

VILLAGE OF NEW ERA
Minutes of Meeting
February 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, Kelly, Sobers and VanSickle present.
Also present Chief Strait and Scott Meyers. Trustee Fleury arrived later.

Minutes: Sobers asked about Bi-Annual audit, explained that is all the village is required to do. Motion by Kelly to accept the January minutes as presented; Fessenden support; Carried (Fleury arrived)

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Motion by Fessenden to accept the financial report as presented. Fleury support; Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

-Scott Meyers

1) Flagpole is up and lighted. Foundation for Eagle is in as well.

2) Website (chamber & village): Chris asked for input.

3) Cherry Pie contest in Saturday (the 15th) and the money will go for a playground in Shelby, committed to \$1000. If extra, that will go to our park. He wants input – New Era Veterans Memorial Park? Have the service (Memorial Day) there this year. Kelly asked about monument at the New Era Elementary school. Names are on that. Meyers spoke with Joel (Burnette) and he is okay with service at park and the park being the villages. They see their property as straight line north of their property along First St.

4) Sump-Pumps: Issues? Letter worked on and to be sent.

5) ATV- they must have driver's license, brake light and seat belts. Are we moving forward? Shelby, Hart and Ludington have it.

-Chief Strait asked if packages are being delivered to Meyers instead of old Farm Bureau office (since not there anymore). Meyers said they can and should be. Address needs to be changed on sign in village hall. (Has been done already.)

Meyers Left

STREETS/LIGHTS COMMITTEE:

-Chief reported that some holes have been patched (Third St is one of them). Blinking streetlights by Sobers/Kellys. First and Ray had two lights fixed.

-Requests for bids for roadwork. Did that two years ago for First St north. President called Nick (Matiash) and is wanting another contractor to offer a request for bid. Nick feels First St is not too bad, looks bad but is not bumpy. Would do 22' wide, build up shoulders, he estimates \$35K and shoulders \$8500. Rieth Riley is working on projects, they are using non-union employees. President asked for council input. Fleury believes it should be replaced for appearance. Nick to be calling President next week. Pepple asked about/mentioned potholes by Meyers Ave.

POLICE:

-Kelly noted items from Chief's report. Where were the junk cars? Oak St. At least 4 are off the Garfield residence. Ticket to be given this week. Loose dog caught. Strait picked it up. Took to vet's office. Chief is taking care of garbage. People are using our garbage cans from police barn for their garbage.

PARKS/RECREATION: Nothing to report

FINANCE /ORDINANCES:

Kelly asked about amount in checking, should we move to Money Market or CD? Get better interest. Treas. asked how much to move, suggestion to leave \$150K in checking.

INSURANCE/PRINTING/PUBLISHING:

Website is up (chamber and village), addresses are not on website.

SEWER:

Need to identify and notify those using drains into our system. Fleury neighbor might be one.

OTHER ITEMS:

-Stephen (Carlson) to be here next month. He is busy typing whole land use plan for us to receive. Review for April then notice in newspaper.

-The letter RE: sump pumps. Suggestion not to have Wolting meet with people. President is looking for some help. Kelly asked about stating the system being 30 years old on letter to residents (regarding sump pumps). Our permit is for a certain number of gallons and we are concerned about going over that lately.

-Contract with HHW. They had previously asked for \$175, we sent \$225. They are asking for \$200 this time. Motion by Fessenden to send \$250 this year. Fleury support; Carried. Kelly abstained. President signed contract. President reported there was a meeting in Ludington last week and there was a discussion about TVs and heavy stuff (electronics). The LDL contractor is not even coming in with a bid this year.

Bills presented. Motion by Fleury to pay bills as presented. VanSickle support; Carried.

Pres. Richards adjourned meeting 7:52 pm.

Respectfully Submitted