

Town of Kiantone Board Meeting

October 1, 2015

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Reading of Public Notice

Motion of Special Meeting: Poll the Board: Councilman Josh Ostrander-Yes, Councilman Ronald Johnson- Yes, Councilman Kurt Sturzenbecker- Yes, Councilwomen Valerie McDonald- Yes, Supervisor Kevin Myers Yes

Motion to pay the bills after Audit: Poll the Board: Councilman Josh Ostrander- Yes, Councilman Kurt Sturzenbeker-Yes, Councilman Ron Johnson –Yes, Councilwoman Valerie McDonald-Yes, Supervisor Kevin Meyer- Yes

Old Business: Cell Tower Postponed till Next Month

Supervisor Kevin Myers states that this matter has been postponed per request of applicant.

Attorney Paul Webb stated that the Applicant is investigating a possible alternative site, if an alternative site is chosen an amendment of application will be necessary, report to county planning board, report back to us, hard to address with not enough information, addressing the matter in November could be a stretch.

Resident Bart Schuver voiced his opinion and questions regarding a possible alternative site being behind “Kwik Fill”, another possible site that he will not divulge. Questions regarding drop zones, what the commercial setting is in the Town re: rezoning 500 feet from the state property. It was suggested that he be put him in touch with Melonie Eddy. Mr. Schuver stated he was looking as to what may be best for the community in regards to tower placement. Question regarding the zoning setback requirements, fallzone, property lines etc. Attorney Paul Webb explained that public utility has more “freedom” regarding zoning. Drop zone is in ordinance that must be in compliance of statutes. Copy of ordinance was offered by Atty. Webb.

Attorney Webb stated that if a new location is presented by the cell tower company, the amendment would have to be made to application, no new application fee would be necessary. As far as sending in and getting reports back in essence would be a new public meeting. Councilwoman Valerie McDonald stated her concern of the length of time this may take to bring this matter to conclusion.

Clarification of Atty. Webb. Current application for original site has not been withdrawn.

Resident Eugene Carlson stated his concern that he believes that the current proposed location is a “brown field” and DEC should be contacted.

## Old Business:

Parking light lighting; Rob Carlson reported on supplies needed: electrical pole, wiring, electrical box, photocell with on/off switch, Total \$299.50, depends on lighting, if we go with existing style of light cost could be \$180.00 - \$280.00, LED photo cell \$139.00 Est. Cost \$480-\$580, tap into current power source. Located on other side of parking light by white barn, same spacing for future lot expansion. Councilwomen Valerie McDonald voiced concern of brightness of lighting; and disturbing the neighbors.

Discussion: The lighting would be special events lighting, i.e. Election Night, and can be shut off at the pole. Concerns of LED cost effectiveness vs. other types of lighting voiced by Councilwoman Valerie McDonald; Concern of brightness; it was stated that the LED lighting can be filtered to control brightness. Motion to proceed with the project prior to first of the year so that lighting can be in place for election night: Poll the Board: Councilman Josh Ostrander YES; Councilman Kurt Sturzenecker YES; Supervisor Kevin Myers YES; Councilman Ron Johnson YES; Councilwoman Valerie McDonald YES

## Motion Moved

ProStar: Supervisor Kevin Myers stated that there is some concern re: Ambet style energy providers, suggested that the Board give it a year, inquire of other municipalities as to service and savings, then revisit the topic. Agreement by the Board.

Handicap Ramp: Supervisor Kevin Myers stated he had met with Jamestown Awning, acknowledges that they are not the cheapest, but most knowledgeable. Stated that cost would be over \$5,000.00 the way it sits, as building renovations would have to take place. Opinion that having ramp descent straight out the door and head toward handi-cap parking to leave ramp and parking as is. To avoid changing the building. Kevin Myers presented a suggested alternative provided by Jamestown Awning of an aluminum ramp; no price on the aluminum ramp. Standard cover going straight out, build a roof and install drop down sides. Councilwoman Valerie McDonald voiced concern regarding custom building of an aluminum ramp, as well as the safety as it may be slippery and concerns of the grade necessary. Supervisor Myers suggested possible request of donations of monies for project, review requirements for grading, possibility of the handicap parking. Councilwomen Valerie McDonald voiced her opinion that she would like to continue with this project and get it accomplished. Supervisor Kevin Myers to meet with Mel Eddy. Investigation of grade and other concerns and options.

## New Business:

Proposed Budget: Supervisor Kevin Myers expressed thanks to Bookkeeper Kate Valvo and Superintendent Rob Carlson for their work into this. Kate Valvo stated that this years proposed budget, dollar wise is within \$250.00 of last year's budget.

\$325,951.00. Kate Valvo stated that the total town assessment has gone up, not raising taxes by much;

Supervisor Kevin Myers stated that Kiantone is along the lines of other municipalities in comparable size as to the budget costs in regards to the amount budgeted for the Fire Department, chose to remain the same.

Page review: Highlights by Kate as to significant changes. Revenue side no huge changes for General Fund.

Justice Clerk \$9.09 hr; \$10.50 hr. 30 hours

Justices \$ 30 hours each

.4 justice's supplies, significantly higher. Itemized list of, Tax Collection-\$1500.00 (asked for) Kate believes it may include computer work which was budgeted last year but would not be needed this year. Mark continues to deal with Corrections of NYS. Mark absent from meeting due to family obligation.

Williamson Law: Kate Valvo stated that funds had been budgeted to allow for the updating and annual service of the Clerk's computer system. Stated that in order for the Town to be cohesive with other area Clerk's offices this is a needed computer program. Service to begin before the New Year.

