

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

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 7:01 p.m.

Alana Bauman made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2016 meeting. Seconded by Terry Schultz and motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette was out of town and unable to attend the meeting. Office Manager Heather Tokarz reported that the armed robber was apprehended and is in custody.

Public Works Superintendent Bob Barton gave the Sewer Department report. Bob said that he had to repair the flow meter by the Bio Solids Building. Bob brought it to the attention of the council that they are having an issue with citizens dumping grass clippings, limbs and mulch out by the Street Department. Bob stated that dumping is not allowed there per IDEM. Council recommended that he discuss this with Police Chief Tom Jarrette on best way to handle the situation.

Public Works Superintendent Bob Barton made a recommendation to make one of his employees a utility employee. Bob would like this to take effect on August 1st. The utility employee will be shared with both the Sewer Department and the Street and Parks Department. The council approved Bob making this change effective August 1st.

Street Superintendent Jeff Powers gave the Street Department report. Jeff presented two bids to replace the roof shingles at the Field of Dreams south end pavilion and the big concession stand. A & D Builders submitted a bid for \$8,250 for the concession stand and \$3,253 for the south pavilion at Field of Dreams. Homestead Construction submitted a bid for \$6,327 for the south pavilion and \$11,140 for the concession stand. Terry Schultz made a motion to approve the bid from A & D Homes to replace the roof shingles on the Field of Dreams south pavilion for a cost of \$3,253 and the big concession stand at Field of Dreams for a cost of \$8,250. Alana Bauman seconded the motion and carried with a 5-0 vote.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz gave the Park Report. Heather said the pool has been very busy due to the heat. She said the Movie Nights are completed and that Craig will be retiring at the end of the year.

Town Manager John Dyke said that he will present an Ordinance for approval regarding the Architectural Committee at the next meeting.

Town Manager John Dyke stated that he will be looking for bids to paint the Spencer Park Pool locker room floors. He said the paint is peeling off of these floors.

Town Attorney Emily Waddle presented Resolution 07252016-02 amending Ordinance 06252012-3, which regards the smoking policy for the Town. Alana Bauman made a motion to approve Resolution 07252016-02 and was seconded by Jeff Cambe. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Town Attorney Emily Waddle presented Ordinance 07252016-01 updating the 1996 Ordinance regarding the Flood Hazard Areas of the Town of DeMotte. This will keep the town in compliance with the DNR. After brief discussion, Jeff Cambe made a motion to approve Ordinance 07252016-01 contingent upon review of the ordinance by Daryl Knip from Abonmarche and by Laura from the DNR. Terry Schultz seconded the motion and carried with a 5-0 vote.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz said that with the help of Daryl Knip and his staff, she has been able to complete the INDOT Grant process. The town has 35 roads that need repairs that qualify for this grant. If approved, half of the costs would be awarded. Some of the paperwork will be submitted tomorrow and the

remainder will be submitted Wednesday. Heather recommended putting out a paving list to be able to submit for bids so that we have a list by the time funds would be awarded. Council approved her recommendation.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz submitted a request by a resident at 1826 Daisy St SE to stop sewer charges for three months due to a fire that damaged the property. Terry Schultz made a motion to stop sewer billing at 1826 Daisy St SE for July, August and September and seconded by Alana Bauman. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Clerk-Treasurer Peggy Michelin said that the town received \$504,853.72 for the spring draw and \$20,830.42 for Sewer Lien payments from Jasper County.

Diva Rish from the DeMotte Chamber of Commerce said that the Touch of Dutch festival be on August 12th and August 13th.

Town Engineer, Daryl Knip said that the 15th Avenue Culvert is completed. Daryl stated that there was a pre-construction meeting today with Walsh & Kelly for the Forsythia Street Project. Work is set to begin in three weeks and will be completed by the first week of October.

Town Attorney Emily Waddle said that the Buchanan Strip Mall is continuing through the courts and is making progress.

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


Town Council President


Administrative Assistant