

VILLAGE OF NEW ERA
Minutes of Meeting
September 8, 2022

Meeting called to order by President Fessenden at 7:10 pm. (after hearing)

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

Roll: Pres Fessenden, Treas Peple, Clerk Kelly, Trustees Grinwis, Kelly and Sobers present. Trustees Bayer and VanSickle absent. Also present Chief Strait, Barb Fessenden, Ed Hovey, Tom Malda, Scott Meyers, Austin Cox.

Minutes: Motion by Kelly to accept minutes as presented. Grinwis; Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Motion by Sobers to accept the August financial report. Kelly support; Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

-Scott Meyers-Street Festival is coming along. Council approved spending \$2500 towards bills for festival, Meyers asked who to get bills to? Clerk. Township covered bounce house, and others. Pony rides would be around \$740. He will work on getting us bills. He then thanked the village for organizing the Veteran's Park. Is there water? Grinwis stated yes. He then noted that Ruth Postema has worked hard at the park with the greenery. Griwnis also spoke with Joel (Burnette Foods) and there is still a well there. Joel then told Grinwis to do the work, get Burnette Foods the bill. Once again noted that Ruth Postema and also Lynn VanSickle will spearhead the care of the plants and such. Meyers mentioned 3 trees going to be planted-Alan VanDuinen doing that step. Meyers then asked about the sign (south side of that park-taken down in accident). Kelly stated that he spoke to Windridge just today again and they stated it will be completed next week. Grinwis asked if someone knows a well person – Austin Cox said yes, he does. Grinwis asked for help and work on this together. Winterize well at same time as irrigation system later in fall.

STREETS/LIGHTS COMMITTEE:

-Grinwis spoke with striping company and when they stripe Oceana Drive north of village to M-20, they will stripe our portion of First St. Stripe with double yellow, removing the passing zone south of Garfield. Will need to remove the sign for Passing Zone.

-Chief noted that there was a big tree down the other night and thank you to Scott Meyers for helping with that big tree/lots of work.

-Grinwis asked about broken road on Second Street. Did not notice anything. Many people (Kelly, Peple, Fessenden) replied that it is on Second street right by end of the Bumstead driveway, northeast corner of Second and Blair.

-President received a call from a lady on Wolting that there is 30-40 feet of bad road. Did not see that it is specifically road. Need to look into. Believe that the lady is at the corner of Wolting and Redwood, southwest corner. Could perhaps be by the road, but not the road itself.

-Meyers asked about chip and seal with rubber. Could we/should we try it in the village? Appears to be really nice. It has been done north of village on Oceana Drive, north of Shelby on Oceana drive too. Very nice.

(Meyers left)

-Kelly asked if lights downtown have been taken care of, chief said no, not yet. But Meyers is back from vacation and will work on it. Chief had contacted Consumers Energy about the lights under their service.

-Noted that we need to look at what streets for work this year, or next year-this budget.

POLICE:

-Kelly relayed report. County report has more 911 calls than the village has.

-Chief stated that officers are updated on CPR, First Aid and AED. Question of battery replacement for AED. Waiting on Hart's chief to see about grant he applied for replacement coverage of batteries. See if they can/will get us one. AED is at Wesco and we get the battery, also need to get new/replacement pads.
-Kelly asked about chief taking bags from parking area by church. He has not but they are gone. Who hauled the wood chips? Unknown.

PARKS/RECREATION:

-Sobers the pavilion roof is complete and looks good.
-There was talk of railing along creek needing to be looked at. Chief and Kelly to do that.

FINANCE /ORDINANCES: Nothing to report

INSURANCE/PRINTING/PUBLISHING: Nothing to report

SEWER:

-Kelly stated that the report from Wolting shows 462K gals pumped.
-Mention by Pres that Wolting keeps saying he will retire. Asked him to give us notice ASAP. We will figure it out at that time.

OTHER ITEMS:

-Treas. noted that Weds. is the last day to pay taxes. There are still lots of unpaid bills.
-Sobers reported that they will be selling their home and will be moving out of New Era.
-Pres stated there has been inquiry of fire siren and the cost to maintain. Is there any reason other than tradition for it? No cost, Walhout has taken care of it.
-Talk of tree on Ridge between DuMont and VanGunst. Need to be looked at. Is it ours?
-Cheryl Durga called about a driveway, chief has taken care of that. Timmer will be building a house.
-Crystal McLouth reported there are fast cars by the big house on Elm (45 mph)-chief to look into/follow-up.
-Kelly noted two trees at Tim and Rene Priese home (northwest corner of Ray and Elm). They are bad, no growth. Don't want them to fall on power lines.
-Kelly also relayed a message from Hovey regarding more trees dead and leaning over power lines along Garfield. Don't want to lose power. Let's check out.

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

Pres noted that we need to proceed on the ORV Ordinance. Talk of a committee to get together and look over, discuss. Pres. and Kelly said they would be part of it.

Pres. Fessenden adjourned meeting 7:46 pm

Respectfully Submitted