

VILLAGE OF NEW ERA

Minutes of Meeting

March 10, 2022

Meeting called to order by Roger 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 Hovey, Kelly, Sobers and VanSickle present.
Trustee Grinwis absent. Also present Chief Strait.

Minutes: Motion by Sobers to accept the February minutes as presented; VanSickle support; Carried

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Motion by Kelly to accept the February financial report. Hovey support; Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

-Alex Dodson: Is here regarding the Village sign at the Veteran's Park. He requested a payment plan, had been told \$1650 to replace the sign. Not sure if he pays through court he can do a payment plan. Council thoughts? President thinks the court should handle, would prefer not a payment plan. Court date is Monday the 14th. Would have to have this decided prior to then. Chief asked for enough time to notify court not necessary to attend. Dodson was told to drop payment to clerk by Monday morning, then changed to Friday so chief has time to notify court.

Dodson left.

-Scott Meyers: Is working with Blackmer to fix the light issues on flagpole. Street Festival will be September 18th. Chamber is struggling since they do not have active people in businesses. The Village will celebrate 150th Anniversary. Alan VanDuinen has some good ideas and a lot of history. They need help, bodies to do things. 10-12 people. They want to do more than in the past. Township has given \$3K for this year with word of \$3K for next year. Puts the chamber in the same "vicinity" as past (money amount). Have kids do things and more music. They are presenting bills to the township. Think of our community. Beer tent? Rules and regulations? Chief opposed to that, would need more help and regulations. Talk of a book by VanDuinen, has a 100 years and 125 years. Can we do it for 150 years? Chief noted that VanSingel and Bumstead are doing Resolutions to honor the Village for 150th Anniversary.

-Memorial Day Parade: Question of the route, they are ending up at the Veteran's Park. Christian School to the park? Do we want to/need to block off Garfield to Village Hall?

Meyers left.

-President stated the Eric Noggles gave him data about a land split. Kelly and Hovey discussed/asked if it is a two track not being affected. Is it up to us determine if this is a legal issue? Get more answers.

STREETS/LIGHTS COMMITTEE:

-One light out by Wesco. Forklift to help, via Scott Meyers.

POLICE:

-County report referenced. Hovey, Kelly and Chief met. Came up with Chief duties and responsibilities. Who is doing the mowing, Tom (Malda) or Ben (VanSumeren)? Motion by Kelly to accept Chief duties for personnel files. Adopt the job description. Sobers support; Carried.

PARKS/RECREATION:

-PortaJon in April. Police will do cones and be on duty for soccer.

-Kelly stated the pavilion need repairs. Roof and more. Do we want to get bids? Should also fix soffits. Sobers will try to take the steps.

FINANCE /ORDINANCES:

-Hovey asked if you do service for the village, you should not be delinquent to village. Speaking of Malda. Personal property tax never been paid. Cannot take to county as delinquent. President will speak with Malda.

INSURANCE/PRINTING/PUBLISHING: Waiting on renewal

SEWER:

-Report to president and Hovey by Wolting. Nordlunds and permit people. Emails with president. Sampling permit, daily readings. Electronic meter readers. 40 tanks need to be pumped. Swihart's will do 4 tanks a visit. Hovey asked about revisiting our units. Does Swihart's have records showing pumps?

OTHER ITEMS:

-Resolution by Kelly to vacate 2nd Street north of Ray, 140 feet. Sobers support; Carried.

-Hovey mention flowers around downtown and residents adopting a corner. President stated in the past resident just took care of buckets. This is a chamber thing.

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

Pres. Fessenden adjourned meeting 8:06 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Natalie E Kelly