

**VILLAGE OF KENT CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 8, 2010
83 Spring Street, Kent City MI**

2010-49 CALLED TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Petruska.

Council present: Merry Barron, Jill Krikke, John Petruska, and Tom Pieper.

Council absent: Steve Buckner, Bert Rose and Sandy Wylie.

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

Others present: Greg Goss.

2010 – 50 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Pieper, 2nd by Barron to approve the March 11, 2010 minutes with a correction that the Easter Egg hunt was sponsored by the Fall Festival.

Vote: 4 Ayes; 0 Nays.

Motion CARRIED

2010-51 PUBLIC TIME – None.

2010-52 CORRESPONDENCE

Charter Communications – new channel EPIX.

2010-53 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Krikke, 2nd by Barron to approve the agenda with the addition Beautification Report.

Vote: 4 Ayes; 0 Nays.

Motion CARRIED

2010-54 PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – None.

2010-55 REPORTS

Beautification – *Merry Barron*

The Kent County Road Commission will clean some of the downed trees behind the Welcome Sign on S. Main Street. Recommend to postpone planting in front of 6 Ball Creek this year.

Equipment - *Jill Krikke*

Chevy p/u truck brakes are being replaced. Fixing a tire on the vac-tank.

Health & Safety – *Jill Krikke & Merry Barron*

The safety inspection was done March 12th by Merry & Jill.
DPW Safety Meeting with refresher videos was held.

Sewer & Storm – *Mary Portell*

Mary referenced to item (2) on page 2 from the Letter of Conditions for the 1998B Sewer Bond Payment requiring a yearly deposit of \$7,000. Mr. Todd Maclean, Rural Development Area Specialist, clarified that \$70,000 is the total amount in the reserve account for 1998B Sewer bond and no more. This amount was established 10/08. The wording “for the life of the loan” should not have been in the Letter of Condition.

Terry Afton & Sons Excavating will schedule the sewer work to be done at 240 W. Muskegon Street within the next couple of weeks. Nawrots will pay their amount to replace the pipe that is on their property.

Sewer Connection Fee – There was another inquiry to place a dwelling on 130 Wyndsong Court & reducing that connection fee.

A short discussion centered around promoting residential growth and ideas for potential builders. Should we consider a reduction in the sewer connection fees? Treasurer Rotier stated that some of our funding on the bonds is on a financial plan which includes connection/trunkage fees that goes into the formula for making the payments. Somewhere you are going to have to get the money.

Street Administrator – *Tom Pieper*

He is preparing the street survey for repair & maintenance.

President’s Report – *John Petruska*

The Pre-Construction Meeting for the Streetscape Project is April 15th.

O & M Property – the closing is on or before April 19th & the new owner’s intention is to raze the building and build a new structure. The environmental testing may change his goals – looking at retail options. He is going to clean up the fallen trees in the back.

Other Reports

- A. Clerk’s 4-1-10 Written Report - *Mary Portell*
It was clarified that the Memorial Committee members are working on a new sign for “Ball Creek Memorial Park”. A Welcome sign will not be placed in that park. The Health Department has changed our open date to April 15th and the close date to October 30th. There was discussion about Item #2. C. regarding additional charges for extra trash during inclement weather.
- B. Treasurer’s 4-8-10 Monthly and Quarterly Written Report– *Darrell Rotier* CD’s are maturing this year.
- C. Zoning Administrator’s 4-1-10 Written Report – *Tom Knauf*
- D. Planning Commission Meeting 4-1-10 – verbal report was given by Darrell Rotier – had more discussion on the Master Plan and future

uses. Election of Officers – same as last year. At least another review session.

2010-56 APPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATIONS

A. **Motion** by Pieper, 2nd by Krikke to reappoint John Petruska and Sally J. Walton to the Planning Commission, terms ending 4/13/2013.

Vote: 4 Ayes; 0 Nays. Motion CARRIED

B. **Motion** by Pieper, 2nd by Barron to reappoint Staci M. Bull to the Board of Zoning Appeals, term expires 4/13/2013 and to appoint Tim Kamphuis as a regular member from the Alternate position of the BZA term expiring 4/13/2013.

Vote: 4 Ayes; 0 Nays. Motion CARRIED

C. **Motion** by Krikke, 2nd by Pieper to accept Bert Rose's letter of resignation as Village Trustee due to work conflict.

Vote: 4 Ayes; 0 Nays. Motion CARRIED

The vacancy position will be posted in the Advance.

2010-57 FINANCE

A. **Motion** by Pieper, 2nd by Barron to approve the bills for the amount of Eighteen thousand, Five hundred ninety-nine and 29/100 (\$18,599.29) dollars.

Roll call Vote:

Ayes: Krikke, Pieper, Barron, Buckner, and Petruska.

Nays: None. Motion CARRIED

Purchasing 2 good used letter size file cabinets.

2010-58 OLD BUSINESS - None

2010-59 NEW BUSINESS

A. **Motion** by Barron, 2nd by Krikke to adopt **Resolution No. 2010-07** To Authorize Traffic Control for Memorial Day Parade 2010.

2010-60 ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Barron, 2nd by Krikke to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Portell, Village Clerk