

VILLAGE OF NEW ERA
Minutes of Meeting
June 10, 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, Hovey, Kelly, Sobers and VanSickle present. Also present Chief Strait and Cliff Prince.

Minutes: Pres. noted that under Streets-Ken Johnson is from API not Rieth Riley. Under Sewer president reported a followup of speaking with Trouten and he has a new septic and drain field. He was not happy. Motion by Grinwis to accept May minutes as corrected and noted. Kelly support; Carried

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Prince – he questioned that his statement regarding website was not noted, Kelly pointed out that it was under Public Comment. Then Prince asked about what council has done. Grinwis explained he had called, but clerk pointed out that is not in minutes as it was done after meeting and had not been reported as of yet.

STREETS/LIGHTS COMMITTEE:

-Tree Work: Perez stated/bid \$4133, Custom Tree Service (the Don Vega successor-Riggs is owner) \$2900. That is to complete work and cleanup. Report of tree falling down at the old Francis Fekken house (on Elm, now Trevino). Trevino was almost hurt, he was out mowing. It was asked if tree work would be done immediately, answer is before July 1st, (for Custom), Perez is 30-60 days out. VanSickle noted that she missed last meeting and was wondering about tree between Blair and Third-that one was not looked at. Part of the bid was to take off limbs over roads and wires. Kelly asked about tree on alley by Kiel property. Long discussion. Motion by Fessenden to accept/take the bid of \$2900 plus cleaning up Trevino tree. Sobers support; Carried.

-Pres. spoke with Anthony Wright, he would like us to vacate the alley (between Third and Wesco). Mr Wright is in the old Odula Reed house (not owner). He also said he would like a stop sign at the west end. President spoke to Chief. Fessenden noted that the pole on the alley has been fixed/straightened up. Beckman who bid on Pranger building tear down is worried about that pole.

-President did call API about the work. He has not been called back yet. July 31st start date in bid.

PARKS/REC: Pres. spoke of pickleball court. Cracks and two sections are coming apart. Not resurfaced in 2018, just painted.

Back to streets: Sobers mentioned the potholes on Third Street are pretty bad.

POLICE:

-Kelly relayed Chief's report. Chief did speak with person by canning company. He is calling regarding speeding, chief mentioned getting a speed reader.

-Working on Blight, coming slow. Meyers cleaned up pretty good (house on Meyers). Per the Sec. of State they cannot get plates. Hovey mentioned the lawyer suggestion to adjusting wordage to make towing more feasible. Hovey wondered if we can we follow through. She (lawyer) wants a court order. Discussion of police report goes to court order goes to more costs.

-Of the 911 calls, 1/3 were hang-ups. Don't know why.

-Kelly asked about old Malda house at the end of Meyer. Going up for the impending public auction.

PARKS/RECREATION:

Discussion of Pickleball.

FINANCE /ORDINANCES:

- Pres. reported that the Board of Appeal has to meet once a year. Volunteers? Fessenden and Kelly, Third Party-Cliff Prince.
- Budget - Finance Committee met. There was mention of audit year and road work needing to be done. Discussion of Tree Work. Motion by Fessenden to accept budget as presented. Kelly support; Carried 7-0.
- Motion to set millage for the village at 4.8781 for the Fiscal Year 7-1-2021 to 6-30-2022. Motion by Grinwis, support Fessenden; Carried

INSURANCE/PRINTING/PUBLISHING: Nothing to report

SEWER: Nothing to report

OTHER ITEMS:

- Dumpsters came and went. Filled up, packed down. Lots of mattresses and beds. Went well with Police patrol and Mrs. Burmeister overlooking. Heykoop had a full load of metal. They pulled that out Monday.
- Long discussion of trees, planted and replanting.
- HHW is the third Saturday of August. Kelly handed out brochures. It is totally free but they ask for donations.
- VanSickle asked about Scott Meyers saying they need a new flag at the Veterans park. Would council pay? American and State flag both needed. ^{Meyers} Meyer would get if we would pay. Kelly said measurement would be needed. He thought ¹6 x 9 feet. \$100? Motion to pay for the flag. Motion by Kelly; support Sobers; Carried. *thought*
- ~~Talk of roads on Garfield between properties that have tall grass. Wally Wolting questioned it. Street committee to speak with Malda. Prince stated that Ken (Prince) forgot to mow up James St. He will mow it.~~

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

Pres. Richards adjourned meeting 7:54 pm.

Respectfully Submitted