

VILLAGE OF NEW ERA  
Minutes of Meeting  
August 13, 2020

Meeting called to order by President Richards at 7:00 pm.

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

Roll: Pres Richards, Treas. Pepple, Clerk Kelly, Trustees Fessenden, Fleury, Grinwis, Kelly, Sobers and VanSickle present. Also present Chief Strait.

Minutes: Pres. noted that under Public Comment it is noted 30 days for comments. Since then it was found out it is actually for 60 days. VanSickle noted under Fin/Ord, Kelly was not at the meeting. Motion by Grinwis to accept the July minutes as adjusted; Kelly support; Carried

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Question on Beckman Bros bill. Was for work on roads. Motion by Kelly to accept the financial report as presented. Fessenden support; Carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

-Public Hearing will be next month, Stephen Carlson will be here. Discussion of where to possibly have meeting, more than 10 people? Pres will speak with Stephen.  
-Kelly presented drawing from Emily Johnson for property by Tri-County Feed (TCF). It was surveyed this week. They are wanting to separate their property (bought by New Era Properties LLC) between the portion zoned residential and the portion zoned industrial. Residential would remain off Elm. Then the portion zoned industrial, they want to combine with the TCF property next to it (south side). They have plans for a 60' x 120' warehouse and have no desire to change the zoning. Question of hooking up to sewer, especially if office in warehouse. There are no drawings of the building given to village. What should go to Equalization? Minutes. Motion by Kelly to allow the split of the parcel, separating Residential and Industrial. Then allow the joining parcels in Industrial. Grinwis support; Carried 7-0. Then discussion of sewer hookup.

**STREETS/LIGHTS COMMITTEE:**

-The blacktop is done (on First St). Looks nice, bill came in less than bid per pres. Striping? Pres has made calls to Nielsen, no reply. Then he called OCRC, they have had no response either. They will try to tie in together to get county or township striping and village done together.  
Fessenden stated he received a call from the resident at 2660 Blair regarding a tree he is concerned over. Whose responsibility is it? If tree in right of way, we take care of, but only when danger of collapsing, not for cosmetic reasons.  
Kelly mentioned hole on Garfield. No calls yet regarding it. Do we need to extend pipe, elevation issue? Stabilization needed. Worry about another break? (Hole on north side of Garfield by rail trail that Beckmans did work on.)

**POLICE:**

-Chief told of three suicide attempts. Lots happening with the Covid happenings.

**PARKS/RECREATION:**

Are there games at the field? YES. Lots of pickleball too.

**FINANCE /ORDINANCES:**

-Blight Ord. Pres. spoke with attorney regarding recommendations. The village does not issue building permits. It says village issued building permit. Recommendation is to just say building permit issued, not reference who issued it. Now it would be county, but if it becomes village issuing, then no change needed. Kelly asked about firewood included in #1A. No. Question of Single Lot Assessment. Then put on tax bill. Fleury asked about nuisance trees. Attorney recommendation was to leave that alone, let it be. Pres. also stated we do not have to hold a hearing to enforce ordinance. Post in the paper that it is available. Pres. has example of Hesperia Ord notice to use/look at for our notice. Additional recommendation to have a Court Order before we take final steps, we can approach the resident, but if no action on their part, get Court Order to fulfill orders. Protects village if something should come up via resident. Motion by Grinwis to move ahead and post notice in paper for the Blight Ordinance for Village of New Era. VanSickle support. Carried 7-0.

**INSURANCE/PRINTING/PUBLISHING:** Nothing to report

**SEWER:** Nothing to report

**OTHER ITEMS:**

- Treas. Reported she has adjustments by the Board of Review. Taxes were taken off.
- Treas. Saw Ruth Postema taking care of flowers by Village Hall. We need to acknowledge and thank her for her care and dedication.
- Discussion of Scott Meyers just ordering work and things without speaking with village council. We need to speak with him and perhaps then vendors.

Bills presented. Discussion of Ben (VanSumeren's) time and how reported. Emails to clerk just stating hours for the month. Been that way for a couple years. Question of mowing ballpark. Not Tom (Malda) but Ben. Motion Grinwis to pay bills as presented, including two from business Scott Meyers went to without council approval. Fessenden support; Carried.

Pres. Richards adjourned meeting 7:48 pm.

Respectfully Submitted