

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
DeMotte Town Council
September 26, 2016**

In attendance were Mark Boer, Alana Bauman, Jeff Cambe, Terry Schultz, Dale Eenigenburg, Clerk-Treasurer Peggy Michelin, Town Attorney Emily Waddle, and Office Manger Heather Tokarz

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Alana Bauman made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2016 meeting and was seconded by Jeff Cambe. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz presented a bid for \$14,950 from Circle R Electric, Inc to provide electric at Spencer Park for Christmas Lights wiring and GFIs. Jeff Cambe made a motion to approve Circle R Electric, Inc installing electric at Spencer Park for Christmas Lights wiring and GFIs at a cost of \$14,950 to be paid from CEDIT. Motion was seconded by Alana Bauman. Motion carried with a 5- 0 vote.

Dave Tiemens represented Dan Fritts, the owner of Gentleman Tom's Hideaway. Dave made a request that Gentleman Tom's Hideaway be allowed to connect to the town sewer. Dave proposed a lift station be installed behind the building and then obtain easements from Rodney Urbano and Ken DeVries so that they could run a line to County Road 575 and then to State Road 10 so they could connect to the sewer line at State Road 10. Council asked Town Engineer Daryl Knip and Public Works Superintendent Bob Barton for their opinion on this proposal. Both said they believe that this would work. Daryl did recommend that the site be inspected to make sure no grease would be going into the system. Jeff Cambe made a motion to approve the concept of Gentleman Tom's Hideaway to connect to the town sewer as proposed as long as Daryl reviews the plans first, the required easements are obtained, the tap fee and permit fees are paid and they agree to pay the monthly charge for the sewer service. Terry Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Richard Cook, owner of Colonial Cleaners addressed the Council. Richard said that IDEM has notified him that Prospect Auto is still on a septic system and possibly contaminating the water surrounding their business. The Council advised Richard Cook that they are aware of this situation and are testing to see if there is contamination in that area and also to see if they are able to connect to the town sewer system.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette gave the police report. Tom said that Rick Johnson had recently gone to the Fase Center and discussed fraud and scams with the senior citizens. Tom stated that Rick did a good job.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette said that two radars are down. Tom stated that they are fifteen years old and need to be replaced. Tom said that the cost of new radars is \$1,200 each. Tom found refurbished radars at MPH Industries that are two years old and have the same warranty as new ones, which is one year, for \$395 each. Jeff Cambe made a motion to allow Tom Jarrette to purchase two refurbished radars at a cost of \$395 each from MPH Industries and Dale Eenigenburg seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Public Works Superintendent Bob Barton stated that the Bio Solids only have one dumpster to go and he will be finished with the Bio Solids for the year.

Public Works Superintendent Bob Barton said that the repairs from last month should be completed by next month's meeting due to the fact that the repairmen have not been able to come out due to being very busy.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz read a Thank You Note addressed to the Council for the street paving at Kapok Street. The note thanked them for making their road nice to drive on. Heather also said that paving will continue to move along this week from Wednesday through Friday.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz stated that the Leaf Program begins October 17th and that the department will have a safety meeting on October 14th.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz presented two bids for the painting of the Depot. The first bid in the amount of \$10,192 was from Masterpiece Painters of Indiana to power wash, scrap off loose paint, prime & paint the depot. The second bid in the amount of \$7,310 was from Fritts Custom Finishing Co to scrap loose paint, prime with peel bond and paint the depot with two coats of paint. Fritts Custom Finishing Co was the only contractor to submit a bid for painting the roof and gables of the pavilion at Freedom Park. The bid in the amount of \$2,960 was to strip the existing failing paint and use 2 coats of paint on the roof and 1 coat of paint on the gables. Terry Schultz made a motion to accept the two bids from Fritts Custom Finishing Co in the amount of \$7,310 to paint the Depot and \$2,960 to paint the pavilion roof and gables at Freedom Park and to be paid from CEDIT. Alana Bauman seconded the motion. Motion carried with 5-0 vote. Heather said she will check with Fritts Custom Finishing Co on their schedule to see if the work can be completed before the end of the year. She said if they are unable to complete the work this year, we should cancel the work and go out for new bids next year.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz said that the County will be allowing early voting at Town Hall on October 25th & 27th and November 1st & 3rd from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz reminded the Council that the December meeting will be moved to December 27th.

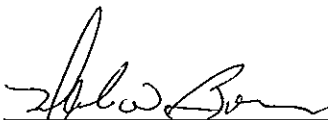
Clerk-Treasurer Peggy Michelin presented the 2017 Budget for Public Hearing. Mark Boer opened the floor for public comment. There were no comments so Mark Boer closed the floor. Jeff Cambe made a motion to approve the Public Hearing for the 2017 Town Budget. Dale Eenigenburg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Town Attorney Emily Waddle presented Resolution 09262016-1 appointing Mark Dyke, Jeff Powers, Heather Tokarz and Mark Boer as building inspectors for the Town of DeMotte. Alana Bauman made a motion to approve Resolution 09262016-1 and seconded by Terry Schultz. Motion carried 5-0

Town Attorney Emily Waddle stated that the Buchanan Strip Mall is not moving forward because they were unable to obtain the needed easement. IDEM has turned this issue over to their Enforcement Division. Emily said that she will proceed legally.

Town Engineer Daryl Knip said DNR has been making changes to the Flood Plain Map. Daryl stated that he will call DNR to see where they are at on the map.

Dale Eenigenburg made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. and seconded by Jeff Cambe. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.



Town Council President



Administrative Assistant