

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
DeMotte Town Council
November 23, 2015**

In attendance were Mark Boer, Alana Bauman, Jeff Cambe, Dale Eenigenburg, Terry Schultz, 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 from the October 26th meeting as amended. Terry Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Terry Schultz made a motion to approve the engineering contract with Abonmarche for the Forsythia St SE work. The TIF will pay the engineering and construction costs of this project. Jeff Cambe seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Jasper County Economic Development requested a fall donation. Officer Manager Heather Tokarz said that \$5,000 has been budgeted for a fall donation, and it will be paid when we receive the December draw from the county.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette gave the police report. Tom said that Trick or Treat went very well this year. He attributed the success to the Trunk or Treats that the churches do on Halloween. Tom mentioned that he spoke at a recent Rotary Meeting regarding drugs in the county.

Tom Jarrette said that there have been a lot of IRS Fraud Calls where individuals are being told that they owe the IRS money and will be arrested if they do not pay. He stated that the IRS will not call you if you owe them money. Tom said to refer to the Police Department website or contact the Police Department if you receive one of these calls.

Tom Jarrette stated that the Town presented the American Legion a plaque on Memorial Day. Tom said they are thrilled.

Public Works Superintendent Bob Barton gave the wastewater report. Bob said the storage building construction has begun. They have broken ground and the footers and walls are in.

Bob Barton said that Hodges has replaced the coat rotor brackets in the oxidation ditches.

Street Superintendent Jeff Powers gave the street report. Jeff said that he used a closer site for the leaf program. Jeff stated that his department was able to finish quicker with this site. He said that he is checking into closer sites for next year's leaf program.

Town Manager John Dyke gave the building report. John said that Casey's General Store is completed, he got a permit application for the new EMS Building, Belstra's have their footings in and First Church is framing.

John said that he got an estimate of \$9,806 for bringing water to Field of Dreams. John wanted to encumber this expense.

John said that the 8th St culvert work is being delayed due to a struggle with NIPSCO. John also stated that the county will be cleaning the Evers Ditch soon.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz made a request to purchase Key Fund Software that will replace the Budget Program the office is currently using. Alana Bauman made a motion to approve the purchase of Key Fund Software for the amount of \$6,700 and to be paid from CEDIT. Dale Eenigenburg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

Heather Tokarz also mentioned that she is looking into Park Recreation Software that would allow online registrations and park reservations.

Clerk-Treasurer Peggy Michelin presented Resolution 11232015-1 establishing the 2016 Holiday Schedule. Jeff Cambe made motion to approve Resolution 11232015-1 and was seconded by Dale Eenigenburg. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Peggy Michelin presented Resolution 11232015-2 establishing the 2016 Park Rental/Pool Fees. Alana Bauman made a motion to approve Resolution 11232015-2 and seconded by Terry Schultz. Motion carried with 5-0 vote.

Peggy Michelin presented Resolution 11232015-3 retaining Abonmarche for Engineering Services in 2016. Jeff Cambe made a motion to approve Resolution 11232015-3 and was seconded by Terry Schultz. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Peggy Michelin presented Resolution 11232015-4 retaining Emily Waddle for 2016 Attorney Services. Alana Bauman made a motion to approve Resolution 11232015-4 and seconded by Dale Eenigenburg. Motion carried with 5-0 vote.


Peggy Michelin presented Resolution 11232015-5 establishing the 2016 salaries. Jeff Cambe made a motion to approve Resolution 11232015-5 and was seconded by Terry Schultz. Motion carried with 5-0 vote.

Peggy Michelin presented Resolution 11232015-6 establishing a stipend for 2015. Jeff Cambe made a motion to approve Resolution 11232015-6 and seconded by Alana Bauman. Motion carried with 5-0 vote.

Town Attorney Emily Waddle stated that a lawsuit has been filed against NORWEJ and the Town of DeMotte by IPM.

Town Engineer Daryl Knip gave the engineer's report. Daryl said that he plans to go out for bids on the Forsythia St SE & 15th St SE project in February 2016.

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


Town Council President


Administrative Assistant