

VILLAGE OF NEW ERA  
Minutes of Meeting  
March 12, 2020

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 and Kelly present. Trustees Fleury, Sobers and VanSickle absent. Also present Chief Strait and Stephen Carlson, Tom Malda arrived later.

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

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

-Stephen Carlson

The Rec Plan has been accepted by DNR. A digital copy to go to the clerk.

(Tom Malda arrived)

Stephen has a draft for the Future Use Plan, timeline is 63 days. Review once we are set with a draft (June 11 as thought). Have a public meeting April 9<sup>th</sup>-June 10<sup>th</sup>. Need council to make a motion to approve the draft for public review. Notice to Oceana Herald Journal March 23<sup>rd</sup>. One week to review for council. There is still time for minor changes. Have a Hearing June 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Stephen is to email a copy to be taken to Post Office for viewing. Motion by Grinwis to go forward and approve plan for Public Comment.

Fessenden support; Carried. (Stephen Carlson left)

-email from Scott Meyers

Wondering about ATV law, council discussed and decision to take no action (Jan 2). We do not want the ordinance for the village. Fessenden asked about our liability. Many places endorsed state law, but not Golden Township, nor Claybanks. Council would prefer not to change the way we are doing it presently.

-Kelly asked about culvert along road, drain or ours. Fessenden said Hallack was to take care of it. Or Beckmans? Needed to be looked at last year.

**STREETS/LIGHTS COMMITTEE:**

-Strait reported all lights should be working, potholes on Elm and big one by Wesco. County allowed chief to get cold patch, and he took care of with help of Ben (VanSumeren).

-We are at limbo for First St. No concrete bids. 3800 feet. President asked what council wants to do. The chip & seal was to holdup for 6-8 years. Have bids in by March 25<sup>th</sup>. Think about what we want. Thought for doing it from the village limits to the north side of Wesco. Fessenden suggested putting heads together in a meeting to prepare.

**POLICE:**

-Chief gave data-22 complaints, 2 stops. Crossing guard usage is hit and miss because kids are not always there, crossing First St after/before school. Today they had 3 girls in afternoon and no kids in morning. They were riding bikes. Julia (Gowell) does it 3 afternoons a week.

**PARKS/RECREATION:** Nothing to report

**FINANCE /ORDINANCES:**

Grinwis asked about Near (Jamie-Garfield). He has bought property in Industrial Park, Shelby. So will not be moving forward with variance on Garfield for his building.

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

**SEWER:** Nothing to report

**OTHER ITEMS:**

-Treasurer asked about moving the money out of checking, what terms do we want? Found Family Financial Credit Union (FFCU) 3 year for 1.97%.

-President asked about dumpsters this year. Pepple noted that people put all sorts of stuff from their yards in there, should they? Branches mentioned. Take to Shelby Sewer Area, ½ mile west on 72<sup>nd</sup> Ave.

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

Pres. Richards adjourned meeting 7:52 pm.

Respectfully Submitted