

Town of Kiantone Board Meeting

December 10, 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, Councilman Ron Johnson, Councilwoman Valerie McDonald

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

Reading of Public Notice

Presentation of November Meeting Minutes: Motion to Accept made by Valerie McDonald, 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

Monthly Reports: Court Reports, Clerk's Report of Monies Received and Distributed, Clerk's Timesheet, Code Enforcement Officer; report from Pick of the Litter.

Bills & Bills Paid After Audit: Motion to Accept made by Valerie McDonald, Seconded by Josh Ostrander; Poll the Board: Kurt Sturzenbecker: Yes; Ron Johnson: Yes; Josh Ostrander: Yes; Valerie McDonald: Yes; Kevin Myers: Yes; Yea: 5 Nays: 0 Carried

Kevin Myers announced change in order of business to allow presentation by Upstate Tower, present Dan Brennan, Attorney, Don Carpenter and Eric Wong, Radio Frequency Engineer. It was stated that after considering 19/20 possible sites in the current site zone, Upstate Tower has determined that there are no other suitable sites in the Town of Kiantone according to their radio frequency study. Attorney Dan Brennan cited court cases with rulings in favor of cell towers being erected. Don Carpenter presented explanation of areas investigated and feels Upstate Tower did best investigation for alternative sites. Coverage Gap information was presented as further explanation as to current site choice location. Town Board Members were presented with documentation. Town Board Members voiced further questions and concerns including hiring an independent engineer to provide a report on the documentation and site choice. Supervisor Kevin Myers requested funding from Upstate Tower to allow the hiring of an independent engineer to conduct a study, which Mr. Brennan reiterated that they feel that they have done all that has been necessary. Councilwoman Valerie McDonald expressed her concerns in not having time to review the documentation just presented to the Board. Councilman Josh Ostrander expressed concerns not having the Town's own study. Further concerns and questions presented by both the Board and local residents, one resident presented concerns of the number of variance requests pertaining to the selected site. It was stated that Blue Wireless is satisfied with original site and asking for approval. Board to continue research. Mr. Brennan again presented the Federal Mandated "Shock Clock" of 150 days from original application, to which Town Attorney Paul Webb rebutted. It was determined that the Town would indeed need to investigate this matter further for the best interest of the town residents.

Supervisor Myers then opened to the floor for questions and comments, several residents voiced their concern. Mr. Burt Shuver, land owner that had been in talks with Blue Wireless regarding the placement of the tower on his property added comments regarding financial matters with Blue Wireless; the aesthetics of the tower, how although he doesn't live in the town, that the tower still affects people and that he hasn't "closed the door" to Blue Wireless. Question was also raised about the possibility of placement on telephone poles. Response from "Eric" that this could work if proper height and if poles can hold equipment.

Old Business: Transfer Station Costs and Stickers. Kevin Myers presented the Board with a spreadsheet detailing the cost of operation for the transfer station. Discussion regarding cost cutting efforts in the area of changing the hours at the transfer station, tracking the sale of transfer station stickers and the Board to evaluate after the current year. Motion Made to Reduce Transfer Station Hours made by Kurt Sturzenbecker, Seconded by Josh Ostrander, Poll the Board: Valerie McDonald: Yes; Ron Johnson: Yes, Josh Ostrander: Yes, Kurt Sturzenbecker: Yes, Kevin Myers: Yes. Yea: 5, Nays 0 Motion Approved

Regarding the transfer station stickers, with Valerie McDonald suggesting that the residents pay \$25.00 for two stickers right up front, rather than the current policy of buying one ticket for \$20.00 and additional tickets for \$5.00 each. With residents getting two stickers with the same number for more efficient tracking of transfer station usage, Motion Made by Valerie McDonald, 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

Town Clerk to prepare postcards for residents to notify them of the policy changes made by the Board regarding the transfer station.

New Business:

Delinquent Sewer Maintenance Charge Payments/Tax Levy Spreadsheet was presented to the Board by the Town Clerk. Motion made by Kurt Sturzenbecker, Seconded by Valerie McDonald to levy the taxes of those delinquent in sewer maintenance charge payments. Poll the Board: Josh Ostrander: Yes, Kurt Sturzenbecker: Yes, Ron Johnson: Yes, Valerie McDonald: Yes, Kevin Myers: Yes. Yea: 5; Nays 0 Carried

Dog Warden Matt Abbey presented NYS Report and Findings. Discussion regarding current dog licensing and fine practices.

Currently Town Law states licenses for dogs are to be issued for 3 years at the cost of \$10.50. Town Clerk Gail Davis stated that she will begin to renew for 3 years and to collect late fees as the town law states.

Valerie McDonald voiced idea of providing new resident town information packets which would include website information, dog licensing information, etc.

Board Meeting Adjourned 9:07 pm

Move to Executive Session, Motion Made by Valerie McDonald, Seconded by Ron Johnson, Poll the Board: Josh Ostrander: Yes; Kurt Sturzenbecker: Yes, Valerie McDonald: Yes, Ron Johnson: Yes, Kevin Myers: Yes, Yea: 5; Nays 0 Motion Carried

Executive Session Adjourned at 9:37pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Gail Davis, Town Clerk, Town of Kiantone

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