

Town of Kiantone Monthly Meeting February 9, 2017

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, Gail Davis, Town Clerk

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

Legal Notice was read by Town Clerk Gail Davis

Review of January 2017 Meeting Minutes; Motion Made to Accept by Kurt Sturzenbecker, Seconded by Ron Johnson, Poll the Board: 5 yah 0 no Motion Approved.

Review of Bills & Bills Paid After Audit; Motion to Pay Bills made by Valerie McDonald, Seconded by Kurt Sturzenbecker, Poll the Board: 5 yah 0 no Motion Approved.

Review of Reports:

Court Reports: Judge Thierfeldt present, when asked questions regarding reconciliation, Judge Thierfeldt stated that she comes in on Sundays, that bank statement had not been received and will check for bank statements. Following closure of meeting, Judge Thierfeldt's past accounting was presented to the Board for auditing. Auditing by the Board was completed in the extent possible with items provided. Councilwomen Valerie McDonald requested that Judge Thierfeldt provide a letter explaining her inability to provide all accounting as requested due to credit card machine difficulties, etc.

Marilyn Gerace Report

CEO Report

Clerk's Report of Monies received and distributed

Clerk's Timesheet

Old Business:

Paul provided the Board with an update as to the Cell Tower Matter, stating that a reply and responding

papers have been filed on February 2, 2017, matter referred to Judge Tomsack (spelling?); that confirmation was received this date (2/9) that documents are in with Judge.

Contact with CMS regarding update.

Paul stated that he feels it may come down if an alternate site is available. Kevin Myers questioned regarding height of tower on higher ground vs. average elevation in regards to alternative site. Paul stated that court will either rule in either party favor according to the facts presented, either yes substantial facts to deny or no.

Paul stated that he feels confident favor to go our way; feels that Town did all that could be done.

New Business:

Resolution 9-17 Standard Work Day: Motion made by Kevin Myers, Seconded by Ron Johnson; Poll the Board 5 yah 0 no Motion Approved

Discussion regarding Standard Work Day: Kate Valvo explained her understanding of the reporting.

Those involved in the retirement system required to provide record of activities covering the first three months of the year, then retirement systems calculates based upon that information.

Lori Thierfeldt stated that she had spoke to the comptroller's office regarding the hours she had worked while doing her own clerk work and was told that those hours did not go through and she feels she should be credited for them.

Clerk Davis continues to diligently work on complying with the Comptroller's Office request regarding the retirement matter.

Review and acceptance of Shared Services Agreement for Assessor with the Town of Busti.

Review and acceptance of contract for services with the Kiantone Independent Fire Dept., Inc.

NYSERDA Clean State Energy Programs: Kevin explained the availability of 10 different programs, running tight on time to adopt programs. Discussion regarding the possibility to use funding to update LED street lighting and CEO training; Decision was made to hold special meeting on Wednesday, February 15th at 6:30pm to discussion adoption of Resolution to pursue grant funding. Valerie McDonald asked who writes the grant and was answered that John Mayer from NYSERDA would walk them through the grant writing. Kurt Sturzenbecker asked if there was a fee, answered no fee through town. Kevin Myers stated the felt that the Town had 75% chance in receiving funding. Discussion regarding improvements made by other local towns that received grants. Valerie McDonald asked what, if any, where the "downside" to pursuing grant funding, Kevin Myers stated that he couldn't answer that at that time but feels that town should "go for it", with agreement by Kurt Sturzenbecker. Further Discussion regarding possibility of using grant funding to replace current street lighting to LED thus saving the town money, LED more cost effective, longer lasting. Rob Carlson stated that National Grid would do the work to replace the lighting, and would provide to the Board the slideshow information which he was not able to print at the time of the meeting.

Josh Ostrander presented initial information regarding contracting with the NYS Parole Board to permit the use of the community building 2 days per month to permit for Parole Officers interviews with parolees. State pays, Clerk Davis stated the best days for interviews to be conducted would be either Wednesdays or Fridays during daytime hours when no activity occurs at the community building. Question was raised as to residents opinions to having parolees being invited to the town, becoming acquainted with the town, Josh explained that yes, the parolees had been in prison. Valerie McDonald stated that it would show good faith that the Town is willing to work with other entities for shared services. Question was presented as to the possible need to provide storage of any kind to the Parole Officers, which Josh Ostrander stated that he doesn't believe storage would need to be provided, however, if it were, perhaps it could be located in the Sheriff Substation located here. It was agreed that Josh should gather more information.

Acceptance of Judge Thierfeldt' Court Clerk resignation. Question was presented if Judge Ostrander's clerk would be willing to cover for a short amount of time until candidate is located, as well as possibly train. Lori stated that Town of Carroll clerk may be willing to train.

Kevin Myers then opened the meeting to the floor: town residents Tom English, Kelly Gloss presented their concerns regarding the ongoing flooding issues, Rob Carlson stated that he had contacted Coordinator Julius Leone and Vince Horrigan with no return call regarding permits required to alleviate jams/flooding. Valerie McDonald stated she had spoken to Goodell as well. Town's hands are tied without DEC permits. Residents were encouraged to contact Goodell, to present a petition requesting alleviation from the flooding to DEC and other offices, to contact local governmental representatives. Residents were welcome to leave at the conclusion of such discussion at 7:57. Paul Webb also excused himself at this time.

Highway Superintendent Carlson provided the Board with Sewer Information and the necessity to replace the stations completely rather than continuing to "band-aid" them, which is effectively costing the town more money; stating also that the cost for everything at both stations would be Labor: \$13,676, new Electric \$5500.00. No grants are currently available, could borrow from general fund then repay confirmed by Kate Valvo stating that yes a loan could be made from the general fund and then paid back on time. Robby continued to explain that the rails are rotting, have to be replaced at a cost estimate of \$1,500.00, which could do one at a time. No Decision Made.

Meeting Adjourned by Supervisor Myers at 8:25pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Gail Davis, Town Clerk