

VILLAGE OF NEW ERA  
Minutes of Meeting  
August 10, 2023

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

Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer were said by all who cared to join in.

Roll: Pres Fessenden, Treas Pepple, Clerk Kelly, Trustees Cox, Deblois, Durga, Grinwis and Kelly present. Trustee Walsh absent. Also present Chief Strait, Richard Westover and Scott Beishuizen arrived later.

Minutes: Motion by Deblois to accept July minutes as presented. Support Kelly; Carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Motion to amend under MAJOR, traffic to \$3000 for the signs purchased. Then accept financials as adjusted. Motion by Kelly. Cox support; Carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

-Richard Westover: (he lives on First St, across from Burnette Foods) Stated that he has called 911 six times in four days four months ago. Wants to be part of the solution, not the problem. He hears vehicles accelerating northbound until the 30MPH sign. Southbound they are rocketing out of town. He stated that 50% of the people are doing 50-60 mph. He called regarding the fire dept and stated there is a lot of smoke (dust) from the south parking lot (of Burnette Foods). Cox asked what Westover believes we should do. Westover said the police should write tickets. There are kids and signs. Defended this is his 3 minutes to speak. He had given the fire dept a "finger" when they drove past his house (running to an emergency). We have had the traffic sign (tester) several times. Told Westover of the numbers and they do not reflect his belief of mph. Report shows number of cars, speed per hour and per report. He stated this will be our problem if someone gets killed. People are driving faster since the roads were fixed. He has met/spoken with Sheriff Craig Mast and Ryan Schilling. He was told this is a trucking lane-they make as much noise as they want. We stated we could once again put the monitor up. (He was told his time was up. Council moved forward)

**STREETS/LIGHTS COMMITTEE:**

-Grinwis stated the chip & seal was completed, nice job. Street signs were ordered and received. Chief shows some. They will be installed when we get someone tall enough to work on. Also need to get streets restriped. Deblois asked if the dip (Hillcrest & Third) was fixed. No. Will get to it.  
-Chief and Grinwis dug out the culvert (by Carrick-Oak and Redwood). They broke a shovel-so full. Beckmans flushed it (culvert) open. It has been a long time like this.  
-Think about a future project, the culvert across the street from the hall needs work.

**POLICE:**

-Lot of 911 calls on Third St. and Ridge. Chief and Kelly met. Was questioned if anyone meets with chamber. Police need to be given better notice, spoken to for matters. (Festival coming up). Chief also stated that everyone (officers) is up to date with taser licenses.  
-Chief asked about \$1/hr raise for everyone. Clerk stated it was in budget and has been done with the checks this month, they are July hours, the new year.  
(Beishuizen arrived)

**PARKS/RECREATION:**

-Well? Nothing more. There has been a breakdown, Joe (Burnette Foods) is part of it. They will write the check. Cox stated that Joe and Josh work on it together.  
-Holding off on pickleball in the foreseeable future.

-Cox questioned separate emails for village. Beishuizen stated the Rothbury village had separate emails. Worry of FIA and personal emails. Grinwis to look into. Talk to Ted downtown.  
Mr Westover interrupted and ran on again – so was taken out of hall due to behavior/conflict.

**FINANCE /ORDINANCES:**

-Grinwis said there is a delay on ordinance revisions. Working on it. Printing at home.

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

**SEWER:**

-Pres. And Beishuizen met 3 days ago. Telemetry will be done next week. Monitor is remote. Meter piece, waiting for price/cost from Jackson-Merkey. Monthly report needs to be submitted. 6 week schedule. Testing equipment is \$900. Trace costs \$1100. It must be done in August-what do we want to do? Why not use Wolting equipment? Wolting owns and wants to test and charge us. There are 6 wells, Trace told Beishuizen \$2500 per qtr/annual.

**OTHER ITEMS:**

-Grinwis asked about Covid money. Treasurer gave to pres. \$46239.04. Report? Need to look into where and how to do.  
-Durga asked about monitoring. Is it being checked in person or just virtual. Concern over pay.  
-Durga went with Malda when mowing and documented where and how long it takes. Ball field is 3 hours. ½ hr to weed. About 9 hours a week.  
-Durga asked about Ben working for us. Stated total hours given to clerk, does tell how many for streets or parks. Detail is given to police.  
-Snowplow Bid? – Place in Sept and decide in October. Promise by 5:30 am, not include travel time to and from work, just the roads.  
-Discussion of Mr Westover.  
-Deblois stated he has MML review and it is available for reading.

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

Pres. Fessenden adjourned meeting 7:54 pm

Respectfully Submitted  
*Natalie E Kelly*  
Village Clerk