

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
DeMotte Town Council
December 23, 2013**

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

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

Alana Bauman made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 25, 2013 meeting and was seconded by Jeff Cambe. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

Mark Boer addressed the Park Usage Agreement for organizations using the park facilities. DeMotte Little League President Jacob Sheehy was present and he expressed to the Council that he thinks the wording in the agreement is too vague. Town Attorney Emily Waddle said that she could not address him because he had retained an attorney on this matter. Mark Boer asked if his attorney was present. Jacob said that he was unable to attend the meeting. Mark Boer stressed that it is not the intent of the Council to hurt Little League and that the Board just wants the parks cleaned up after the Little League has used the park facilities. Jacob Sheehy stated that he did not want to sign the Park Usage Agreement for DeMotte Little League because he is not happy with the wording. Jacob said he would like the wording to be changed in regards to the building. Little League does not want to be responsible for the exterior parts of the building such as the roof. Mark Boer stated that the Little League is not responsible for the roof, and are only responsible for areas that the leagues use such as storage rooms, concessions area and bathrooms. Mark Boer told Jacob Sheehy he will have to have his attorney contact Emily Waddle to clarify the language.

Terry Schultz made a motion to appoint Rick Eenigenburg to a four year term to the Board of Zoning and Appeals (BZA) and was seconded by Jeff Cambe. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Mark Boer appointed Cecile Wilbourne to a four year term to the BZA.

Alana Bauman made a motion to appoint Don Goetz to the Northwest Jasper Regional Water District (NORWEJ). Jeff Cambe seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Dale Eenigenburg made a motion to appoint Jeff Cambe to NORWEJ to serve Ken Pearman's remaining term, which expires on December 31, 2015. Ken Pearman resigned from NORWEJ effective December 31st. Terry Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Alana Bauman made a motion to appoint Russ Vander Molen to Park Board. Dale Eenigenburg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Mark Boer appointed Steve Warren to a four year term on the Planning Commission.

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

Jeff Cambe made a motion to recommend Char Groet to the County Commissioner for appointment to the DeMotte Planning Commission. Alana Bauman seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Alana Bauman made a motion to appoint Mark Boer to the Redevelopment Commission. Motion seconded by Dale Eenigenburg. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Alana Bauman made a motion to appoint Terry Schultz to the Redevelopment Commission. Motion seconded by Dale Eenigenburg. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Mark Boer appointed Alana Bauman, Jeff Cambe, Dale Eenigenburg and Jeff DeYoung to the Redevelopment Commission.

Mark Boer stated that Judge Osborn had submitted his resignation effective June 30, 2014.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette stated that he is still getting bids for security cameras. Tom said that he should have bids to present to Council in January or February.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette requested that \$23,541 be encumbered to next year's budget in Public Safety to be used towards a new car. Jeff Cambe made a motion to encumber \$23,541 to next year's budget into Public Safety and was seconded by Alana Bauman. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette also mentioned that Town Attorney Emily Waddle had helped out with two families at the Toys for Kids last Saturday. Tom said that her help was greatly appreciated.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette stated that his department will be receiving a \$3,000 grant again this year from Partners for Drug Free Jasper County.

Public Works Superintendent Bob Barton requested to hire Justin Hartoonian as an employee with the Public Works Department. Terry Schultz made a motion to hire Justin Hartoonian as a Public Works employee and was seconded by Dale Eenigenburg. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Public Works Superintendent Bob Barton said that the generator at the wastewater plant needs repair. Bob stated that NIPSCO will have to do a complete shut down while the repair is done. They should only be down for approximately two hours.

Street Superintendent Jeff Powers stated that the new truck is working great. Jeff mentioned that the hydraulic pump on the Peterbilt broke and that it is in the shop waiting on parts to come in so that the repairs can be done. Jeff said that the one ton pickup is being used for plowing while the Peterbilt is in the shop.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz gave the Town Manager's report. Heather said that the county will be taking bids for cleaning the ditches next month.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz said that Safe Routes to School and the Division Street projects are set to happen in the spring. Heather also said that she had submitted for two more grants through INDOT for the second half of the Division Street project and the remainder of 9th Street SE for Safe Routes to School.

Clerk-Treasurer Peggy Woods stated that \$31,000 had been collected for sewer liens this month and that ten new sewer liens have been recorded. Peggy said the final distribution for 2013 has been received.

Town Attorney Emily Waddle presented Resolution 12232013-1 for 2014 salaries. Jeff Cambe made a motion to approve Resolution 12232013-1 and was seconded by Terry Schultz. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Town Attorney Emily Waddle presented Resolution 12232013-2 for a Rainy Day budget reduction. Terry Schultz made a motion to approve Resolution 12232013-2 and seconded by Jeff Cambe. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

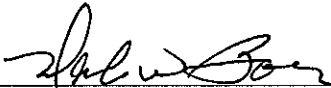
Town Attorney Emily Waddle presented her contract for renewal. Jeff Cambe made a motion to approve the Town Attorney contract and was seconded by Alana Bauman. Motion carried with 5-0 vote.

Town Attorney Emily Waddle presented Resolution 12232013-3 for the 2014 holiday schedule. Jeff Cambe made a motion to approve Resolution 12232013-3 and was seconded by Alana Bauman. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Town Attorney Emily Waddle presented two versions of Resolution 12232013-4 for review regarding well repairs and replacements. Jeff Cambe made a motion to approve the version of Resolution 12232013-4 that only allows above ground repairs to wells and that no below ground repairs be allowed. The motion was seconded by Terry Schultz. Motion carried with a vote of 4 -1. Dale Eenigenburg opposed.

Kevin Kelly of Jasper County Economic Development thanked the Council for their support in 2013.

Dale Eenigenburg made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Terry Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.



Town Council President



Administrative Assistant