

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
DeMotte Town Council
April 24, 2023**

In attendance were, Jeff Cambe, Mark Boer, Alana Bauman, Terry Schultz, Dale Eenigenburg, Cindy Shepherd, Town Manager Mike Cain, Administrative Assistant Tara Hernandez,

Town Council President Jeff Cambe called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Alana Bauman made a motion to approve the March 27, minutes. Dale Eenigenburg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Building Commissioner Kim Kendrick gave the building department report. Kim presented the council with the rezone request for Grace Fellowship Church to rezone their parcel from R1 to B2. Dale Eenigenburg made a motion to approve. Mark Boer seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Police Chief Tom Jarrette gave the police report. Tom reported that he has been working with Heather Tokarz on the grant. The deadline for the grant is May 9. Tom reported that he is in need of another part-time dispatcher. He has requested to hire Sarah Johnson for this position. Mark Boer made a motion to approve. Dale Eenigenburg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Tom introduced Addison Brown, the founder of Miles of Many Smiles. Addison is a freshman at KVHS. She has formed a charity organization that provides "smile bags" to police officers to help children that have been involved in traumatic situations. With donations from the community this organization assembles bags with goodies such as toys, a book, etc. for the police officers to give to the children. She has had the pleasure of delivering over 3,000 bags to 19 police departments in Indiana. Her mission is to continue spreading kindness and soon become a nonprofit organization.

Public Works Superintendent Dave Yurko gave the public works report. Dave reported that they got their uniforms ordered. They hope to have them soon. Dave also reported that his CDL license is soon to expire. He asked the council if they would like him to renew the license. The council agrees that it would be best for him to continue maintaining this license at this time.

Dave reported that he got his sewer jetter back, and it was \$2200 for the repairs. Dave also requested to purchase a sewer tapping machine from E.J. Prescott for \$2269.53. Terry Schultz made a motion to approve. Dale Eenigenburg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Dave reported that Carl VanKeppel approached him about Tim Schultz's property on 9th Ave NW & Dogwood St NW. Carl was inquiring about putting a septic system at the potential house. The property sits at the end of the road on Dogwood St NW. The house will be built a little over 300 ft from the property line. Dave reported the blueprints are showing the sewer main was finished and capped at the end of Dogwood St. without a manhole.

The Council referred Mr. VanKeppel to the town code:

6.2.4 *The owner of all houses, buildings, or properties used for human occupancy, employment, recreation or other purposes situated within the Town and abutting on any street, alley or right-of-way in which there is located a public sanitary or combined sewer of the Town, is required at his expense to install suitable toilet facilities therein, and to connect such facilities directly with the proper public sewer in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance, before occupancy or within one hundred eighty (180) days after date of official notice to do so, provided that said public sewer is within two hundred (200) feet of the property line.*

Dave will investigate more into the sewer main and obtain a quote for the manhole structure.

Street Department Superintendent Mike Orsburn gave the street report. Mike reported that spring cleanup was a success. They extended the program a few extra weeks due to the recent storms we had. Mike reported the Branch program will begin Monday May 1. This program will be held on the 1st Monday of the Month through September. However, due to Labor Day, the branch pick up will be on Tuesday, September 5. Mike also reported that on 8th Ave there is a patch of the road that needs to be repaired. He spoke with Street Commissioner Dale Eenigenburg about the repairs. Dale approved Mike to have Town and Country Paving restore 120'x 20' of road for \$7400.

Alana Bauman Park Commissioner gave the park report. Alana reported the Easter egg hunt went great. They had approximately 325 children attend. They were able to donate \$475 plus canned goods to the food pantry. On behalf of the park board Alana thanked New Millennium Mortgage for donating hot chocolate for the event. Alana also reported that Spencer Park pool is expected to be open Memorial Day weekend. Town Manager Mike Cain added that American Leak Detection will be coming back on May 4th to do another assessment of the pool.

Town Manager Mike Cain gave the town manager report. Mike reported that we received sealed bids for the restoration of the pavilion, Town Hall, bandshell and the train depot. Masterpiece Painters of Indiana had the lowest bids:

Exterior Town Hall - \$8,650

Bandshell – solid color on ceiling \$5,800 or semitransparent color \$6,200

Train Depot - \$5,100

The council decided they would like to keep the same look and choose the semitransparent color for the Bandshell. Mark Boer made a motion to approve all the restoration of these structures. Alana Bauman seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Mike presented the pay application:

TGB – pay app #11 – division C – \$102,127.00. Terry Schultz made a motion to approve. Dale Eenigenburg seconded the motion. Motion carried a 4-0 vote.

Attorney Luis Vallejo presented resolution 04242023-1. Mark Boer made a motion to approve. Dale Eenigenburg seconded the motion. Motion carried a 4-0 vote.

Luis informed the council that there will be a mediation held on Thursday, May 4th concerning the pending legal matters.

Chip Thompson from Abonmarche gave the engineering report. Chip reported Division B is almost complete. They are waiting on Grimmer to complete the grass restoration by Castongia's. Chip reported the Division C project is moving along. TGB remobilized on April 3 and have a small section of force main installed.

Citizen Request

County Commissioner Jeff DeYoung inquired about the status of the sewer agreement for Project Ribeye.

The Council informed Mr. DeYoung that our attorneys are working on the agreement at this time. They also stated that at a previous meeting, Mr. Schoon presented a brief presentation of Project Ribeye to only two of the council members who were in attendance. Town Council President Jeff Cambe stated that he had asked Mr. Schoon to coordinate with town hall to be added to the next Town Council agenda. He would then be able to give a formal presentation of Project Ribeye to the entire council. But this request was not followed through by Mr. Schoon.

Project Ribeye general manager, Deidra Dezelich made a formal request to be added to the agenda for the next Town Council meeting on Monday, May 22.

Terry Schultz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. and Dale Eenigenburg seconded the motion. The motion was carried with a 4-0 vote.



Town Council President



Administrative Assistant