

VILLAGE OF NEW ERA
Minutes of Meeting
July 13, 2023

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

Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer were said by all who cared to join in.

Roll: Trustee Grinwis (acting Pres), Treas Pepple, Clerk Kelly, Trustees Cox, Deblois, Durga, Kelly and Walsh present. Also present Chief Strait, Scott Beishuizen, Shelley VanTassel and Douglas Kelly.

Minutes: Motion by Deblois to accept June minutes of meeting as presented. Support Kelly; Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Motion by Kelly to accept the June financials as presented. Durga support; Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

-Shelley VanTassel: Here regarding the Carrick house (corner of Oak and Redwood). There is no drain at the end of the driveway and the water is building up and had caused issues with the dad in the winter, fell when the water buildup turned to ice. Chief had pics. Kelly noted there is a culvert to the west under Oak and to south side of the road. Mrs. VanTassel was told the village will take a look at and get it cleaned out. Could be an empty basin.
(VanTassel left)

STREETS/LIGHTS COMMITTEE:

-Grinwis presented a signed contract with the county. Quote was for three streets, \$42K-\$43K, plus added Third St to Oceana Dr.. (Also did Garfield from Third to First.) (Jeff the OCRC person did this.) The amount is under what we planned, there are no contingencies. Kelly asked about bituminous wedging on Wolting. Grinwis stated it is not a concern per OCRC.
-Signs are coming, street and traffic.
-Yale Road: concern from resident last month. The OCRC stated they are not doing anything this year. Per Mark Timmer to Scott Beishuizen.
-The new drain by the Depot is working. No mud!

POLICE:

-Lot of 911 calls on Third St. and at Wesco. Electric Forest was quiet (for calls/issues). There were thirty-six 911 calls. Unruly misdemeanor (Wright from Third St).
-Chief asked that with the blight concerns, If you see something, let him know.
-Deblois asked about ordinance for lawn issues – replied, Yes there is, 12” must cut.
-Discussion regarding house on Meyers Ave (North side by First St.). Mowed and some repair. Bad shape.

PARKS/RECREATION:

-Cox reported bids for well, \$2000 to replace pump, wire and acidize. Stub needs to come out. Running water switch. With a faucet, \$4798. Hydrant, remove and replace bladder tank/pressure switch. Irrigation runs better. Grinwis copied to Joel at Burnette, no reply yet. Not ready for a decision.
-Pickleball quotes, \$25K or plus \$3K for limestone. We are not in a situation to spend that. Players had said the cracks are a nuisance but would like to wait until Shelby is done with theirs. Decision to table this until next year, perhaps look at a recreation grant.

FINANCE /ORDINANCES:

-Motion by Kelly to amend budget for items that exceed, move within when possible. For Sewer take from savings. Walsh support; Carried.
-Deblois asked about adjusting and discussing, clerk and Buisheizen explained it is allowed and encouraged to make adjustments when necessary to cover costs, unforeseen items and expenses.

INSURANCE/PRINTING/PUBLISHING:

Walsh asked about insurance up? Just higher premium, is all over. Nothing we did.

SEWER:

- Beishuizen reported the bi-monthly report was sent to EGLE.
- Report of quotes for generator, \$24K Korthase and \$32K CNC. It is a gas meter, need to speak with DTE. Field meters need to be added. Cox asked if NEED, Beizhuizen said yes per EGLE contract. 18 grinder stations, \$6K each. Ours is from about 1995. Well past life expectancy.
- Kelly stated that Beishuizen made arrangement with MI Rural Water. Should get info shortly. The sewer operator should be licensed for drain and sewer.
- Estimate for main lift station \$5600 from CNC, installed \$14K for drainfield.

OTHER ITEMS:

- Grinwis asked about Covid money find, clerk stated she reported to treas. The items seen in the G/L the last year.
- Durga thought we should have a Meet Council Night. Ahead of a meeting? Perhaps Fall Fest? Grinwis liked that idea.
- Kelly handed out flyers for the Clean Sweep Day, August 19th in Hart.

Bills presented. Motion by Durga to pay bills as presented. Cox support; Carried.
Was noted that with the new signs, we will need new posts.

Acting Pres. Grinwis adjourned meeting 7:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted