

VILLAGE OF KENT CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 9, 2009
83 Spring Street, Kent City MI

2009-48 CALLED TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Petruska.

Council present: Merry Barron, Steve Buckner, Jill Krikke, John Petruska, Tom Pieper, Bert Rose, and Sandy Wylie.

Council absent: None.

Officers present: Mary Portell, Clerk and Darrell Rotier, Treasurer.

Others present: Andrew Bostwick (DDA Member).

2009-49 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Krikke, 2nd by Rose to approve the March 12, 2009 minutes as presented.

Vote: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays.

Motion CARRIED

2009-50 PUBLIC TIME – No comment.

2009-51 CORRESPONDENCE

A. John Ball Zoo Society – host Community Days June 17th.

B. Letter from Charter Communications Restructuring

2009-52 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Pieper, 2nd by Buckner to approve the agenda adding (1) a report from the Street Administrator and (2) appointments for BZA, P.C. and DDA.

Vote: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays.

Motion CARRIED

2009-53 PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – None.

2009-54 REPORTS

Downtown Development Authority – *Andrew Bostwick*

Mr. Bostwick distributed and reviewed a document he prepared titled “Kent City DDA Funding Options on Grants & Loan”. Chairperson, Kathy Ignasiak, will be contacted to schedule a DDA meeting to put a pre-app together.

TEA – need to be organized and have support.

The grant does not fund any street paving or moving the power poles. The curbs don’t need to be taken out. Cement can be added to the existing

curbs to raise them. The plan is to grind and repave the street. Some of the business owners have been contacted about the utility easements.

Health & Safety – *Jill Krikke & Merry Barron*

There was discussion about a policy for ear protection and hearing tests. Every piece of equipment needs to be tested to determine if it is over 85 decibels and then tagged or have a policy that the employees wear ear protection when they operate any/all equipment.

The safety inspection was done this week.

Sewer Administrator & Storm – *Mary Portell*

SEMS Technologies (Michigan Rural Water Association) The software has many features. The references that were contacted use it for compliance issues plus other services. The monthly fee is \$69.95 – no contract. The recommendation is to table it at this time.

The sewer line in the K.C. Mobile Home Park was repaired today.

Street Report – *Tom Pieper*

Tom & Steve E. plan to meet next week to do their street inspection.

Kent & College – there is a grate that is about 2” high on the sidewalk. A couple of sidewalk sections will be removed and re-laid.

President’s Report – *John Petruska*

. . . . CDBG W. Muskegon Sidewalk Project

All of the temporary grading easements have been signed. The house at 33 W. Muskegon (State Highway) will remain, and a circle drive will go around the house for dropping off children at the day care center. There was discussion about two driveway accesses on one parcel that is zoned R-1. MDOT is permitting this new drive because the one directly in front of the day care center is being removed. April 7th Advertised, April 21st Bid Opening, May 14th Award Bid, May 20th Preconstruction Meeting and May 30th Start Construction

. . . . CDBG Fence Project at Leaver Park - The project is complete and one more inspection will be done. There is concern for children walking on 17 Mile to get into the park. There is a plan to construct a sidewalk.

. . . . Office Remodeling- Steve B. and John met with a builder to put together a bid package to review at the next meeting.

. . . . Kent City Carnival – Attendance was up and 2010 will be the 60th year. Volunteers are needed to serve on the committee.

Other Reports:

The following written reports were included in the agenda packets.

- Clerk’s 4/2/09 report.
- Treasurer’s 4/9/09 report.
- Zoning Administrator’s 3/31/09 report.

2009-59 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Portell, Village Clerk