

VILLAGE OF NEW ERA  
Minutes of Hearing  
December 12, 2019

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

Attendees: Pres Richards, Treas. Pepple, Clerk Kelly, Trustees Fessenden, Fleury, Grinwis, Kelly, Sobers and VanSickle; also in attendance Clifford Prince, Scott Meyers, and Stephen Carlson.

Hearing is for information for the village's Rec Plan being done by West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Corp. (WMSRDC)

Stephen Carlson presented plans and thoughts. Council added comments or questions.

Kelly made note that the depot park had financial support from Oceana Community Foundation. They gave \$3K grant for the work done on park. This should be added to description.

Prince asked about street lighting and police report. Also wants pavement done on First St. Asked who pays for that – the village does.

Fleury asked if there is a way to make mention that some of our plans should tie to the Rail Trail. Carlson replied we can perhaps put that in the Goals & Objectives section.

Kelly noted that the picture on p. 13 was old (Village sign), could we get a newer picture? Fleury to take and get to Carlson.

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Meeting called to order by President Richards at 7:11 pm. (After Public Hearing for Rec Plan)

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 Clifford Prince, Scott Meyers and Stephen Carlson.

Minutes: Price of flag pole is \$1980 not \$1880. Under Police, just a note after the fact, the person who fell last month was Don Priese and he has since passed away. Don was on council for some time. Express our sympathy. Motion by Kelly to accept the November minutes as corrected and noted; Grinwis support; Carried

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Question of \$6795 for Brickley, not all the audit, just a portion. Motion by Grinwis to accept the financial report as presented. Fessenden support; Carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

-Scott Meyers here for many things

1) Park at south end of village. The flag pole is not in but the base is all in. Spoke with Blackmer to bid on the south light and for the wiring at the north (depot) park. \$1300 for both.

2) Trees. Asked if the boys got hold of trustee Kelly. No. Meyers told them to do so as Kelly works with such items.

3) UPS drop off. Meyers is fine with listing Meyers Chevrolet as Village UPS drop off.

4) South Park. Showed a picture of figurine kneeling with a cross. Also shows WWI, WWII, bugler, Woman. He still needs a price quote. Would have it anchored in, the designer is a good welder. He complimented the scouts working on the park for their eagle project. Cherry Pie money will be used, Meyers is fronting it at this time. He does anticipate a need of money from village.

5) Land on Wolting (realization later that he meant Elm). What is the story on land, is it buildable. What will we do with it? It is wetlands and we cannot touch it.

6) Village website. He expressed displeasure with not many emails. Fleury stated she had submitted it. It is done based on council members preference.

7) Village money to chamber. We had previously approved \$1k to go from village to chamber, when can they expect it? President told clerk to do it this month.

-Clifford Prince stated this was interesting being here. He left

**STREETS/LIGHTS COMMITTEE:**

-Motion by Grinwis to accept Blackmer bid for the lighting work on south park and depot park wiring. \$1310. Fleury support. We figure the bid does include the light. Carried.

-Let chief know that some lights are still out.

-Bad hole on Third St. Others as well. Beckman has said it is not warm enough.

**POLICE:**

-Kelly noted items from Chief's report. Dealing with family problems, dog issues, bike found and suicide on Oak St.

-Fessenden asked about hours spent outside village. Our police have been seen in unusual places.

-VanSickle questioned time sheets and mileage. What is the credibility and accountability. Clerk and Kelly replied that chief and police do many daily reports required by state and we are given a summary.

-Kelly relayed complaint from Wolting regarding the Blair house and cars when he is trying to plow.

**PARKS/RECREATION:**

- Resolution by Fleury to Adopt the Rec Plan. Support Grinwis, Carried 7-0. (See additional page)  
Clerk told to give Carlson copies of minutes. To be emailed.
- Fleury will be the authorized representative to discuss with Carlson. Mention of Certificate of Publication and an affidavit from Publisher. (After the fact note-affadavit sent to village after meeting)
- Land Use Plan. Council went over Map. Lots of time. Exact boundaries of village limit discussed hard. (Strait arrived)

**FINANCE /ORDINANCES:**

- Clerk meeting with auditors tomorrow.
- Jamie Near to be here next month for building request.

**INSURANCE/PRINTING/PUBLISHING:**

Fleury submitted to Chris at Keyhole Production things for village web info. Need to add Chris to email list once they are approved.

**SEWER:** Nothing to Report

**OTHER ITEMS:**

- Grinwis received a text about rules for marijuana.
- President had a meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> RE: HHW. There was a lot of discussion of the money/costs. Discussion of electronics, old fashioned TVs and computers-charge \$10? There was a \$10K donation.
- Fessenden – mention of Jim and Jan Reavey and the old TenBrink house. Lots of vehicles. Also noted one on Oak east of James, and then mention of old Arnie Postema house (Oak & Elm). Lots of discussion.

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

Pres. Richards adjourned meeting 8:39 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

# RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTING A RECREATION PLAN

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The Village of New Era Recreation Plan  
For Village of New Era  
Oceana County, Michigan

WHEREAS, the Village of New Era has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of its residents during a five-year period covering the years 2020 through 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Village of New Era began the process of developing a community recreation plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

WHEREAS, residents of the Village of New Era were provided with a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for a period of at least 30 days, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on December 12, 2019 during the regular Village of New Era Council meeting to provide opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the proposed Village of New Era Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the New Era Village Council voted to adopt said Village of New Era Recreation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the New Era Village Council hereby adopts the Village of New Era Recreation Plan.

Yeas: 7 (seven)

Nays: 0 (zero)

Absent: 0 (zero)

I, Natalie Kelly, Village Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Village of New Era Council at a Regular Meeting thereof held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2019.

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