

TOWN OF KIANTONE-MEETING MINUTES

Town of Kiantone Monthly Meeting October 2021

Presiding Joshua Ostrander, Supervisor

Present:

Valerie McDonald, Councilwoman
Kurt Sturzenbecker, Councilman
Tim Kolstee, Councilman
Rich Landman, Councilman

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

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

Prior to addressing Meeting Agenda, Supervisor Ostrander wished to recognize the passing of Attorney Webb, Past Highway Employee Roy Gifford, Past Town Clerk Jane Clark by observing a moment of silence.

Prior to addressing the Meeting Agenda, Supervisor Ostrander opened the floor to representatives of CS Energy Sage Ezell and Mitch Quine who provided an update on the solar project progress and process, allowing for questions to be asked and answered in regards to a timeline, forestry/logging/timber, etc. Timeline if all permits are granted etc. project could break ground in 2024, construction estimated to take 12-18 months with anticipated completion in 2025; project hinged on NYSERDA Award, there will be a project website, which link will be provided by CS Energy. Funds allocation for timber depends on the agreements/contracts in place with the landowners. With no further questions for the representatives, Supervisor Ostrander thanked them for coming in and providing an update.

MINUTES & REPORTS:

- September Board Minutes-via email; Motion Made by Councilman Sturzenbecker to accept the minutes Seconded by Councilman Kolstee; No Opposition, Approved
- Bills & Bills Paid After Audit; Motion Made by Councilwoman McDonald, Seconded by Councilman Landman; No Opposition, Approved

MONTHLY REPORTS:

- Court Reports Reviewed and Accepted
- Clerk's Report of Monies Received and Distributed, Reviewed and Accepted

COMMITTEE REPORTS/UPDATES:

No Activity

KIFD REPORT/UPDATES: No Representative Present.

OLD BUSINESS: Cannabis Law, Owner/Operator of the Releaf Zone, Todd Stimson presented further information regarding his current business to remain in Kiantone and future business plan which business for onsite sales and consumption will be located in the City of Jamestown. Board thanked Mr. Stimson for his knowledgeable, respectful presentation, as well as informative, overall consensus "good presentation". With no further discussion necessary, Supervisor Ostrander closed discussion and presented Town of Kiantone Local 2021 law No. 2 to Opt-Out, explaining a vote yes was a vote to Opt-Out. The Board was polled with the result of 4 Yes votes to opt-out, 1 No vote resulting in the passing of 2021 Local Law No. 2 once recorded with the Secretary of State, which Law as written permits the Town of Kiantone to revisit the topic, which the Board agreed by unanimous vote to place matter on February 2022 agenda at which time further research etc. will be permitted to be presented for review.

NEW BUSINESS: DCO Abbey addressed the Board regarding the Town's obligation by NYS Ag & Markets Law to provide necessary medical attention to an animal in the Town's possession. With further explanation and discussion, it was decided that the Town should have an agreement in place with a local veterinarian to provide necessary medical services on an on-call basis to include "after hour" needs. Board requested Clerk Davis to draft a letter for review and discussion at the November meeting. Further Dog Control business presented was the possibility of an agreement with a neighboring town's DCO to cover calls in Kiantone when DCO Abbey is unavailable. Board requested DCO Abbey to provide the format of such an agreement for review.

Supervisor Ostrander presented to the Board with the passing of Town Counsel Paul Webb, the Town of Kiantone is in need to hire legal counsel, stating that Attorney Lyle Hajdu, a partner in the same law firm as Paul Webb has been graciously providing services and would like to extend the option of employment to Attorney Hajdu. With consent of the Board, Clerk Davis was asked to draft a letter to Attorney Hajdu for Board review at the November meeting with the understanding that if Attorney Hajdu declines the offer, a list of local attorneys will be compiled for further review and possible inquiry.

Highway Superintendent Carlson shared with the Board equipment updates.

Topic of need for fire system at the Highway Department was discussed, with discussion of "wet system vs. dry system", Highway Superintendent Carlson to research and to provide quotes.

Possibility of "Covid" funding received to be used for such a project. Board discussed the possibility to schedule a public meeting to discuss the topic of "Covid money".

With no further business to come before the Board, Motion made to Adjourn made by Supervisor Ostrander, Seconded by Councilman Kolstee, No Opposition Meeting Adjourned at 10:29pm

Next Meeting: November 4, 2021-Preliminary Budget

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Davis, Town Clerk

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