

VILLAGE OF NEW ERA
Minutes of Meeting
March 11, 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. Also present Chief Strait, ~~Tom~~ Tom Malda and Robert Walker (County Commissioner).

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

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Motion by Sobers to accept the February financial reports as presented. Fessenden support. Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT:

-Land Division (TCF land). Emily Johnson is not here. But this must be approved by the municipality.
-Robert Walker: Wants to know if everything is ok and if the village needs anything. The lines have changed as to the area the county representatives have. There is now a split in our village. Phil Morse is the rep. from the other area within the village. They changed to represent the same number of people in the areas. Spoke of a representation at today's county meeting by Gary McKeen regarding parks. Eight parks in Oceana County. Spoke of removing Marshville Dam. Bridge put in has a cost of \$1.5mil. Now have a five year contract with Life EMS. Most of the workers are the same people we had as county employees. Millage is down for the year due to less cost. If you have any concerns (RE: county and village needs) give Bob a call.
-Emily Johnson arrived. Presented a survey map. Warehouse is on parcel 1. It is zoned Residential and Industrial. So they want to split the parcel with the zoning lines. Then they would like to combine that Industrial parcel with another parcel next to it, in order to prevent a landlocked parcel. There would be no zoning situation. Motion by Grinwis to split the parcel at the line of Residential and Industrial, then to combine the two Industrial parcels together as one. This will take away any need for easement to the potential landlocked parcel. Kelly Support. Fessenden wanted clarification on easement. The easement was required by the Title Company without this merger of parcels. There is not separate ownership with the parcels. Amend motion to require easement be removed if it is in existence. Carried 6-0. Emily Johnson left.

STREETS/LIGHTS COMMITTEE:

-Light at Oak and Elm has been called in.
-Plan to fix potholes next week.
-Asked street committee to look at needs for budget consideration. Fessenden and Grinwis.
-Second and Blair-there is concern about a tree between the sidewalk and road. Lamblin is owner. Need to look into.

POLICE COMMITTEE:

-Kelly spoke of report (from dispatch). Chief and VanSumeren are looking at the time needs of officers based on this dispatch report.

PARKS/RECREATION:

Pickle ball net is down. Should get it up. Ben VanSumeren should/could and do garbage cans and benches as well.

FINANCE /ORDINANCES:

-Ordinance for Building permit on Meyers Ave. 2 bedroom house.
-President reported that he was asked by a realtor if we would consider changing the bank building to residential zoning. Consensus of council after discussion was not to change.

INSURANCE/PRINTING/PUBLISHING: Insurance renewal time

SEWER: Nothing to report

OTHER ITEMS:

- Kelly asked about upcoming sesquicentennial. Is the Chamber doing anything? Village responsibility?
- Pres relayed that Wolting asked for his payments to be delayed until April. SS Issues.
- Vacancy on council. Fleury did resign after being presented with letter from council. She contacted the president to resign. How do we decide to fill it? Is Hovey still considering it? He had expressed interest.
- VanSickle is seeing a lot of refuse burning. What about spring cleanup, blight ordinance violations. All in house next to her, and one on Blair, behind Malda. Also mention of corner of Hillcrest and Third.
- Letter is going out with sewer bills April for the sewer increase from \$20/month (\$60 qtr per unit) to \$24/month (\$72/qtr per unit). Sewer committee should look into units being charged. Rate increase effective July 1st.
- County is looking for names to replace Karr on OCRC.

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

Pres. Richards adjourned meeting 8:03 pm.

Respectfully Submitted