

VILLAGE OF NEW ERA  
Minutes of Meeting  
May 12, 2022

Meeting called to order by President Fessenden at 7:00 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 Bayer, Grinwis, Kelly and Sobers present.  
Trustee VanSickle was absent. Also present Chief Strait and Dan Yost.

Minutes: Motion by Sobers to accept the April minutes as presented; Kelly support; Carried

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

-Dan Yost is the Grant Township Fire Chief. Replacing past chief Roland Brooks, who was there for 40-50 years. For the last 40+ years Grant Township has covered all of the village of New Era for emergency services. Shelby Township is starting their own Emergency First Responders. They will only respond to Priority 1 emergencies; whereas, Grant responded to all. Grinwis asked, so if they are not responding, only an ambulance will be sent. Correct per Yost. Yost also asked if the village has any ordinances related to fire specifically. Yes, we have one that states no garbage or brush burning. Strait to get Yost a copy. Kelly asked if there is a big issue with not running for Priority 2 & 3. Rescue unit will be for safety of the ambulance service. Yost did say there is a mutual agreement between Grant and Shelby Townships for working together. (Yost thanked and left)

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Explained to Bayer that the reports are the checklist (old financial) and multi-page report from accounting program. Motion by Kelly to accept the April financial report. Grinwis support; Carried.

**STREETS/LIGHTS COMMITTEE:**

-Grinwis reported that Ben VanSumeren accepts our offer and chief stated that Ben is all done with his other job. Then question of Tom (Malda) or Ben doing the ball field. Officer Furman talks to Malda and Malda is not doing well. Needs to be looked into.  
-Question of the patch work at Wesco. Clerk thought it was previously stated that Beckman was going to do it when weather was better. Was not Beckman who did it. Who did it?  
-Sobers asked if Rothbury did get the equipment (for patching). Chief spoke with Scott (Beishuizen), Rothbury president. They did and they are willing to allow us to use (rent?) it.  
-Talk of First St. south of Garfield and No Passing. Signs still there and then we will need to also stripe the road. Chief stated the signs were being ordered but are not here yet. There are many signs to be coming in from Road Commission.  
-Chief asked about flowers. Stated that Ruth Postema has already worked on them by the hall. For the Veteran's Park, Pentwater Women's Club to do per president. Reference to Veterans Memorial Route and a plaque coming in.  
-Sign on north end of village: what is happening with it? Kelly to take care of. Mentioned that the sign for south end of village, by Veteran's Park, is on stall since the person working on it has cancer. If it were not for the carving and leaves, it would be done. We are having the same sign work done and taking longer than anticipated.

**POLICE:**

-Report noted by Kelly. Egg Hunt was very busy, more candy than kids though.  
-Chief reported that Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> at noon, there is a Memorial by the county courthouse in honor of Michael Grillo. Bumstead and VanSingel to be there.

**PARKS/RECREATION:**

-Sobers spoke with Lawrence Near, Sam Near Roofing and we are definitely on the schedule for after July 1<sup>st</sup>. He asked what color shingles are we wanting/thinking of? Also mentioned to add ice/water barrier would add \$500.

**FINANCE /ORDINANCES:**

-Clerk explained Preliminary presentation of budget 1<sup>st</sup> draft. Much talk of sewer pump outs, Burnette's and Trailside. We need to take an aggressive approach to pumpouts. Many tanks not pumped for years. Mention of 2 or 3 per month. Increase budget. Kelly referenced Hovey and his mention of sewer fees. We raised and took income to \$32K, but our projected expenses are \$90K. System is old. Bayer asked about capitol outlay, explained that age is meaning more costs. System over 30 years old. Bayer question Contract Services and repairs. Contract services set amount for Wolting, while Service repairs are planning for repairs, could hope for less.

-Finance Committee to meet and adjust budget for road work and other possible changes. Asked council to speak with Pres or Bayer about their feelings, thoughts.

**INSURANCE/PRINTING/PUBLISHING:** Nothing to report

**SEWER:**

-Already much discussion of this area and costs.

**OTHER ITEMS:**

-Clean Up Day the first weekend in June. Kelly's will put out flyers, they are already printed. Treas asked about other data on flyer. What data? Do put things about HHW and what is not allowed for dumping in dumpsters.

-President met with County Emergency Coordinator.

Bills presented. Mention of Mason Lake Conservation request of \$178.40, paid \$250 in past. Motion by Grinwis to increase the HHW amount to \$250. Sobers support; Carried.

Motion by Kelly to pay bills as adjusted. Grinwis support; Carried.

Pres. Fessenden adjourned meeting 8:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted

*Natalie E Kelly*