

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
DeMotte Town Council
January 25, 2016**

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

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

Alana Bauman made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 28, 2015 meeting. Terry Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Town Attorney Emily Waddle swore in Mark Boer, Jeff Cambe, Dale Eenigenburg, and Peggy Michelin with their oath of office.

Emily Waddle opened the floor for the election of officers.

Alana Bauman nominated Mark Boer as President and seconded by Jeff Cambe.

Mark Boer nominated Alana Bauman as Vice President and seconded by Terry Schultz.

Jeff Cambe nominated Dale Eenigenburg for Street Superintendent and seconded by Terry Schultz.

Alana Bauman nominated Jeff Cambe for Police Commissioner and seconded by Terry Schultz.

Jeff Cambe nominated Alana Bauman for Park Commissioner and seconded by Dale Eenigenburg.

Dale Eenigenburg nominated Terry Schultz for Sewer Commissioner and seconded by Mark Boer.

Mark Boer nominated Gordon Etzler as Attorney for Plan Commission and BZA and seconded by Alana Bauman.

Mark Boer appointed Rick Herma to a four year term to the BZA.

Terry Schultz nominated Jeff Cambe to a four year term to NORWEJ Board and seconded by Alana Bauman.

Alana Bauman nominated Tom Frederich to a four year term to Park Board and seconded by Jeff Cambe.

Mark Boer appointed Rick Herma to a four year term to the Planning Commission.

Mark Boer appointed Alana Bauman, Dale Eenigenburg and Peggy Michelin to a one year term to the Planning Commission.

Mark Boer appointed himself, Alana Bauman, Jeff Cambe, Dale Eenigenburg and Terry Schultz to a four year term to the DeMotte Town Hall Building Corporation.

Jeff Cambe nominated Mark Boer and Terry Schultz to a four year term to Redevelopment commission and seconded by Dale Eenigenburg.

Mark Boer appointed Alana Bauman, Jeff Cambe and Dale Eenigenburg to a four year term to Redevelopment Commission.

Alana Bauman nominated Mark Boer to Economic Development Commission and seconded by Jeff Cambe.

Mark Boer appointed Alana Bauman and Jeff DeYoung from the School Board to a one year term to Economic Development Commission.

Being no other nominations, nominations were closed. Dale Eenigenburg made a motion to accept the nominations and seconded by Jeff Cambe. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Boy Scout Troop 167 attended the meeting for their merit badge. The council members answered questions the boys had regarding the town, streets, police and parks.

Karen Wilson of the Jasper County EMA and Sheila Schroder of Jasper County Tourism addressed the council regarding the State of Indiana's Bi-Centennial Celebration. They said that the torch will be passing through our area on October 11th.

Diva Rish of the DeMotte Chamber of Commerce requested use of Spencer Park for the Touch of Dutch Festival on August 12th – 13th. Diva said NIPSCO is willing to fund the fireworks again this year if the council approves them. The council gave approval to the Chamber to use Spencer Park for the Touch of Dutch Festival and to have fireworks at the end of the Festival.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette gave the police report. Tom went over the 2015 statistics and the speed limit sign statistics with the council. Tom said the DPC Meeting will be held here on February 9th. Tom reported that his department is in compliance for the 911 consolidation.

Public Works Superintendent Bob Barton gave the wastewater report. Bob reviewed the 2015 summary for the wastewater plant. Bob said his employees did a great job last year.

Street Superintendent Jeff Powers gave the street report. Jeff said that he ordered nearly 26 tons of salt. Jeff also stated that the new garage doors are completed and work great.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz gave the parks report. Heather said that a non-profit organization called Friends of the Park is going to help raise funds for the parks.

Town Manager John Dyke gave an update on the water at Field of Dreams. John said that funds were encumbered to bring water to the park, but he is waiting on approval of the 2016 Budget.

John Dyke requested approval to purchase an Automated Exterior Defibrillator (AED) for the pool. Terry Schultz made a motion to approve John Dyke spending \$1,574 to purchase an AED for the pool and seconded by Jeff Cambe. Motion carried with 5-0 vote.

John Dyke gave an update on the Almond St SW drainage. John said that there is equipment in the pit but he is having problems with NIPSCO getting a pole set for electric. John said he has been following up with NIPSCO for getting the electric lined up.

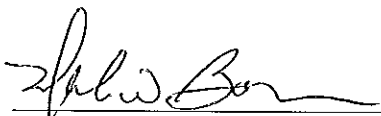
Office Manager Heather Tokarz stated that the office is working on year end. Heather also said that the Town Engineer Daryl Knip has recommended that the bid from Reith Riley for the 15th Ave Culvert work be rejected due to the fact that the bid is past its 90 days allowed because of issues with the DNR. If the bid is officially rejected, Daryl can resubmit the paperwork and go out for new bids. Jeff Cambe made a motion to officially reject the Reith Riley bid for the culvert work at 15th Ave and seconded by Terry Schultz. Motion carried with 5-0 vote.

Clerk Treasurer Peggy Michelin presented Resolution 01252016-1 for a transfer in the amount of \$100,000 to the Rainy Day Fund. Alana Bauman made a motion to approve Resolution 01252016-1 and seconded by Dale Eenigenburg. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Peggy Michelin presented Resolution 01252016-2 to allow a transfer from General Fund Line Item 4 to General Fund Line Item 3 in the amount of \$1,204.80. Terry Schultz made a motion to approve Resolution 01252016-2 and seconded by Jeff Cambe. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Town Attorney Emily Waddle presented Resolution 01252016-3 regarding materiality and being in compliance with the State Board of Accounts. The council tabled the resolution until next month's meeting.

Jeff Cambe made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Terry Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.


Town Council President


Administrative Assistant