

Town of Kiantone Board Meeting

November 5, 2015

7:00 pm Meeting Called to Order by Supervisor Kevin Myers

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Supervisor Kevin Myers, Councilman Josh Ostrander, Councilman Kurt Sturzenbecker, Councilwoman Valerie McDonald                      Late Arrival: Councilman Ron Johnson

Others Present: Highway Superintendent Rob Carlson, Town Clerk Gail Davis, Town Attorney Paul Webb, Kate Valvo, Bookkeeper.

Reading of Public Notice; with oral statement by Town Clerk advising of additional business of Cell Tower request by Supervisor Myers.

Presentation of October Meeting Minutes: Motion to Accept made by Kurt Sturzenbecker, Seconded by Josh Ostrander; Poll the Board: Josh Ostrander: Yes; Kurt Sturzenbecker: Yes; Valerie McDonald: Yes; Kevin Myers: Yes; Yea: 4 Nays: 0 Carried (Ron Johnson-Absent)

Monthly Reports: Monthly Reports for October from the Zoning Board; Code Enforcement Officer and the Town Clerk, along with Reports for the previous month from the Courts were provided to the Board.

Bills & Bills Paid After Audit: Motion to Accept made by Valerie McDonald, Seconded by Kurt Sturzenbecker; Poll the Board: Valerie McDonald: Yes; Kurt Sturzenbecker: Yes; Josh Ostrander: Yes; Kevin Myers: Yes; Yea: 4 Nays: 0 Carried (Ron Johnson-Absent)

Old Business: Cell Tower Application; Attorney Daniel Brennen of Woods Oviatt Gilman, LLP representing Blue Wireless, Don Carpenter, made a presentation to the Board and those present of the possibility of an alternative site for the cell tower, therefore requesting an adjournment until the next meeting of the Board. Questions and concerns of both the Board and the residents were addressed, after which the Board approved the adjournment.

New Business: Proposed Budget: after a review of the proposed budget with a budget total amount of \$325,951.00, which represents no change since last budget and is well within the tax cap, and after no representatives from the Fire Department were present as requested; Motion was made to Adopt Budget as presented by Supervisor Kevin Myers, Seconded by Kurt Sturzenbecker; Poll the Board: Josh Ostrander: Yes; Kurt Sturzenbecker: Yes; Ron Johnson: Yes; Valerie McDonald: Yes; Kevin Myers: Yes; Yea: 5 Nays 0 Carried

Later in the meeting, Fire Department Reps made themselves present and made their request for a proposed budget increase, which was denied as presented as the budget had been voted on and approved. Questions and concerns were addressed and answered; the matter of possible alternative funding being addressed and ultimately tabled for further review.

Topic of Insurance for Highway Superintendent Rob Carlson was addressed by the Board with input requested of Bookkeeper Kate Valvo regarding costs, it was stated that that it would be necessary to offer insurance to all full time employees if the town were to offer insurance to the Highway

Superintendent, which would put the Town well over the tax cap; it was decided that this matter be tabled for now.

Supervisor Kevin Myers would like for Eagle Scout Jared Sanfilippo to be recognized in some fashion for his organization and hard work that was performed at the Cemetery this past summer and asked Town Clerk Gail Davis to investigate options.

Supervisor Kevin Myers addressed the room as to the results of the Sheriff's investigation involving the maintenance and programming of town computers; costs involved and payments for said services, as well as addressing the reputability and whereabouts of the individual that provided the services which were arranged by the previous town clerk, stating that as the Budget Officer of the Town, it is his duty to look out for the best interests of the taxpayers. After his presentation of the results, with comments from the floor being addressed, and support being shown of the Board Members to Supervisor Myers, Supervisor Kevin Myers stated that although the investigation into the past clerks receipts continues, as well as involvement of the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC), he is hopeful that with his presentation of these investigation findings, that the Town can move on from this topic and focus on other matters.

Supervisor Myers then asked the Board if there was any other business at which time Councilman Ostrander requested that respects be made to the recent widow of Bruce Ferrar, which it was decided that a sympathy card would be sent on behalf of the Board, however, with direction from Attorney Webb, it was made known that any gifts have to be made individually to avoid allegations of impropriety of gifting public funds.

Councilman Ostrander also presented to the board the concerns of a resident of Foote Avenue regarding loud noise at unreasonable hours, as well as the lighting of local businesses being too bright. It was decided that this matter be brought to the attention of Code Enforcement Officer Melanie Eddy in regards to possible noise and/or lighting ordinance.

Also addressed were resident concerns regarding abandoned properties, which were not being maintained, along with concerns of the properties becoming targets of vandals, and questions regarding the possibility of investigating and locating the owners and pursuing action regarding maintaining the property were heard by the Board, with the decision being made that the concerns will be presented to Code Enforcement Officer Melanie Eddy.

With no further business to come before the Board, a Motion to Adjourn was made to Adjourn by Valerie McDonald, Seconded Poll the Board: Josh Ostrander: Yes; Kurt Sturzenbecker: Yes; Ron Johnson: Yes; Valerie McDonald: Yes; Kevin Myers: Yes Yea: 5 Nays 0

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 pm

Next Board Meeting: December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

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Gail Davis, Town Clerk  
Town of Kiantone

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