

VILLAGE OF NEW ERA
Minutes of Meeting
March 9, 2023

Meeting called to order by President Fessenden at 7:16 pm. (After Hearing)

Roll: Pres Fessenden, Treas Pepple, Clerk Kelly, Trustees Cox, Deblois, Durga, and Kelly present. Trustees Grinwis absent and Trustee Bayer was listening via telephone. Also present Chief Strait, Ed Hovey, Scott Meyers, Tom TenBrink, Jordan Durga and Officer Ryan Furman.

Minutes: Motion by Kelly to accept February minutes as presented. Support Durga; Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Kelly noted assets looked higher. Motion by Deblois to accept the financial report. Kelly support; Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

-Scott Meyers: Noted that lights are done and working (along First St, downtown). It was also noted, commented that the worst roads (for repairs consideration) is Ray Ave from First St to Third St. President confirmed. Also noted that Hillcrest having issues as well as the edge/shoulder of Wolting Ave.

STREETS/LIGHTS COMMITTEE:

-President stated that there had been no complaints regarding snowplowing. Good issues.

POLICE:

-Kelly referenced the police report issued. Cut a tree on Third St.. Lots of 911 calls to Wesco. What areas are to be addressed with Blight Ordinance? Replies of Meyer, Third, First and Garfield. Chief noted that Trailside restaurant was sold, Emily Johnson bought it. The Artisan restaurant was washing windows, so they are back.

PARKS/RECREATION: Nothing to report

FINANCE /ORDINANCES:

-ORV: President reviews exactly what was talked about. Kelly noted that S#6, splitting the revenue from tickets, All other municipalities split with OCRC 50-50. But we will be issuing tickets, not OCRC? Deblois asked why send to county. Discussion. Chief noted that we put up the signs. County does not do it. Deblois suggested 50% to our roads and 50% to our police. Then the question what happens when we do not have someone on duty? Chief said give 10%, but how many tickets are actually issued. Motion by Deblois to spread 50% to New Era roads and 50% to New Era police. Kelly support. Carried. The proposed ordinance allows 3 wheelers? Kelly and Deblois asked about that. It has been fixed by Bayer. A new version was sent via email at 5pm. Not everyone had the updated version. Deblois noted that on pg. 2 ORV does not include 3 wheelers under I – "not operate 3 wheel ORV." If we don't address it, does it present a liability? We can always amend it? Motion by Durga to accept ordinance. Cox support. We can always amend it was noted again. Carried with Kelly no.

Question of golf carts and the paperwork saying highway – we do not have a highway. Motion by Deblois to accept ordinance for Golf Carts. Cox support. Carried – Kelly opposed.

INSURANCE/PRINTING/PUBLISHING: Nothing to report

SEWER:

-Job description was sent out; Absolutely have to have their own vehicle. Noted that there is a generator in the police barn. The applicant would need to have a vehicle and driver's license. Bayer will post tonight. There are already 3 applicants. Discussion of pay rate. Presently paying Wolting \$1200/month. Part time work. President said pay should be based on experience and what the applicant brings to the table. They

for licenses & classes.

would start and work with Wolting. Deblois asked about reimbursements? Bayer noted that most want more money and hourly. Jeremiah Hilthouse, Shelby DPW, will secure the licensing. Question of hours put in and noted that Wolting shows drives 8.8 miles daily. Police could check and document daily when on duty. Need to book hours, get applicants in front of us and see. Pay based on experience. Certification obtained easily. We pay for their certification. Question of Lou Kramer and raising sheep on drain field. Kelly needs copy of permit. Has asked Wolting.

OTHER ITEMS:

- Kelly noted the mention last month of marijuana store in village and he went to county clerk and obtained election info. As referenced by Larry Byl last month, May 3rd election Precinct 2 said NO by 76%.
- Deblois asked about village manager. Discussion. Oversee sewer, police, DPW, write grants, someone retired? Balls in the air.
- Mention of a printer and not being expensive. Toner does add cost. Cox said he could give one.

Bills presented. Motion by Cox to pay bills as presented. Deblois support; Carried.

NOTE MEETING in April the 20th, not 13th.
Pres. Fessenden adjourned meeting 7:55 pm

Respectfully Submitted