

VILLAGE OF NEW ERA
Minutes of Meeting
January 14, 2021

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, Grinwis, Kelly, Sobers and VanSickle present. Trustee Fleury absent. Also present Chief Strait.

Minutes: Talk of police take home the drunk drivers since cannot take to jail. They only have one free cell. Motion by Fessenden to accept the November minutes as presented; Grinwis/Kelly support; Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Motion by Kelly to accept the November and December financial reports as presented. Grinwis support. There was a question of the receipts – they are Act 51 monies. Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT:

STREETS/LIGHTS COMMITTEE:

-Nothing to report, quiet times.

POLICE COMMITTEE:

-Lost our crossing guard, Kathy went back to work at Howmet.

-Chief shared card from Grant Township regarding police partaking in funeral of deceased worker.

PARKS/RECREATION: Nothing to report

FINANCE /ORDINANCES:

-Check Fraud-our check for Jons to Go for \$81 was stolen, re addressed for an individual and presented to Huntington for over \$3K. It was taken to Grand Rapids, so our police cannot address directly. Working on data for Kent County. Bank did not cash it so Huntington not pursuing. Man was homeless we believe. Where was it stolen from? PO, Jons to Go? The address now on check is not a good address. Treasurer then explained how checks are now being verified by Treas and/or Clerk before being cashed. Will go on for about a month. Clerk did show council the check as it appears as sent to her by HNB.

INSURANCE/PRINTING/PUBLISHING: Nothing to report

SEWER: Nothing to report

OTHER ITEMS:

-VanSickle asked chief about police reporting in OHJ. There are many occurrences on Third St, even next to her. B&E, Domestic. Family next to her. Chief stated the mom and kid do not get along. He was not aware of the B&E, he will check into.

-Discussion of trustees missing so many meetings, 3 in a row. Need to address as policy had been not to miss two in a row.

-VanSickle asked about council being paid when no meeting. Decision was at top end since meeting cancelled due to health/covid.

↳ Pres. & others

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

Pres. Richards adjourned meeting 7:26 pm.

Respectfully Submitted