

VILLAGE OF NEW ERA
Minutes of Meeting
September 10, 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, Fleury, Grinwis, Kelly, Sobers and VanSickle present. Also present Chief Strait and Officer Furman.

Minutes: Motion by Fessenden to accept the August minutes as presented; Grinwis support; Carried

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None – waiting for Stephen Carlson for hearing

STREETS/LIGHTS COMMITTEE:

-Grinwis and Fessenden met with Jim (Beckman) Spoke about Garfield water hole, tube from under the road has a fair amount of sand. It is still being flushed from down the hill. Swish it out in the main body. For the bank – silt fence from water up the bank and re-rod was suggested. Kelly pointed out the bank is not 45 degrees and would not be a good option. Grinwis said that Beckman said it would be the most economical answer. No price given.

-Lights are good.

-President stated he had a call from Wolting re: snowplowing. Extend contract 1 year? Motion by Grinwis to continue Wolting contract. VanSickle support; Carried.

(Stephen Carlson arrived) Open Public Hearing 7:08pm

Return to Village Meeting 7:11pm

POLICE:

-Strait stated a new crossing guard is working for village. Cathy Burmeister, lives in apts at Third and Garfield. Did a background check. There were 6 kids crossing, Burmeister has a granddaughter going to the school. Chief purchased a "good" stop sign. Lighted and says STOP, very visible for vehicles coming upon cross walk.

-Had a gun turned in (Mulder), a 22 and it will be melted down.

-VanSickle asked about a 2 pm gunfire she had heard. Sounded like and automatic, unknown where it came from. When called 911 was told there had been several other calls.

-Fleury asked when the blight ordinance will start being enforced. Effective Sept 3rd, 2020. President asked about house/garbage at the end of Meyers Ave (old Pranger house). Lots of garbage out by the road. Clerk relayed call from Lamblin and asking that village look at the old Robinson house back yard for trash/garbage.

PARKS/RECREATION: Nothing to report

FINANCE /ORDINANCES:

-Charter is requesting an extension to their franchise rights. Motion by Fleury to allow the Charter franchise in the village at 3% to continue. Kelly support; Carried.

-Regarding the house on Third Ray Ave up for tax sale. The village has to Waive the right for first claim. If we were to take on, would have to use for public purposes. Motion by Fleury to waive the right for claim of 2683 Ray Ave. Sobers Support; Carried 7-0.

-Clerk told of Kratos energy offering natural gas prices cheaper than DTE. VanSickle and President relayed bad experiences. Clerk told to cancel the change of natural gas provider.
-Future Land Use Plan. Resolution by Fleury to Adopt Future Land Use Plan. Seconded by Kelly. Roll 7-0. See additional page. Stephen Carlson explained the notices they would make. He needs copy of minutes.
-THANK YOU to Stephen Carlson for all his work on the Rec Plan and Land Use Plan. Started June 2019. Stephen congratulated the village.

INSURANCE/PRINTING/PUBLISHING: Nothing to report

SEWER: Nothing to report

OTHER ITEMS:

-Clerk read notice from Hart Township on hearing for ORV ordinance. October 13th.
-Treas. Noted that Monday is the last day for property tax payments.

Bills presented. Clerk noted the Trace Analytical is the highest ever, almost double the normal. Perhaps ask Wolting. Motion Fessenden to pay bills as presented. Grinwis support; Carried.

Pres. Richards adjourned meeting 7:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

**VILLAGE OF NEW ERA
COUNTY OF OCEANA, MICHIGAN
Resolution No. 2020-1
VILLAGE COUNCIL RESOLUTION TO ADOPT FUTURE LAND USE PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Michigan Planning Enabling Act (MPEA) authorizes the Village Council to prepare a future land use plan for the use, development and preservation of all lands in the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council prepared a proposed future land use plan with assistance from the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020 the Village Council reviewed the proposed future land use plan and authorized distribution of the proposed future land use plan to the Notice Group entities identified in the MPEA; and

WHEREAS, notice was provided to the Notice Group entities as provided in the MPEA; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council held a public hearing on September 10, 2020 to consider public comment on the proposed future land use plan, and to further review and comment on the proposed future land use plan; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council finds that the proposed plan, the Village of New Era Future Land Use Plan, is desirable and proper and furthers the use, preservation, and development goals and strategies of the Village;

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. **Adoption of the Village of New Era Future Land Use Plan, 2020.** The Village Council hereby approves and adopts the proposed Village of New Era Future Land Use Plan, 2020, including all of the chapters, figures, maps and tables contained therein.

2. **Distribution to Notice Group.** The Village Council approves distribution of the adopted plan to the Notice Group.

3. **Findings of Fact.** The Village Council has made the foregoing determination based on a review of existing land uses in the Village, a review of the future land use plan provisions and maps, input received from the public, and with the assistance of a professional planning group, and finds that the future land use plan will accurately reflect and implement the Village's goals and strategies for the use, preservation, and development of lands in the Village of New Era.

4. **Effective Date.** The Future Land Use Plan shall be effective as of the date of adoption of this resolution.

The foregoing resolution offered by Council Member Lisa Fleury

Second offered by Council Member Mark Kelly

Upon roll call vote the following voted:

"Aye": Trustees Fessenden, Fleury, Grinwis, Kelly, Sobers, VanSickle and Pres. Richards

"Nay": NONE

The President declared the resolution adopted.

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Natalie Kelly, Clerk

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Call to Order 7:08 pm.

Present: President Richards; Trustees Fessenden, Fleury, Grinwis, Kelly, Sobers and VanSickle; Treas. Pepple; Clerk Kelly; Chief Strait; Officer Furman; and Stephen Carlson-WMRSDC.

Pres. noted the hearing is for the Future Land Use Plan for the Village of New Era. The plan has been out for public viewing at the post office in New Era and Stephen Carlson said available at their website. Posted notice in paper in July for public to know they can contact clerk or see at these places.

No other individuals present to express comments. We can approve the plan in our meeting. The Rec Plan is for five years and that is the one used for funding. Master plan has no money issues/concern/availability attached to it. It does keep the community free of liability.

Stephen Carlson will present village council with a hard copy and loose leaf one. He will email a pdf file and word file.

End hearing 7:11 pm