

Town of Kiantone Monthly Meeting March 4, 2019

Presiding: Kevin Myers, Supervisor

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

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

Absent: Paul Webb, Eq.

Kurt Sturzenbecker was called away from the meeting.

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

MINUTES & REPORTS:

- February Board Minutes- Motion made by Councilman Sturzenbecker, Seconded by Councilman Ostrander; Poll the Board: 5 yes 0 no, APPROVED
- Bills & Bills Paid After Audit- Motion made by Councilwoman McDonald, Seconded by Councilman Sturzenbecker, 5 yes 0 no, APPROVED

Review of Monthly Department Reports:

Court Reports: Reviewed and accepted.

Assessor Report: Reviewed and accepted

DCO Report: Reviewed and accepted

Clerk's Accounting: Reviewed and accepted.

Clerk's Timesheet: Reviewed and accepted.

Old Business:

- Assessor Services Agreement with Busti with corrected total amount. After some clarification as to what services are provided by the agreement, motion was made by Ron Johnson, Seconded by Josh Ostrander, Poll the Board Yes 4 No 0.
- Highway Superintendent Carlson presented information regarding the cemetery database, Southern Tier West provides a GPS program with a cost of \$0.20 per headstone to be recorded, which can then be accessed on the towns website and Southern Tier West will maintain. Discussion among the Board to include the Maple Grove Kiantone Cemetery as well in the anticipation of the Town having to it over in the future was approved. Cost of the program will be covered by the Cemetery Fund. Motion made by Supervisor Myers, Seconded by Councilwoman McDonald, Poll the Board: Yes 4 No 0 Approved.

New Business:

- Business Permit Procedure: Code Enforcement Officer Eddy addressed the Board regarding the current “In-Home” Business Permit Procedures, requesting that they please consider having them reviewed and updated to permit in-home businesses which to do not impact or cause hardship on the surrounding community operate without the necessity and cost thereof of obtaining a business permit. CEO Eddy offered examples of businesses i.e Photo Studio which does not have signage, parking and does not impact the neighbors and community, as well as a Tax Preparation Business and stationary, book sales business. CEO Eddy stated that community members have expressed their feelings of being “over governed and hindered” by such regulations. CEO Eddy also presented the topic of current businesses being required to pay a “renewal fee” for their business permits every 3 years, she asked the Board to please reconsider this practice as well as once a business permit is approved, the business should not have to renew its permit to operate.

The Board requested that the Planning Board begin reviewing the topics of in-home businesses/permits, wind energy, and area variances.

- Ag & Markets Review, reviewed and accepted.
- Review of Emergency Response Plan, page by page review with corrections and suggestions for updates and changes, with input from Steve Reale Fire Chief and others from the Fire Dept. in attendance, which revised plan to be reviewed at next months meeting.
- Cell Tower Matter, Supervisor Myers relayed that the Town has lost its court with a review of the courts decision, as well as the Town’s Legal Councils opinion and reply with Motion to Reconsider rather than to appeal. The Cell Towers position is that they would like to now place the tower on property adjacent to Bart Shuvers, standing on their previous application thus avoiding the necessity to supply required documentation. The Board is in agreement to file a Motion to Reconsider, however feels that site maps, lease agreement with property owner and other necessary documents should be provided. Motion made for Paul Webb to file the Motion to Reconsider made by Councilman Johnson, Seconded by Supervisor Myers, Poll the Board: Yes 4 No 0.

Supervisor Myers opened the meeting up to the Floor. The representatives from the Kiantone Fire Department shared upcoming events.

County Rep. John Davis provided update of County Business.

The Board was presented with a Thank you card from the Frewsburg Food Pantry for donations of non-perishables received from the Town.

With no further business from the floor, Supervisor Myers addressed "Departments". Highway: Solar Panels are hooked up and working. Crew has been out patching pot holes, pesticide class was completed however certificate to apply pesticides are not issued for 2 years unless it is under an apprenticeship.

With No Further Business to Come Before the Board, Motion to Adjourn was Made by Councilwoman McDonald, Seconded by Councilman Johnson, Poll the Board: 4 yes 0 no

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 pm

Next Meeting: April 11, 2019

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Davis, Town Clerk

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