

Presiding: Kevin Myers, Supervisor

Present:

- Josh Ostrander, Councilman
- Kurt Sturzenbecker, Councilman
- Ron Johnson, Councilman
- Valerie McDonald, Councilwomen

Also Present: Robert Carlson, Highway Superintendent, Gail Davis, Town Clerk, Kate Valvo, Bookkeeper

Absent: Paul Webb, Jr., Town Attorney

Supervisor Kevin Myers called the Special Meeting to discuss the adoption of resolution to change title of animal control officer to dog warden to Order at 7:00pm with the recital of the Pledge to the Flag

Motion to adopt resolution was made by Kevin Myers, Seconded by Ron Johnson,  
Poll the Board: Yea: 5 Nay: 0 Motion Approved.

Regular Board Meeting Called to Order at 7:15pm

Motion to Approve September, 2016 Board Minutes made by Councilman Kurt Sturzenbecker, Seconded by Councilman Josh Ostrander,  
Poll the Board: Yea: 5 Nay: 0 Motion Approved

Motion to Approve Bills & Bills Paid After Audit made by Councilwoman Valerie McDonald, Seconded by Councilman Ron Johnson  
Poll the Board: Yea: 5 Nay: 0 Motion Approved

Review of Monthly Reports:

Courts Reports: Judge Gerace, Justice Ostrander, Justice Theirfeldt;  
Clerk Davis stated that bank reconciliation reports will not be available for review due to the bank statements just having been received in the mail that day.

Clerks Reports: Moneys Received, Timesheet & YTD Transfer Station Stickers

Supervisor Myers asked that the courts reports be provided to the Board prior to the meeting for review if available. Clerk Davis assented.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution to Adopt South Avenue as a Town Road, presented by Highway Superintendent Rob Carlson, explaining that half of South Avenue is a Town Road, half is in the city; the Town has maintained it for years. The resolution would permit for funding for half the road to be received by the Town.

Motion made to adopt resolution to accept South Avenue as a Town Road made by Supervisor Kevin Myers, Seconded by Councilwomen Valerie McDonald,  
Poll the Board:                      Yea: 5      Nay: 0      Resolution Adopted.

Highway Superintendent Carlson to forward Resolution to the State.

2017 Fire Department Budget Request, presented by President Jim Nelson, with much discussion regarding funding being down and the Fire Department requesting an increase in budget. President Nelson shared some of the Departments efforts to controlling costs/spending i.e. closing of Kiantone Road Station #2, thus not having utility costs, all trucks are now housed at the main Department; as well as downsizing the fleet by one truck, which does not less coverage. Question was presented to President Nelson as to Fundraising efforts, which the Department conducts weekly Bingo and Games of Chance, which are advertised on the Departments Facebook Page, as well as local publications, The Post Journal, Penny Saver, Gazette and Chaut. Star. Other efforts are the funding mailings that are sent out to area residents, without much response. Suggestions were made to conduct boot drives, with Town Clerk Davis volunteering to wear the Sparky costume. Discussion regarding the coverage provided by the Fire Department, cost of "turn out gear" for interior firefighters, etc. Discussion regarding the possibility of re-implementation of a Jr. Firefighter Group, however the cost of insurance is a current deterrent. Discussion regarding the utility costs, age of equipment. It was stated that the Fire Department responded to between 225-250 calls this year, 90% EMS. After the Fire Department presentation was concluded, Kevin Myers asked if those in attendance for the Fire Department had anything to share/add as the Board wants open discussion regarding the budget with the Department; after which those in attendance departed.

Board discussion continued with comment from Councilman Ostrander stating that he feels that the Department as made good efforts in tightening their belts. After much discussion among the Board, it was proposed to budget \$105,000.00, or a 5% increase to the Fire Department Funding. Town will continue providing plowing, fuel and maintenance as in previous years.

Discussion regarding providing health insurance for the Highway Department, with coverage information being provided by Bookkeeper Kate Valvo which provided prescription coverage, higher deductible rates, which there was discussion that most individuals pay more often for prescriptions than they do for other medical costs. Supervisor Myers to get together with Highway Superintendent Carlson and Highway Department Employees to discuss.

Budget Discussions to Continue prior to final adoption.

Due to the lengthy budget discussions, Supervisor Myers moved to table agenda topics of Community Building Security and removal of voting machines with full Board agreement.

Motion to Adjourn made by Supervisor Myers, Seconded by Councilman Josh Ostrander  
Poll the Board:                      Yeas: \_\_\_5      Nay: 0

Motion to Adjourn approved at 9:15pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Davis, Town Clerk  
Town of Kiantone

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