

# Town Of DeMotte

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**DeMotte Town Council** May 28, 2024  
Minutes of Meeting: Board of Trustees

The DeMotte Town Council met in person on May 28, 2024, at 7:00 PM. In attendance was:

## Present

President, Jeff Cambe  
Vice President, Alana Bauman  
Trustee, Mark Boer  
Trustee, Dale Eenigenburg  
Trustee, Terry Schultz

Clerk Treasurer, Cindy Shepherd  
Town Manager, Mike Cain  
Deputy Clerk Treasurer, Tara Howard  
Attorney, Luis Vallejo

## Absent

Town Council President Jeff Cambe called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

## Minutes

Alana Bauman made a motion to approve the April 22, minutes. Dale Eenigenburg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

## Police Report

Police Chief Tom Jarrette gave the police report. Tom reported that the new guns for the department have arrived and will be distributed to the officers next week. The necessary paperwork is currently being completed to facilitate the return of the old firearms.

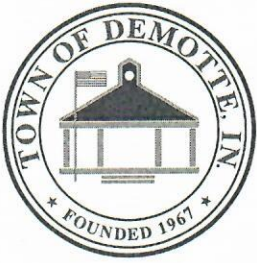
## Wastewater Report

Public Works Superintendent Dave provided the public works report. He noted the need to rebuild the lift station pump, which has been identified as obsolete. He presented the council with two options: rebuilding the pump for approximately \$6,000, which would also provide a backup, or installing new pipes and a new pump for \$32,000 as part of the rehabilitation at the Wastewater Treatment plant. Dave suggested discussing with Daryl the possibility of incorporating these costs into the wastewater plant upgrades.

Additionally, Dave informed the board that Reece Rowan, a public works laborer, has obtained a certification and requested a \$2.00 pay raise following the set pay schedule. Terry Schultz made a motion to approve giving Reece a \$2.00 raise. Dale Eenigenburg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Dave also reported on the impact of a recent storm that brought nearly 5 inches of rain, the most he has seen in a short period of time since his employment here. To manage the water flow, he attempted to back it up to Division Street to slow it down, but ultimately had to allow the wastewater treatment plant to handle the excess. This resulted in peak numbers due to the volume of water. Dave contacted IDEM to inform them of the situation, and they assured him that he had taken the appropriate action. Subsequent tests confirmed that everything is now in good condition.





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### **Street Report**

Street Department Superintendent Mike Orsburn presented the street report. Mike noted that the next branch pickup is scheduled for Monday, June 3.

Mike also addressed complaints about grass restoration on Almond Street. He obtained several quotes for the work:

- Countryside Landscaping can perform the reseeding for \$1,600, but not until the fall.
- Modern Edge will scalp and hydroseed the area for \$2,850.
- Lance's Lawncare quoted \$2,800 to kill the weeds, scalp the area, and overseed it again.

Mark Boer made a motion to approve Modern Edge to do the grass restoration on Almond St for \$2850. Dale Eenigenburg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Mike also reported that he obtained quotes from Town and Country for repairs to the alley between 9th & 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Carnation Street south of Division Street (entrance to Town Hall), and Spencer Park parking lot. The total for all three projects is \$25,415.50. He noted that he also received a quote from Site Services, which was triple the price. Terry Schultz made a motion to approve Town and Country to do the street repairs. Dale Eenigenburg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

### **Park Report**

Park Commissioner Alana Bauman gave the park report. Alana reported that Senior Day is scheduled for June 19 at the Keener Township Fire Department at 11 a.m. Tickets are available for \$7 each. Alana also thanked our engineering firm, Abonmarche Consultants, for their donation to Senior Day, which significantly helped this year.

### **Town Manager Report**

Town Manager Mike Cain presented the town manager's report to the council. Town Manager Mike Cain presented a quote from Masterpiece Painter's for \$3,600 for the preparation and restoration of the Street Department garage next to Town Hall, including replacing the front door. Mark Boer made a motion to approve Masterpiece Painter's to do the garage restoration. Alana Bauman seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

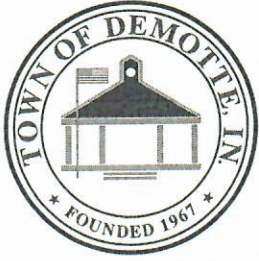
Mike also reported on a road closure north of the Kankakee River on 231 from June 10 through October 18. Additionally, he mentioned that NITCO has been working on the installation for the fiber optic project.

Mike presented to the council the bids for the Community Crossings grant:

- Town and Country: \$697,025
- Milestone: \$925,640

Dale Eenigenburg made a motion to approve Town and Country to do the restorations for the Community Crossings grant. Alana Bauman seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.





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Attorney Luis Vallejo read Ordinance 05282024-1 regarding the pool employees' salaries for the summer of 2024. Alana Bauman made a motion to approve the resolution. Dale Eenigenburg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Attorney Luis Vallejo also read Ordinance 05282024-2 regarding food trucks. Mark Boer made a motion to approve the resolution. Dale Eenigenburg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

### **Building Report**

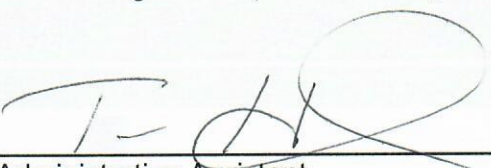
Building Commissioner Kim Kendrick gave the building department report. Kim reported that, per state legislation, floodplain administrators are required to complete FEMA training. Kim has completed the training and received her certification.

### **Citizen Comments**

Citizen Steven Shepherd, residing at 710 6th St SW, addressed the board with a complaint regarding the Peterson's subdivision development near his home. He expressed concern about the excessive dust being generated by the dump trucks. Despite contacting the owner of the construction crew, his requests to mitigate the dust have been ignored. Town Council President Jeff Cambe responded that the town would have its team communicate with the construction crew to address the issue as best as possible. However, he also explained that there are limitations to what can be done since the subdivision is in compliance with the necessary steps for the development.

Dale Eenigenburg made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. and Terry Schultz seconded the motion. The motion was carried with a 4-0 vote.

  
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Town Council President

  
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Administrative Assistant