 vote.

Dale Eenigenburg made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Alana Bauman seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.



Town Council President



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