

**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
DeMotte Town Council  
October 23, 2017**

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

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

Diva Rish of the DeMotte Chamber said there will be a tree lighting and Christmas in the Park on Friday, December 1, 2017. Santa will arrive at 5 p.m. with the tree lighting at 5:30 p.m. Diva said that because NIPSCO no longer allows decorations on the poles, the Chamber is trying to put together a decorating contest with the businesses. Diva requested the Town's permission to decorate other areas of the Town and Garden Park, the Board granted permission to decorate.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette gave the police report. Tom said the DEA began taking the prescription drugs from the drug box again so the police department will no longer have to burn them. They will be having a pickup next month.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette said there was a speeding issue on West Division so the speeding box was placed there.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette said because of the higher ammo prices they will be looking online for better pricing.

Public Works Superintendent Bob Barton gave the wastewater report. Bob said the mixer for the biosolids process had to be repaired, the cost was \$5,000.

Public Works Superintendent Bob Barton said Franciscan will no longer be accepting water for testing but another company will be taking over and will be using the same pickup sights.

Public Works Superintendent Bob Barton said the department has received the plow for the new truck.

Street Superintendent Jeff Powers gave the street report. Jeff said the leaf program began last week and the Street Department made their rounds. Jeff said it would be at least Wednesday before they would be able to get back out again because of the weather.

Street Superintendent Jeff Powers said that he has brought back Trevor Dalgren part time for help with the leaf program.

Street Superintendent Jeff Powers said that he has purchased signs to replace old and damaged ones.

Street Superintendent Jeff Powers said Gary Bristol will have the handrail for Halleck Street finished and installed within two weeks.

Town Manager John Dyke said he met with the engineering firm from IDEM. John said they will be capping off wells and pulling out the trailer at the old Marathon Station because they are now finished.

Town Manager John Dyke said the Planning Commission will be working for the next six months on changing language in the Town code.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz reminded everyone that the Trick or Treat hours this year will be from 5 – 7 p.m. on October 31, 2017.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz said that the December Town Council meeting is rescheduled for December 18, 2017.

Clerk-Treasurer Peggy Michelin gave the treasurer report. Peggy said the public hearing was last month for the 2018 budget and introduced Ordinance 10232017-1 for appropriations and tax rates. Alana Bauman made a motion to adopt Ordinance 10232017-1 and was seconded by Terry Schultz. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Town Attorney Emily Waddle said that work will begin this week to connect the Buchanan Strip Mall to the Town water.

Town Engineer Daryl Knip said that there was a good start on the paving list that was awarded last month and weather permitting, paving will be done this year. Daryl said due to traffic some roads will be milled and paved in the same day.


Town Engineer Daryl Knip said the Spencer Park Pavilion is nearly complete and just needs some lights and a few low areas in concrete to be leveled. Daryl requested approval of a partial payment to Hamstra Builders in the amount of \$119,814.


Motion to approve application #1 of payment to Hamstra Builders was made by Jeff Cambe and was seconded by Terry Schultz. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Town Engineer Daryl Knip said application #2 for payment would be held until issues with with Pavilion concrete were solved.

Jeff Cambe made a motion to approve final payment on the Spencer Park Pavilion on contingent of the punch list being complete and was seconded by Terry Schultz. Motion passes with a 5-0 vote.

Jeff Cambe made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. Dale Eenigenburg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

  
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