

VILLAGE OF NEW ERA  
Minutes of Meeting  
September 9, 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, and VanSickle present. Trustee Sobers absent. Also present Chief Strait.

Minutes: Under Sewer, question of who Chuck is – He is the electrician who does the pumps. Motion by Kelly to accept the August minutes; Grinwis support; Carried

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

July AND August Financials presented. Motion by Fessenden to accept financials for both months. Kelly support; Carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

President noted that it must be posted about the issuance of the Wastewater permit. Give 30 days for response. No meeting required.

**STREETS/LIGHTS COMMITTEE:**

- Chief would like to get signs and many are in bad shape/condition. Noted that there was a dead deer by Burnette foods and Ben took care of it. Talk of the street signs (James & Seymour, 25 mph on Garfield not reflective at night).
- Question of who takes care of sidewalks. The store owners should be doing that. VanSickle noted the sidewalk in front of the Computer Refinery needs to be taken care of-cleaned.
- Engineering bill for the street not in. Streets look nice. Grinwis asked about new drains. Kelly asked about not paving by the intersection (Garfield and First). Hovey mentioned how county paved roads last year. This year they will seal coat. Will we do that? President stated it had not been done that way for us in the past. (Pave then seal coat the next year.)

**POLICE:**

- Kelly spoke of report. Aggressive dog has been taken care of. Many open doors. Police are checking at night.
- There is graffiti on the back of the Police Barn and Pavilion. Trailcam?

**PARKS/RECREATION:**

- Has there been contact RE: house on corner of Meyers (old Malda house)? No. Heard young couple bought it.
- Question if board of ~~review~~ <sup>appeals</sup> committee met with Prince yet. Not yet.

**FINANCE /ORDINANCES:**

- Question of State money, Pepple noted some has been direct deposited. Corona virus money, \$8K. She felt it was just a portion of the money.

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

**SEWER:**

- No word on the new pumps
- Only one complaint for new sewer rate.
- Wolting has help with Chuck (from CNC Electric) Chuck is the one who actually does the work.

-Hovey asked if the additional rate will bring sewer system into self support scenario- not really. Tends to need help from general fund. Then asked about late bills/unpaid ones. They are put on village taxes, once a year.

**OTHER ITEMS:**

- Treas noted that her computer keyboard is not working and she will have it fixed after taxes are done.
- Fessenden relayed speaking with Richard Rafelli about infrastructure grant money. Discussion of Townships and Village but does not look possible.
- Kelly mentioned last month land split action. He looked after meeting and had concerns to space/size. In the future need time to look over and not just act immediately. Reply was that Landis (owner to west of Dutcher) has 22' towards the "driveway".
- Kelly told of how the flag at the hall sticks to roof almost daily. Is it worth getting a flagpole? Ruth Postema takes care of flowers and had flag done. Kelly will get a flagpole and move forward.
- VanSickle noted that leaves are starting to fall. Any recourse for the dump site? The community Garden (by New Era Christian Reformed Church) has a pot for yard refuse. *Also asked about bins.*
- Noted that on the village website - it still shows Fleury and does not show Hovey.

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

Pres. Richards adjourned meeting 7:37 pm

Respectfully Submitted

*Natalie E. Kelly*