

VILLAGE OF NEW ERA
Minutes of Meeting
June 11, 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, Fleury, Grinwis, Kelly, Sobers and VanSickle present. Also present Chief Strait, Ed Hovey, Greg Dyk, and Scott Meyers.

Minutes: Motion by Kelly to accept the May minutes as presented; Fessenden support; Carried

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Motion by Grinwis to accept the financial report as presented. Kelly support; Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

-Greg Dyk: He is the pastor at New Era Christian Reformed Church on Ray. For five years they have had a community garden with 15 beds. They have done the Farmers Market for 3 years. He has never before seen/had standing water. It should be draining to Garfield and the water is backed up. He is concerned the culvert is plugged.

**Diverted to conversation about Beckman and the storm sewer culvert problem on Garfield. Pipes are broken, joints were not matched up, working on it for 2 ½ days now. Swihart's tried to widen it out and now have Wadel work on it.

Fleury asked when the Market will begin – Dyk replied June 23rd.

**Pres. Richards stated that Greg Schultz is available for backhoe type assistance, but he has a regular job. He would like councils approval to call Schultz in when needed. Council agreed.

**Grinwis reported the street paving is set to start July 17th. President referenced this is for First St from north village limits to Wesco.

-Scott Meyers:

a) He is asking village to set up a 2 or 3 year plan for culverts. Specifically the one behind Meyers Chevrolet. He wants to pinpoint what will be done, checked.

b) The park is coming along good. Bricks are for sale. The person has to be a veteran, \$100 each brick, 8" x 8". Was asked what the minimum number before starting placement – 25. He hopes to be there soon. Eagle Scouts are done with their work. (Meyers left)

STREETS/LIGHTS COMMITTEE: (continuation from break in up above **)

-Manhole was worked on. Chief reported pavilion was power washed. There was silt and sediment.

-Dyk said that he walks his dog daily and the pump here (at hall) has become very loud when it turns on. Used to be a hum, now lots of noise, never heard it that way before. (Dyk left)

POLICE:

-Kelly reported 160 hrs. The highlight was a felony traffic assist in Shelby. Gert (Rolph) drive by was a success. Pres. stated she was shocked but loved it. Kelly stated that Mike (Grillo) did a good job with his speech at the cemetery (in honor of Marv Donker).

-Chief stated we are only one of two community with body cam and thanked village for doing that years ago.

-VanSickle thanked the chief for what he does and the entire dept.

-Also noted that Chief did a lot of work with the garbage from Clean Up weekend. Helped by Mark and Douglas Kelly.

-Grinwis asked what Tyler Lewis complaint was about. Chief said we will have to ask Officer Grillo, report did not say.

-Fleury told of vacant house on Ray (Kiel house) had windows shot with BB gun. VanSickle also commented on the other house next door, believe it vacant, and grass tall there. NOTE: we normally have Malda mow and then bill the homeowner.
-Once again it was said THANK YOU to Chief for the work he has done this week.

PARKS/RECREATION: Using the ball park. Clerk to get port a john ordered.

FINANCE /ORDINANCES:

-Clerk told of meeting with finance committee (Fessenden and Fleury) and items/areas discussed. Budget previously sent to all council for review. No comments, questions. Motion by Fessenden to approve budget as presented. Fleury support; carried 7-0.

-Motion by Kelly to set millage at 4.8781 for the 2020 village tax bills. Fessenden support; Carried 7-0.

-Amendments stated for current year budget. Motion by Grinwis to approve amendments. Fleury support; carried.

-Zoning permit issued to Tri County Feed for a storage building north of TCF buildings on newly purchased parcels by New Era Properties LLC.

-There should/will be a zoning permit for the house on Meyers, top of hill. He is wanting his son to be able to build his own residence down on front of property. There are 5 ½+ acres there.

INSURANCE/PRINTING/PUBLISHING: Nothing to report

SEWER: Nothing to report

OTHER ITEMS:

-President commented on Clean Up days. The dumpsters were overflowing, had Greg Schultz come pack them down. Piles on the ground of junk, mattress, boat, cardboard, oil barrels. Roy, Mark and Douglas put into bins after push down. Kelly/Strait stated that half the stuff on ground went into dumpsters once junk pushed down. Is this beneficial? Fessenden stated how it looked like a landfill. Is it really serving the purpose we intended? Good share of people dropping off were not New Era residents. IF we do this again, we need to have someone there, to check residency, and items being disposed of. If another year, the letter needs to state no roofing/siding materials.

-Storm drain already spoke about.

-from President-Ruth Postema wants to buy a flag for our building. It would be wall mounted.

-VanSickle asked about motor/dirt bikes, rules. There is no ordinance. They must be licensed to drive chief stated. VanSickle stated they are not that old and they do not wear helmets.

Discussion of leaning pole in alley (north of Ray). Chief already called and Frontier will not do anything at this time. Not fallen over. VanSickle asked about the down/hanging wire in alley (between Ray and Blair). Been there a while too.

Bills presented. Motion by Fessenden to pay bills as presented. Sobers support; Carried.

Pres. Richards adjourned meeting 7:59 pm

Respectfully Submitted