

Town of Kiantone Town Board Meeting: November 2017

Presiding: Kevin Myers, Supervisor  
Present: Joshua Ostrander, Councilman  
Kurt Sturzenbecker, Councilman  
Valerie McDonald, Councilwomen  
Ron Johnson, Councilman

Also Present: Robert Carlson, Highway Superintendent, Kate Valvo, Bookkeeper, Paul Webb, Jr., Town Attorney, Gail Davis, Town Clerk; Tax Collector, Mark Marchincin

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Myers at 7:00 pm with the recital of the Pledge to the Flag  
Legal Notice was read by Clerk Davis

Review of Minutes: Motion to Accept made by Ron Johnson, Seconded by Valerie McDonald:  
Poll the Board: Yah: 5 No: 0 Accepted

Review of Bills & Bills Paid after Audit: Motion to Accept and to Pay made by Kurt Sturzenbecker,  
Seconded by Josh Ostrander: Poll the Board: Yah: 5 No: 0 Accepted

Review of Reports:

Court Reports: Reviewed and Approved

CEO Report: Reviewed and Approved

Clerks Report of Monies Received and Distributed: Reviewed and Approved

Clerks Time Sheet: Accepted.

Old Business:

- 2018 Budget: Discussions continued; Tax Collector Mark Marchincin presented the Board with his spreadsheet of his invested time outside of collection hours at the office, which offered the Board clarification and allowed for the Tax Collection amount in the budget be restored. The Kiantone Independent Fire Department presented Board with budget request, much discussion between the Board and Fire Department Representatives present regarding fund raising efforts, opportunities and suggestions for such. Kurt Sturzenbecker asked if the Fire Department has tried to write an informational letter to the community outlining their needs, as well as other fundraising ideas being suggested. Josh Ostrander suggested that the Board consider an "extended contract" perhaps for 3 years at set increase percentages (example year 1: 3%, year 2: 3% with option to revisit year 3: 2%), which would provide an opportunity to forecast future budgets and minimize the necessity for annual discussions and a "Bulk" tax increase on the community; further input was given and the Board to discuss this possibility further at a later time. After much discussion and review, motion was made by Kurt Sturzenbecker to approve the Fire Department Budget line at \$108,150, a 3% increase, Seconded by Josh Ostrander, Poll the Board: Yah: 5 Nay: 0, Fire Department Budget Line approved at \$108,105. Motion made by Kevin Myers to accept the 2018 Town Budget at \$326,983.00, Seconded by Ron Johnson, Poll the Board: Yah: 5 Nay: 0.

New Business:

- DEC Request to inspect Town Transfer Station Property: Kevin Myers brought to attention of Town's legal counsel and asked if anyway the Town can decline; with Paul Webb stating no but that He (Paul) to contact on Town's behalf and to investigate further.
- Census: Appointment of Liaison; Discussion regarding the possibility of appointing Assessor Kevin Okerlund as the Town's Liaison concerning the Census, Kurt Sturzenbecker requested that further information regarding the possible cost to do so be gathered-topic tabled until December Meeting.
- Proposal from 360 Graphics re: Transfer Station Permit Stickers: Approval to contract with 360 Graphics for the stickers at the cost of \$243.75.
- Proposal from 360 Graphics re: Window "frosting": Board requested that further information be gathered regarding possibility of horizontal blinds installation.
- Resignation of Carolyn Volk as Zoning Board Secretary: Board regretfully accepted.

Suggestions of residents that may possibly be interested in joining the zoning board were mentioned and will be individually approached.

Email from the Parole Board was received by Josh Ostrander and provided to both Kevin Myers and Paul Webb requesting town information, Kevin to work on this.

Highway Superintendent provided the Board information that the creek clearing project has been completed and everyone is hopeful this will alleviate the flooding issue.

With no further business to come before the Board and full consent of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Gail Davis, Town Clerk

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