

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
DeMotte Town Council
October 27, 2014**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m.

Alana Bauman made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2014 meeting. Dale Eenigenburg seconded the motion. Motion carried with 5-0 vote.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz stated that she has submitted all the information for the refunding of the Sewer Works Bonds and is preceding forward.

Mike Kooistra, who resides at 424 10th St SE made a Citizens Request. Mike stated that there is an issue with people speeding on his street and that there is a dip in the road in front of his house that fills with water every time there is a heavy rain. Mike requested a speed limit sign on his street and to have the drainage issue addressed. The Council said that Town Engineer Daryl Knip will take a look at the drainage issue and that the speed limit sign request will be given to Police Chief Tom Jarrette.

Town Attorney Emily Waddle presented Resolution 10272014-3 indemnifying Jasper County and the Jasper County Sheriff's Department. Terry Schultz made a motion to approve Resolution 10272014-3 and was seconded by Jeff Cambe. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Jeff Cambe gave the police report. Jeff presented a request from Police Chief Tom Jarrett to hire Joseph Clinton Hisaw, Jr. for the vacant dispatcher's position. Jeff Cambe made a motion to hire Joseph Clinton Hisaw, Jr. as an entry level dispatcher and seconded by Terry Schultz. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Public Works Superintendent Bob Barton stated that his department has moved into the new lab and that work has begun on the old lab. Bob said that the new lab is beautiful.

Public Works Superintendent Bob Barton said that he hopes to wrap up the bio solids by the end of the week.

Public Works Superintendent Bob Barton requested permission to purchase a handheld GPS for his department. The Council asked Bob to get prices and present his request at next month's meeting.

Street Superintendent Jeff Powers stated that the 2003 Ford is having engine issues. Jeff recommended that a trade agreement be made with Wiers when purchasing the new truck. The council agreed with Jeff's recommendation.

Street Superintendent Jeff Powers said that they are into the second week of leaf pick up and all is going well.

Street Superintendent Jeff Powers stated that the handrail at the War Memorial is damaged and that it will cost around \$500 to repair it. The council said that he can go ahead and have the handrail repaired.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz stated that there will be Trunk or Treat sponsored by First Reformed Church in Spencer Park on Halloween from 5 – 7 p.m. There will also be a concert from 6 – 9 p.m.

Town Manager John Dyke stated there is a drainage issue in Kaper's (Tall Oaks) Subdivision. John said that he has checked with the County Drainage Board and with Jody Melton. John stated that they are currently reviewing this issue.

Town Manager John Dyke said that he had a safety meeting with the Street Department employees before Leaf Pick Up began.

Town Manager John Dyke stated that the benches were installed last week and the lights should be installed by next week.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz stated that they had an inspection for the Division Street Project last week. Heather said that they have a punch list that they are currently working on and the work should be completed within two weeks.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz said that the Safe Routes to School inspection will be in about two weeks.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz stated that the town received \$4,132 as reimbursement from FEMA for the January 2014 snow storm.

Town Attorney Emily Waddle presented Resolution 10272014-1 to adopt the 2015 budget. Dale Eenigenburg made a motion to approve Resolution 10272014-1 and was seconded by Terry Schultz. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.


Clerk Treasurer Peggy Woods stated that our current budget program from Keystone is being phased out. Peggy said that she is looking to implement their new program next year due to the large amounts spent on emergencies this year.

Town Attorney Emily Waddle presented Resolution 10272014-2 regarding a one year \$150,000 tax levy. Clerk Treasurer Peggy Woods said that the reason we need this levy is because our 2014 budget was hit hard due to storms and the culvert collapse. Council President Mark Boer said that services would have to be cut next year if we do not prepare for any emergencies that may occur next year. Alana Bauman made a motion to approve Resolution 10272014-2 and was seconded by Dale Eenigenburg. Motion carried with 5-0 vote.

Town Engineer Daryl Knip stated that NORWEJ is waiting on a response from Rural Development on a few more projects.

Town Engineer Daryl Knip said that he is working with DNR and FEMA on trying to amend the Flood Pain maps.

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


Town Council President


Administrative Assistant