

VILLAGE OF NEW ERA  
Minutes of Meeting  
November 11, 2021

Meeting called to order by President Richards at 7:00 pm.

Lord's Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were said by all those who cared to join in.

Roll: Pres Richards, Treas Pepple, Clerk Kelly, Trustees Fessenden, Grinwis, Hovey, Kelly, VanSickle and Chief Strait present. Trustee Sobers absent. Also present Richard Westover. Phil Morse arrived later.

Minutes: Under Public comment-need a question mark after Why High Speed. Motion by Grinwis to accept the October minutes with correction; Hovey support; Carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

It was noted that we received \$32K from Covid plan. Motion by Kelly to accept the October financial report. Fessenden support; Carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

-Westover: His main concern is the passing along First St. Perhaps eliminate Pass with Care. Put "reduced speed ahead." Notices people speed up to Wesco, then turn around and speed out of village. Having sign out did a great job but it was just temporary. Asked about Village Limit sign, spoke of faded lines.

(Phil Morse arrived)

Discussion of frustration with people who speed and their rudeness to Mr. Westover when he brings it to their attention. He moved here three years ago.

-Morse: As county commissioner wants to have an open door. If we want anything brought up, he would like to hear about it. Told council of county restructuring to 5 people (on board) and he disagrees. Five is not enough. Resolution would have to go to governor/Bumstead/VanSingle. It was 7 members and taken down to 5. Spoke of population increase, Hart and Shelby up, other down. New Era will not be broken up (presently it is split). Morse will now be running for State Rep in 2022. He feels he can talk to people and listen and make good decisions. VanSingle is terming out. Pres. asked about appealing the district change. Morse stated that he has heard an appeal is never won. "Hopes are not high" for appealing.

President stated that there is a change in committee assignment – VanSickle will go from Police to Rec and Hovey will go from Rec to Police.

**STREETS/LIGHTS COMMITTEE:**

-Lights are being fixed by Consumers. There is one by Wesco. Westover noted his dissatisfaction with the lights hanging over the road.

-Grinwis spoke with Beckman about work and they are behind. They will get to it when they can. Clerk mentioned to look at/consider the hole by Morden (Third St.).

**POLICE:**

-Kelly referenced report from Chief. Larceny on Meyers, \$600 from Pres drawer.

-Parking Ord: Police committee needs to meet with Chief and look at signs.

-Fessenden asked about Roy Kids and if help is needed. Chief said they have enough help at this time.

**PARKS/RECREATION:**

-Nets are down, getting new ones. Portajohns need to be removed.

**FINANCE /ORDINANCES:**

-Audit still going on. Grinwis received a call (normal action).

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

**SEWER:**

-Permit is finally here. Expire? 2024, Nov. 1. Submitted 9/14/2017!

-Sewer Pumps-dewatering to get water out of ground so they can work. There has been one glitch after another. Had to replace line from manhole to pump. Ongoing-work in progress.

-Westover complained about Garfield and M20, council informed him that is not part of village, it is township.

-Wastewater being taken out. Setting pump-not known if connected yet. Lot more labor bill to be coming. Hovey asked if standard pump or custom. Pres. thought custom.

**OTHER ITEMS:**

-Treas asked about trick or Treat, used to be that council set the time, not done this year, chamber set day and time without consulting council. Kelly spoke of how fast candy went, numbers very high. Even Veltman ran out and he had most candy of the businesses.

-Pres. spoke of WMRSDC, meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> with Kelly. Village has not planted trees. That was in our plans.

-Westover mentioned calling well company and waiting an extremely long time.

-Grinwis spoke of getting out to see Vet memorial. Meyer finally finished and he said it looks very nice.

-Ruth Postema sent a check for the flagpole. Kelly already paid for it. Keep it for memorial park?

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

Pres. Richards handed out resignation letter, effective January 1, 2022.

Pres. Richards adjourned meeting 7:55 pm

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katalin E. Kelly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "y" at the end.