

VILLAGE OF NEW ERA  
Minutes of Meeting  
July 14, 2022

Meeting called to order by President Fessenden at 6:59 pm.

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

Roll: Pres Fessenden, Treas Pepple, Clerk Kelly, Trustees Grinwis, Kelly and VanSickle present. Trustees Bayer and Sobers absent. Also present Chief Strait and Austin Cox.

Minutes: VanSickle Noted that under Other Items: last item said Garfield when it should have been Ray Ave. (ORVs and go carts). Motion by Grinwis to accept the June minutes as corrected; Kelly support; Carried

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

-Austin Cos lives on James St. He is interested in the open position on council. He grew up in the New Era area. Conversation followed. Council thanked him for his interest. He would be able to start immediately.

**STREETS/LIGHTS COMMITTEE:**

-Grinwis spoke with Malda. He will start billing monthly in July. It was asked what Malda does now, with Ben mowing more. Council wants to see his hours and where he mows. Question of Ballfield. Both Ben and Tim have done it.

-Street Lights still out. Scott Meyers still gone. He has the lights and forklift to get it done. There was mention of light on 24 hours by Helen VanderMey.

-Chief and Rothbury help filled potholes.

-County RC put up sign on First St. about reduced speed. Jeremy put it up (OCRC personnel). More discussion of signs.

-Grinwis still wants to get hold of the striping company as they are working around county.

-Chief asked for help with signs.

**POLICE:**

-Kelly relayed report. Electric Forest was quiet. Someone stopped traffic on Third St. Unknown who it was and who gave authority. There was a kid in a diaper running on Third St.

**PARKS/RECREATION:**

-Kelly met with Beckman Bros and the bid is \$3600 (Thirty-six hundred dollars). They will do a dual wall instead of rivets.

**FINANCE /ORDINANCES:**

-The balance sheet not complete, clerk has not had time to meet with treasurer regarding difference between Gen Fund and Sewer Fund.

**INSURANCE/PRINTING/PUBLISHING:** Clerk received info regarding start of W/Comp audit.

**SEWER:**

-There was a call regarding old Fekken house, they are flipping it and want the tank pumped.

**OTHER ITEMS:**

- Treas. Reported there was a \$23K deposit from state. Still trying to verify what the money was for. Covid?
- President spoke with Mike DeBlois. He lives on Third St and is pastor of New Era Bible. He would be interested in open council position.
- Question of what to do with mower. The simplicity mower works. Cox stated he thought someone might be interested in buying it. Council authorizes chief to sell it for a price around \$250-300. 42" mower deck.
- President wants to discuss the situation of interested people for the council openings.  
(Chief and Cox left)
- VanSickle asked about veteran's area. Is anyone taking it over, taking care of it, water? Burnette has the water for that area.
- Back to council openings. Pres. Stated he is thrilled that Cox is interested. He is a good person. Young and a business owner. We need to think it over and pres. Will talk to council members for input regarding the two interested people now.

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

Pres. Fessenden adjourned meeting 7:40 pm

Respectfully Submitted

*Natalie Kelly*