

VILLAGE OF NEW ERA
Minutes of Meeting
December 8, 2022

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

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

Austin Cox was sworn in with Oath of Office

Roll: Pres Fessenden, Clerk Kelly, Trustees Bayer, Cox, Deblois, Grinwis and Kelly present. Treas. Pepple absent. Sobers has now moved out of village, no longer an eligible trustee. Also present Chief Strait, Ed Hovey and Sara Durga.

Minutes: Bayer asked/questioned the money from the state being spent on sewer. Nothing done at this time. Motion by Deblois to accept November minutes as presented. Support Kelly; Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Motion by Grinwis to accept the financial report. Kelly support; Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

STREETS/LIGHTS COMMITTEE:

-Grinwis asked about if Ben VanSumeren had done anything about broken driveway (along Second St) and Chief thought Ben had.

-Lights are going up tomorrow. There are still two lights out (by Veltman Hardware and Meyers Chevrolet). Kelly has also seen two by park and across street.

-Snowplow: no complaints with the first occurrence. Grinwis has asked around and the rates are in line with other plowers. Bayer asked about contract or bid. Explained bids in past and give contract for two years. Have moved forward since not receiving other bids. She wants to give Wolting a map and see where he plows. She questioned sidewalks. She wants to make sure businesses are aware (they are to clear the sidewalks by their businesses).

-Kelly asked who called OCRC to salt, they did a good job.

POLICE:

-Kelly relayed report.

-Lot of county calls at one residence. New Era helped cover funeral detail in Rothbury for Neubauer.

PARKS/RECREATION: Nothing to report

FINANCE /ORDINANCES:

ORV? Grinwis still trying to get Shelby Village ORV ordinance.

INSURANCE/PRINTING/PUBLISHING:

Clerk had to get Sole Proprietorship forms for Work Comp audit and that took time. Done now.

SEWER:

-Bayer stated that Wolting has resigned. He is certified on 2 - Permits and Licensing for testing. He has been asked to stay on to train someone, would take lots of training. Can transfer another person to the Permit Certification. Certification until 2024 and cannot transfer for the licensing. She has a candidate (couple-did not say whom). Wolting willing to stay on for testing of drain field (next Feb). Pres said that council should meet interested candidates. Bayer wants to set up a job description with Wolting. Kelly stated that there should have been more discussion of this with the committee. Have preparation before

meetings. Mention of units and no record of them. Clerk stated she has it, verified it was shared with Ed Hovey when he was on council. Bayer called Nordlund for sewer map. We need a new pump for backup. She will call DEQ for certifications and see what cost will be.
Kelly – repairs on Third St damage \$2500. Mark Fessenden has turned in to insurance.

OTHER ITEMS:

-Bayer wants a new flag for hall. Chief will get from Veltman.

-Deblois: stated he spent time going through website, needs to be updated.

-President

1) Council needs to discuss Pepple zoning ordinance restriction. Her property (2 areas on James and one behind, along Elm) are one parcel and all areas zoned R1 (residential single family). Was given a variance to build garage storage along Elm with restriction to make all one parcel. Would be illegal to split – not residential.

2) ORV ordinance – Deblois asked about Shelby Village copy. Not received yet. Bayer asked if we are for it or not for it. Adopt? Can or can't write tickets. ORV must be 16 years to drive. ORV is not legal in Golden, Benona and Claybanks Townships. Grinwis did speak with Inglis and Grinwis will meet with Shelby Police Chief (Waltz) and get copies.

3) Committee Assignments:

Streets/Lights: Grinwis/Cox

Police: Kelly

Rec/Parks: ~~Sobers~~ Cox

Sewer: Kelly/Bayer

Finance: Bayer/Deblois

Ins: ??

4) Sobers vacancy. Durga would like it.

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

Pres. Fessenden adjourned meeting 8:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted