

Town of Kiantone Monthly Meeting March 9, 2017

Presiding: Kevin Myers, Supervisor

Present: Joshua Ostrander, Councilman
 Kurt Sturzenbecker, Councilman
 Ron Johnson, Councilman
 Valerie McDonald, Councilwomen (late arrival)

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 February 2017 Meeting Minutes; Motion Made to Accept by Kurt Sturzenbecker, Seconded by Ron Johnson, Poll the Board: 4 yah 0 no Motion Approved.

Review of Bills & Bills Paid After Audit; Motion to Pay Bills made by Ron Johnson, Seconded by Kurt Sturzenbecker, Poll the Board: 4 yah 0 no Motion Approved.

Review of Reports:

Court Reports: No Letter Received from Justice Thierfeldt per Town Boards Request regarding inability to reconcile due to credit card machine issues.

CEO Report (No Activity)

Clerk's Report of Monies received and distributed

Clerk's Timesheet

Reports Accepted as Presented.

Old Business:

Standard Work Day Resolution required by STNY OSC Retirement System, Motion Made by Kevin Myers to Pass Resolution with changes of the Record of Activities provided by Town Bookkeeper Kate Valvo; seconded by Kurt Sturzenbecker, Poll the Board: 4 yah 0 no Motion Approved.

Resolution to be posted for public viewing, as required by the State, for 30 days on the Town bulletin board.

Imperative Sewer Maintenance/Repairs: Highway Superintendent Robby Carlson addressed the Board, stating that the situation with the system were not improving; as well as providing follow up information on the information previously provided to the Board via email; Robby stated that the current situation with the aging sewer equipment is becoming both time consuming for the Highway Department and costly to the Town and recommended the replacement with new floatation system, which would eliminate the need for supportive brackets. Superintendent Carlson also stated that there is continuous corrosion issues with the electric panels. Superintendent Carlson stated that the total cost to replace the equipment at all three stations would cost \$13,676.00 including labor and materials. The warranty provided with the new equipment is 1 year commercial warranty, with the option of purchase of extended 3 year warranty available. Further questions regarding the warranty were presented by Councilman Sturzenbecker, to which Superintendent Carlson stated that he will gather more information and provide it to the Board. Discussion regarding the loan of funds from the General Fund to cover the expenses were discussed in detail, as well as a **repayment plan of payments in the amount of \$284.92 per month over 48 months at 0% interest.** Town Bookkeeper Kate Valvo was active in the monetary discussion, stating that the current monies in the sewer fund is \$5600.00. Prior to a motion being made Town Supervisor Kevin Myers addressed the Board Members if each were comfortable with the research that Highway Superintendent Carlson had provided with each stating that they were, with Councilman Sturzenbecker requesting that the length of the warranty be further investigated.

Motion Made to allow Highway Superintendent to Purchase and have installed new sewer system equipment at each station made by Kevin Myers, Seconded by Ron Johnson. Poll the Board: 4 yah 0 nay. Motion Approved

Motion Made to draw finds of \$13676.00 from the General Fund to purchase equipment to support upgrade sewer system and pump systems with the discussed payback plan, with the option to revisit the loan amount if a further warranty option is available. Motion made by Supervisor Myers, seconded by Councilman Sturzenbecker, Poll the Board: 4 yah 0 no Motion Approved.

New Business:

The Board accepted the resignation of Gary Ferguson from the Board of Reviews. Kevin Myers to approach Gary to see if he as any recommendations as to a Board appointed replacement.

The Board reviewed the Dog Control Officer Inspection Report from the NYS Aga & Markets.

The Board reviewed the Town Insurance Renewal Premium Summary.

Councilman Ostrander provided the Board with an update regarding the possibility of providing the Parole Board a location to conduct client interviews by stating that a tour of the facility had been provided and preliminary information exchanged. Supervisor Myers asked Atty. Webb if there would be the possibility of an insurance liability to which Atty. Webb stated he does believe there should be any insurance matter. This matter was tabled until hear back from the Parole Board.

Supervisor Myers gave an update on the NYSERTA Grant, benchmarking has been entered to the state regarding solar permits which Atty. Webb looked over the permit and stated that it was a standard permit. Code Enforcement Officer Melanie Eddy is to complete training on issuance of solar permits. Discussion regarding that the solar panels are strictly for residential purposes, no farms are permitted, and the solar systems are “ground systems” as well as possible abandonment of systems. Some discussion regarding “charging units”, with questions from the floor regarding the reasoning to install; Supervisor Myers explained that to secure a grant, certain “benchmarks” had to be “reached” there were 1-10 items to choose from, and the charging units was an easily attainable benchmark. Discussion regarding LED streetlights, Highway Superintendent Carlson to look into.

Highway Superintendent Carlson stated that he had no updates to share regarding to the flooding issues as had not received any contact from county level.

With no further Board Topics, Supervisor Myers opened the meeting up to those in attendance. Mr Rick Espin, resident on Carlson Road requesting the Town to lower the speed limit on Carlson Road, voicing concern for children and pets as the road is not posted, therefore the legal speed limit is 55mph. It was explained by Supervisor Myers that it is the State that posts the speed limits. The residents are to compile a petition to formally present to the Board, who in turn will present it to the authoritative bodies.

Those in attendance also expressed their “extra thanks” on the fabulous job done by the Highway Department during the storms the previous night.

With no further business to come before the Board, Motion to Adjourn was made by Kevin Myers, Seconded by Josh Ostrander. Poll the Board: 5 yah 0 no Motion Approved

Meeting Adjourned at 7:59pm

Next Meeting: April 13, 2017

Respectfully Submitted

Gail Davis, Town Clerk