

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
DeMotte Town Council
January 22, 2018**

In attendance were Jeff Cambe, Mark Boer, Dale Eenigenburg, Terry Schultz, Attorney Luis Vallejo, Clerk-Treasurer Peggy Michelin, Town Manager John Dyke, and Administrative Assistant Donna Shear

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

Mark Boer made a motion to approve the December 18, 2017 minutes as amended and was seconded by Dale Eenigenburg. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Town Manager John Dyke presented a recommendation by Plan Commission to approve a rezone of Anne Van Keppel's 4.6 acre parcel on North Halleck Street. This parcel is located north of 901 N Halleck Street. It is currently zoned R-1 and it is being recommended that it be rezoned to B-2. Mark Boer made a motion to approve the rezone from R-1 to B-2 for Anne Van Keppel's parcel on North Halleck Street. Motion was seconded by Terry Schultz. Motion carried 4-0.

Jeff Cambe introduced Steve Eastridge, the new director of Jasper County Economic Development. Steve thanked the council for their support and is looking forward to working with the town.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette gave the police report. Tom requested permission to get bids for a new squad car. Council approved Tom's request and stated that there were funds in the budget to cover the purchase of a new squad car. Tom said he will bring bids to the next meeting.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette stated that Alan Kunzman is considering moving the Veteran Car Show to Field of Dreams. It had previously been held at Fieldhouse Ford but they no longer have room for the car show.

Public Works Superintendent Bob Barton gave the wastewater report. Bob stated that maintenance is being completed at this time of year. Bob said the digester pump and rail system are in need of repairs. He should know what needs to be fixed by the next meeting.

Public Works Superintendent Bob Barton requested permission for him and Dave Yurko to attend a conference at French Lick on March 14th & 15th. The cost is \$140 per person and \$127 per night for the hotel. Dale Eenigenburg made a motion to approve Bob Barton and Dave Yurko to attend the Indiana Alliance conference on March 14th & 15th in French Lick and seconded by Terry Schultz. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Works Superintendent Bob Barton reviewed the year end numbers with council. Jeff Cambe told Bob that he is doing a good job.

Street Superintendent Jeff Powers gave the street report. Jeff said that 25 tons of salt are in the barn. Jeff also stated that the new salt spreader has been installed. The truck that the spreader was installed on had the engine light come on. Jeff took the truck to Wiers and it is still covered under warranty and should hold out until snow season is over.

Town Manager John Dyke stated that he had met with a contractor to clean up the Marathon station.

Town Manager John Dyke said that there is another rezone on Halleck Street coming before Plan Commission next month and a special exception for a cell tower coming before the BZA.

Town Manager John Dyke stated that drains are installed in the new pavilion. John also stated that lighting is needed for security and safety reasons.

Clerk-Treasurer Peggy Michelin gave the treasurer report. Peggy said that all year end reports are done. Peggy stated that the settlement check in the amount of \$487,618.42 was received in December. The TIF settlement in the amount of \$25,186 and the sewer lien payments in the amount of \$24,555 were also received in December.

Attorney Luis Vallejo presented Ordinance 01222018-1 regarding the town credit cards. Mark Boer made a motion to approve Ordinance 01222018-1 and seconded by Terry Schultz. Motion carried 4-0.

Attorney Luis Vallejo presented Ordinance 01222018-2 for the Rainy Day Fund transfer. Mark Boer made a motion to approve Ordinance 01222018-2 and seconded by Dale Eenigenburg. Motion carried 4-0.

Attorney Luis Vallejo stated that council needs to make an appointment to Park Board. Mark Boer made a motion to appoint Marie Eenigenburg to a 4 year term to Park Board with her term expiring 12/31/2021 and seconded by Terry Schultz. Motion carried 4-0.

Jeff Cambe thanked Boy Scout Troop 167 for attending the meeting. Jeff asked if they had any questions for the council. One of the scouts asked the question of what the Boy Scouts can do to help the town in general. It was suggested that they could help clean parks in the spring.

Tyler Fase from Boy Scout Troop 157 presented a request for approval to build a brick patio at United Methodist Church for his Boy Scout project. Tyler presented a sketch and plans for the project. He will fund the project by selling bricks that can be engraved. There will also be four flags installed as a part of this project, which will consist of the Methodist flag, Boy Scout Troop flag, American flag and the Indiana flag. Mark Boer made a motion to approve Tyler Fase to build the brick patio and install the four flags at United Methodist Church and seconded by Dale Eenigenburg. Motion carried with 4-0 vote.

Terry Schultz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Dale Eenigenburg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.



Town Council President



Administrative Assistant