

VILLAGE OF NEW ERA
Minutes of Meeting
April 21, 2022

Meeting called to order by President Fessenden at 6:59 pm.

Lord's Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were said by all those who cared to join in.

Roll: Pres Fessenden, Treas Pepple, Clerk Kelly, Trustees Grinwis, Kelly and Sobers present. Trustee VanSickle was absent. Also present Chief Strait and Anna Bayer.

Pres. Fessenden introduced Anna Bayer. She ran for Trustee in the last election. She has heard of the vacancies on council and is interested in joining council. She has lived in the village for 9 years. She was asked what her interest is in the village. She has never served on a council and wants to now. Motion by Grinwis to appoint Anna Bayer as a Village Trustee. Kelly support; Carried. Clerk swore in Trustee Bayer. All council members were introduced.

Minutes: Motion by Sobers to accept the March minutes as presented; Kelly support; Carried

FINANCIAL REPORT:

It was asked about money for Covid programs listed separately. It is not. Grinwis would like to know the amount. Noted that there was a typo spelling Roger Fessenden under Council Pay. Motion by Sobers to accept the March financial report. Kelly support; Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

-Pres. noted that last month there was mention of a request for a land split on Garfield by Eric Noggles. Pres. spoke with Sandy Griffin. Per the county map. 88th Ave. south of the cemetery is a county road with easement. Pres. would recommend accepting the land split. 146 x 305' for each lot, creating two lots and possible property building. Growth for the village. Noggles had not previously said what the purpose of the split was. Motion by Grinwis to approve the land split for Eric Niggles property on Garfield. Sobers support; Carried. Zoning? Residential 1.

STREETS/LIGHTS COMMITTEE:

-Grinwis stated that the village has employed Ben VanSumeren for 7 years, and he has worked all through college. He wants a raise to \$15/hr, presently \$11. We will need to replace him. Long discussion of pay. Our police deputies make \$14/hr (Furman is \$14 while Dave VanSumeren is \$16) and the village chief of police is \$14 as well. Grinwis wants the raise for Ben VanSumeren. Motion by Grinwis to raise Ben VanSumeren to \$14, effective May 1st. Exclusive to Ben and not to the next employee, park worker. Kelly support; Carried.

-5 or 6 lights are out (downtown). Also reference by Frances Matthews for James St and Wolting.

-Flag light is working (veteran's park). Blackmer will be there this week or next.

POLICE:

-Chief gave a copy of county report to council. 911 issues in school neighborhood, it is ongoing. Daughter of a counselor.

-Christian School is putting a sign, plans to have it lit.

-Showed pictures of mud issues along TCF driveway. Need a permit for work on it?

-Kelly spoke to Windridge and the sign for the village is ordered. (Replacing the one at the veteran's park taken out in accident.) It is wanted before Memorial Day.

PARKS/RECREATION:

-Sobers obtained 2 quotes for pavilion roof. Sam Near Roofing and Juan Time. Empire roofing never gave one after repeatedly saying they would. \$3870 for Sam Near Roofing and \$6400 for Juan Time. Kelly

asked if they dealt with fascia. Not that it is noted. Sam Near did the police barn roof. Motion by Kelly to accept the Same Near Roofing bid of \$3870 and plan for it after July 1st, for next years budget. Grinwis support; Carried.

-Mud Problem – a landscaping issue? There is no drainage and there is a low spot. Drain underneath? Fill with sediment? Water flows over Rail Trail. Kelly to look at for drainage, landscape issue.

FINANCE /ORDINANCES:

-Clerk gave list of budget change needs. Motion by Grinwis to amend budget as noted. Sobers support; Carried.

-Pres. and Bayer will be finance and help work on budget.

INSURANCE/PRINTING/PUBLISHING: Nothing to report-still no annual bill

SEWER:

-Ed Hovey has left. Pump reports from Wolting to president, need another trustee in this position. Kelly asked who is getting pumped out. Need to get a list from Swihart's. Need to think about who would replace Wolting.

-Does Don Richards have a book for units? A chart? Need to review.

-Kelly volunteered to join Sewer committee. Accepted by Pres.

OTHER ITEMS:

-Dumpsters? Pres will order. What weekend? Clerk to prep flyers.

-Bags of leaves in parking lot, chief Strait can haul, will check with Shelby. Where is the sign NO DUMPING to stop people from leaving leaves there? Clerk and Kelly had made and placed one there, not there now.

-Memorial Day Parade – will go from Christian School parking lot along Garfield to Veteran's Park for ceremony.

Bills presented. Motion by Grinwis pay bills as presented. Kelly support; Carried.

Pres. Fessenden adjourned meeting 8:08 pm

Respectfully Submitted
Natalie Kelly