

VILLAGE OF NEW ERA
Minutes of Meeting
May 13, 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 and Sobers present. Trustee VanSickle absent. Also present Chief Strait, Cliff Prince and Jim Sponable.

Minutes: Under Streets/Lights: wanted a clarification that Prince expressed his wish the village do all three street projects. Motion by Kelly to accept the April minutes as presented/clarified; Fessenden support; Carried

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Prince – 1) Spoke of the website for the village and wanting the village to have all ordinances and zoning on it. Council explained the website is cared for by an outside company/person through the village chamber. Prince stated he thought we should have our own website. Council said they would consider looking into it. Grinwis will check with Shelby Village, but our IT man is quite capable. 2) Zoning Ordinance. We have a Board of Appeals for Zoning and Prince stated we cannot have only council people on the board. Board has three members, 2 are council and the third is selected from electors of community. Council will check into and verify.

Sponable – Asked about the "Dump Day" and burning of leaves. He was told village does not allow leaf burning. The Blight ordinance has been enacted. He expressed that the ordinance should have been sent to village residents. Did not like that it was "effective immediately."

STREETS/LIGHTS COMMITTEE:

-Bids: API (Asphalt Paving Inc). For First St: Wesco south to Garfield \$45950, and will mil. Garfield west from First to Third St \$22600, reseal no mil. Elm north from Ray to Oak \$23850, reseal and no mil. adjust manhole and catch basin. \$92400 for all. *Ken Johnson*

Ken Johnson/Rieth Riley First \$52376, Garfield \$31631, Elm \$30476, total \$114483.

Motion by Fessenden to accept the API bid and have all three projects completed. Sobers support Carried 6-0.

-Tree: Grinwis called 3 tree guys plus one just tonight. 1 bid from Perez Tree for the Maple on Blair, \$750, clean up and stump work \$108. Then to include Garfield bank \$1875. Maple by Eekhoff front yard has two big horns over the roadway, \$1000. Go east on Garfield at village limits \$150. Big Maple on Meyers Ave at vacant lot (dilapidated Malda house) \$250. Kelly asked about on Third St between Blair and Ray, Kiel house by alley. Fessenden asked about DuBois. Yes, he was included in the calls. Don Vega has a new owner. Kelly asked about Tree Hugger in Stony Lake. No not called. Sponable noted that the tree by Kiels is full of red squirrels.

-Talk of small holes developing, Strait noted that 2 bags of cement from TCF were obtained to fill in holes. He has asphalt at home. Talk of Wesco holes and by Artisan.

POLICE:

-Kelly relayed Chief's report. Quiet within village. County had 11 calls in village. Cannot take people to jail yet. Try to go to Muskegon, but not yet, Kent County not taking either.

-Pranger building along alley-Pranger came up and is working on it. Lots of metal was taken out. How much time to give him? Try to get Beckman there. Problem with power pole, Frontier.

-Artisan is open. Food only, no liquor license. Chief was the first customer. Her appeal for liquor license did no good.

PARKS/RECREATION:

Ball fields mowed? Yes, Wednesday night. Greg George has asked about the "substantial crack" on the pickleball court. Have the original worker come look at it? Resurfaced? Lookup name. Grinwis to call.

FINANCE /ORDINANCES:

-Budget work did not get done. Committee will meet this week and send proposed budgets to council members so they have a few weeks to look over before June meeting.
-Prince noted the Shelby Schools 30mil bond. They plan to keep the building a couple years then have us take it (give it?). We need to figure what we will do.

INSURANCE/PRINTING/PUBLISHING: Nothing to report

SEWER:

-President asked if Trouten called yet (house up and behind TCF). Nope. Turn over to health dept. Have a sanitation code issue? Need to make one more contact. Sewage is out!
-Treas asked about sewer letter that went out. Clerk reported letter/note from McClellan (Eim St) wants detail of work done. We do not have, Swihart's might.

OTHER ITEMS:

-Kelly asked about any more contact from Horton and Byl regarding Garfield and Redwood. No. There are survey stakes out there.
-Clean up Day: Dumpsters coming June 4th and 5th. Heykoop with dumpster for metal only. Police Dept will do patrolling. Put a list of what transfer station takes on the notice. HHW is listed on our notice every year. Tire pickup is June 19th, taking 100 tires/person, total 2000 tires, free but registration is required.
-Chief noted that May 15th starts Police Memorial Week. Also Gert Rolph will be 100 years old Saturday. Drive by on Meyers Ave. (She has a sharp mind, physically not as good.)

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

Pres. Richards adjourned meeting 7:58 pm.

Respectfully Submitted