

Presiding: Kevin Myers, Supervisor

Present: Joshua Ostrander, Councilman
Kurt Sturzenbecker, Councilman
Ron Johnson, Councilman
Valerie McDonald, Councilwoman

Also Present: Robert Carlson, Highway Superintendent, Paul Webb, Jr., Town Attorney, Kate Valvo, Bookkeeper, Melanie Eddy, CEO, Mark Marchincin & Tami Clement, Zoning Board Members, Gail Davis, Town Clerk,

Supervisor Myers opened the meeting at 7:00pm with the recital of the Pledge to the Flag.

Motion to Approve March, 2016 Board Minutes made by Kurt Sturzenbecker, Seconded by Ron Johnson, Poll the Board: Josh Ostrander: Yes, Valerie McDonald: Yes, Ron Johnson: Yes, Kurt Sturzenbecker: Yes, Kevin Myers: Yes Yea: 5 Nay: 0 Motion Approved

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

Review of Monthly Reports.

Melanie Eddy, Code Enforcement Officer presented to the Board to possibly consider new town law requiring any new single family dwelling be required to have water under pressure system, which would take the responsibility to enforce from the Town to the County. County has designed a less elaborate system than the "English System", directed more toward Amish building. Melanie Eddy states that she currently requires a "privy" permit, as well as requiring stamped building drawings and smoke detectors from all new builds by the Amish. Melanie Eddy believes that if the Town adopts this change, it will prevent future problems in regards to waste disposal methods; smell and neighbor issues regarding this issue. Kevin Myers asked if a new purchase of a property has current septic system if purchaser is required to utilize it, Melanie Eddy responded "Not currently". Melanie Eddy stated that a neighboring town has adopted this measure. Melanie Eddy was asked to please draft a proposal and to provide it to Paul Webb, along with information from the neighboring town law.

A resident in attendance approached Melanie Eddy with the issue of abandoned homes in the Town, and asked what, if anything can be done. Melanie explained that unless the owner can be located, the "town's hands are tied", this includes if the property is owned by a bank. Melanie asked the resident to please provide her with the information for the particular property he was speaking of and she would gladly look into it.

Discussion among the Board regarding a possible public hearing to limit the number of sawmills that can be located in the Town of Kiantone, with some concern of burning taking place. It was discussed that sawmills fall under the State DEC Agricultural Law which allows an exemption for Agricultural Burning.

Highway Superintendent Robby Carlson provided an update to the Board of the purchase of the new mower; the suggestion of allocating the payment to the accounts of the areas of use i.e. Community Building, Cemetery, Transfer Station and Highway Department was made by Bookkeeper Kate Valvo, with agreement from the Board that this would be a fair allocation of the expense.

Highway Superintendent Robby Carlson brought update on the construction of a covered handicap ramp; he is to provide ADA Drawing, estimates, etc. and looking at October for completion.

Robby Carlson also brought before the Board the desire to attend Highway School, at the same commitment of time (2 nights), and cost as in the past. Motion was made by Valerie McDonald that Robby Carlson be permitted to attend Highway School with the Town to provide payment thereof. Seconded by Kevin Myers. Poll the Board: Josh Ostrander: Yes, Kurt Sturzenbecker: Yes, Ron Johnson: Yes, Valerie McDonald: Yes, Kevin Myers: Yes Yea: 5 Nay: 0 Motion Approved.

Highway Superintendent presented the County Bids for the cost of oils, gas and blacktop. Motion to Accept was made by Ron Johnson, Seconded by Kurt Sturzenbecker, Poll the Board: Valerie McDonald: Yes, Josh Ostrander: Yes, Kurt Sturzenbecker: Yes, Ron Johnson: Yes, Kevin Myers: Yes Yea: 5 Nay: 0 Motion Accepted.

Supervisor Kevin Myers presented to the Board for approval the Mediation Agreement regarding the cell tower matter. Paul Webb explaining that Mediation is a requirement, the Town has to do it as part of the Federal Rules of Law as written. Motion to Accept was made by Kevin Myers, Seconded by Ron Johnson, Poll the Board: Josh Ostrander: Yes, Kurt Sturzenbecker: Yes, Valerie McDonald: Yes, Ron Johnson: Yes, Kevin Myers: Yes Yea: 5 Nay: 0 Motion Approved.

Supervisor Kevin Myers opened discussion regarding possible changes to any future consultation agreements with the cost amount being set. With the input of Mark Marchincin and Tami Clemant from the Zoning Board giving suggestions, Kurt Sturzenbecker suggested that it be stated that applicant should cover any/all costs, which Paul Webb explained that a "blanket provision" would not "fly". Comment was made regarding "protecting assets vs. business friendly" and that the Town must be "economically sensible".

Supervisor Kevin Myers presented the Contract for Court Security, maximum sum not to exceed \$6,500.00. Discussion regarding the need of continued safety of the Justices and staff. Motion to Approve made by Valerie McDonald, Seconded by Ron Johnson, Poll the Board: Kurt Sturzenbecker: Yes, Josh Ostrander: Yes, Ron Johnson: Yes, Valerie McDonald: Yes, Kevin Myers: Yes Yea: 5 Nay: 0 Motion Accepted.

Kate Valvo stated that the Sewer Maintenance Tax Levy Matter has been concluded with the last checks being sent to one property owner and to the County for repayment.

Town Clerk Gail Davis stated that the year to date total for the transfer station stickers sold is \$5,900.00. Discussion among the Board regarding the fact that these are year round residents buying the stickers, and not the seasonal residents which stay at Hidden Valley. Discussion regarding the possible need to purchase more stickers.

Kevin Myers then opened the meeting up to the floor.

With no further business to come before the Board, Kevin Myers moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Valerie McDonald, Poll the Board: Josh Ostrander: Yes, Kurt Sturzenbecker: Yes, Ron Johnson: Yes, Valerie McDonald: Yes, Kevin Myers: Yes Yea: 5 Nay: 0

Meeting Adjourned

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, May 12, 2016

Respectfully Submitted:

Gail Davis, Town Clerk

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