Personal Service: Bump Becky up \$9.00.

Town wants to take over the mowing for community building, cemetery

.4 account refuse and trash tacked on; \$590.00 buffer built in for Casele's

Retirement bumped up Rob joined in. Highway revenue side "same:

Highway expense: General Repairs/Snow Removal Bill: \$12.75 Part-time to Full-time to begin next year. Dick is going to retire in October. Status Qua, employee share of taxes so sum went up.

Sewer Page: expenses and income equaled each other, the sewer bills are not getting paid, expense \$6800.00; Income \$3450.00. Supervisor Kevin Myers stated that the bills which are not being paid will need to be looked into.

Question VM Rob's "aged up" 28, health insurance. Research needs to be done, on the record that we need to change the insurance matter. Rob Carlson will look into it as well. We do not have to provide insurance by NYS Law. Will have to Employee Benefits column in budget. Discussion to look at the exchange or local municipalities, or the Chamber of Commerce. Rob to contact other municipalities.

KM: Any questions:

Equipment Needs presented by Rob Carlson

Mowing: If the town did get a mower, a trailer, cemetery, community building and shop, split the cost of equipment from 4 budget lines to save money, Looking into the future to take over the Donelson Road, Preliminary numbers on zeroturn Mower & Trailer KS: Hours a week put on equipment , response 6 maybe at most, , Zeroturns will work in the cemetery. Rob Carlson Joint Power alliance \$7058.85 gas John Deere 925 25 horse: \$8642.48, again split between 4 different area: Councilwoman Valerie McDonald question on warranty -response 3 years.

Rob offers to get different prices, believes \$1400.00 community building and cemetery 5/6 years to pay off the mower. Kate states

Councilwomen Valerie McDonald asked that 2/3 more quotes be pursued.

\$1500.00 Justices for caseload. Will not affect budget. Supervisor Kevin Myers states the addition of work load warrants this addition.

Resolution may be needed. Any other questions; it was agreed that the Board could not go further without Fire Budget. \$105,000.00; Supervisor Kevin Myer looking for contract, tentative budget presented in October, Budget was presented in August. Councilman Josh Ostrander voiced that he has questions regarding lines in the Departments budget and would like to have Fire Department representatives present for questions; Councilwomen Valerie McDonald stated she also has questions regarding monies requested for roof repairs at the Fire Department. Supervisor Kevin Myers stated budget needs to be adopted by preliminary next month, final adoption by December. Supervisor Kevin Myers suggested that an invitation be extended to the Fire Department to come in to speak to the Board. Councilwoman Valerie McDonald discussed possible grant \$65,000.00 in 09/10 for new radios, and questioned the status of such equipment. It was concluded by the board that answers were needed. Further discussion regarding the roof repair. It was decided that Bookkeeper Kate Valvo to email, invite them next month.

Justice Court Resolution for Grant: Need a certified copy of resolution. Josh Ostrander read to the Board a letter prepared by Justice Mindy Ostrander requesting the Board pass a resolution permitting the Court to pursue grant money for needed equipment. Letter and list of requested equipment is available for review at the Town Clerk's office. Discussion ensued regarding whether there is a safe, which had been purchased some years ago through a grant for the Courts use is in fact in the Town Hall's Attic. Rob Carlson stated that he believes that it is in fact in the attic and believes that a bracket can be made to allow it to be made secure as Councilwomen Valerie McDonald stated that she believes is necessary to be in compliance.

Councilwoman Valerie McDonald makes a resolution allow Mindy to prepare the application necessary to pursue the grant monies. Poll the Board: Councilman Josh Ostrander-abstained, Councilman Kurt Sturzenbecker-yes, Councilman Ron Johnson-yes, Councilwoman Valerie McDonald-Yes, Supervisor Kevin Myers-yes. Board Approval for resolution.

Supervisor Kevin Myers opens the floor to those present:

Resident Joan Spontano, revisited the topic of OSC matter to which Supervisor Kevin Myers insists that this matter will not be continued to be covered each month, stating that he will cover this matter this one time; at which Attorney Paul Webb advised KM to not address; to allow the resident to have her say, but not to respond to further questions regarding OSC matter. Question presented regarding petitions to which Councilwoman Valerie McDonald stated that the petitions were received and in fact were present. Again Attorney Paul Webb advises Supervisor Kevin Myers not to respond to further question regarding OSC matter.

Resident Mel Hutley, requesting a receipt for funds paid to Attorney Paul Webb from her attorney. Supervisor Kevin Myers stated that it will be on the record and inquired of Bookkeeper Kate Valco if check has been received to which she stated "yes, just this evening". Supervisor Kevin Myers stated that a receipt would be forthcoming. Resident Mel Hutley made a comment on the Williamson Law Clerks computer program, saying that the Town had stopped utilizing support in 2012 and began utilizing quickbooks. Further comments from Ms. Hutley regarding Town Clerk files from previous years, stating that all files are in the office, and that nothing had been deleted from the computer by her. It was again stated that it will be placed on the record that a receipt for monies paid by Ms. Hutley will be provided.

Supervisor Kevin Myers then asked the floor if there was any other comments, as there were none, Councilwoman Valerie McDonald made the motion to close the meeting; Supervisor Kevin Myers Seconded. Poll the Board: Councilman Josh Ostrander-Yes, Councilman Kurt Sturzenbecker-Yes, Councilman Ron Johnson-Yes, Supervisor Kevin Myers-Yes. Motion Passed. Meeting Adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Gail W. Davis, Town Clerk  
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