

VILLAGE OF NEW ERA

Minutes of Meeting

July 9, 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, Ed Hovey and Emily Johnson.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Motion by Grinwis to accept the financial report as presented. Sobers support; Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

-Emily Johnson: RE:Tri County Feed Services parcel split.

Alex from A&A Survey did the work. Bought property from Larry Vanderwall. The portion off Elm would remain residential, the portion towards First St/Rail Trail would be industrial. Then would like to combine the industrial portion with the other parcel next to it. Leave the residential on its own. They have already cleared the area for building. Lots of trees are still on the land. Plan for 60' x 120'. Have the same architecture of the TCF drive through. This would be warehouse and office. Stovall Construction to do the work. Johnson told to go ahead and get the survey to council.

-Master Plan notice in the paper today. We are open for comments for 30 days. Post the notice on the website.

STREETS/LIGHTS COMMITTEE:

-Construction (First St) this month in theory. All lights seem to be working. Try to keep the drains open.

-The drain below the area for the Farmers Market-both ends of the culvert are crushed. Lots of watering being done by the church. Drain to the south has a pile of dirt near it. Then all the stuff in the woods. Seems to have created the problem themselves. What about the culvert under Garfield? Not sure. Need to check.

-Strait replaced the manhole cover behind the old Artisan. Kelly asked about the one on Garfield and the area just dug by Beckman. Have Beckman look at and see what they can do. Safety hazard.

-Posts for bicycles (at Depot and adjoining parking lot). There are posts at Ace Hardware.

-Fleury asked about the drain on Third St by VanderMey residence, hole getting bigger. Stone? Is there a bottom there?

POLICE:

-Chief reported a driver's license has been found. They had a Prayer night on the corner. Protestors the other night. Chief disposed of the leaves from parking lot by NERC. THANK YOU Roy!

PARKS/RECREATION: Master Plan in PO bldg, but that is not Rec.

FINANCE /ORDINANCES:

-There was a meeting with Strait, Richards, VanSickle and Kelly. Thoughts for a Blight Ordinance. Chief placed in doors of council members to look over. The Building permits are to be issued by County. #3 on ordinance prelim - growth of weeds and grass greater than 6". Fleury spoke of the tree debris being left in years. Kelly said that falls under brush. #7-Reference Village vs County. Fleury mentioned trees down from storm. Unisured? She would like trees listed in it. Are we ready to move ahead? Make changes? Lawyer to review. Then a public notice. Motion to move forward and present ordinance to lawyer by

Grinwis; support Fessenden. Carried. Move on to attorney. Ordinance #23 was when Plumhoff was here, 1968.

-Kelly noted that the ORV issues, four townships along the lake do not have an ordinance.

INSURANCE/PRINTING/PUBLISHING:

VanSickle asked about ORV, stating people do not know that we don't want it.

-Fireworks issue. Who has force over it? Certain days it can be and we cannot regulate.

SEWER: Nothing to report

OTHER ITEMS:

-Taxes are out and starting to come in.

-HHW flyers – clean sweep, August 15th, is set.

-There will be a virtual livestock auction since no county fair.

--VanSickle was asking about veterans park and stones, They have about 25 donors thus far for walkway stones. Need to clean up weeds.

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

Pres. Richards adjourned meeting 7:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted