

**VILLAGE OF KENT CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
August 13, 2009
83 Spring Street, Kent City MI**

2009-83 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 Bucker, Jill Krikke, John Petruska, Tom Pieper, and Sandy Wylie.

Council absent: Bert Rose.

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

Others present: Curtis Wildfong (Advance News) and Tim & Roxanne Scheidel.

2009-84 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Wylie, 2nd by Buckner to approve the July 9, 2009 minutes as presented.

Vote: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays.

Motion CARRIED

2009-85 CORRESPONDENCE - Liquor Control Commission – granting an extension of approval for 120 days to obtain an E-2 Visa.

2009-87 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Pieper, 2nd by Barron to approve the agenda with one addition under the Street Report – Storm Disaster Clean Up.

Vote: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays.

Motion CARRIED

2009-88 PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – None.

2009-89 REPORTS

Beautification Committee – *Merry Barron & Bert Rose*
The planters have been weeded.

Equipment Committee – *Jill Krikke & Bert Rose*
The #327 Toro Mower will be put Craig's List.

Health & Safety Committee – *Jill Krikke & Merry Barron*
More flares have been ordered.

Human Resource Committee
The meeting minutes from July 23rd and August 6th were reviewed with detail given about the HSA insurance plan. The money is the employee's

and rolls over. The employee can also contribute. Some expenses such as eye wear may not qualify for the deductible. The recommendation is to transfer the eye/dental benefit into the HSA.

Sewer Administrator & Storm – *Mary Portell*

- Farm Land Agreement – the bids will be presented at the September meeting. Changes to the contract: period will change from 5 to 6 years, and planting hay on 30 acres.

Street Report – *Tom Pieper*

- A Thank You will be sent to Marquette Rail for helping to fix the railroad tracks.

- Storm Clean Up – Sunday August 9, 2009
Thank you letters to Adam and Shari Knauf and Brian Schneider-Thomas for helping with traffic control Sunday night after the wind storm.
Brouwer Tree was already contracted with Sparta Village. John Petruska authorized Tom Pieper to contract for tree clean up to clear the streets of trees. Anderson – a forestry company – had large equipment and manpower. Bartlett Tree Expert company contracted to clean the mobile home park so they were hired. Anderson's bill is \$27,362 + one more day for clean up. Bartlett's invoice totaled \$1,600 on Tuesday. There was discussion about fixing the tire damage in Leaver Park from the log truck. The fence in the park and at the sewer pond are covered under our insurance - \$1,000 deductible. Four additional trees have been taken down in town. Several stumps need to be ground. Question was brought up about contracting with Brian who is an arborist to assess our trees in town.
There will be a meeting within 30 – 60 days to assess our disaster plan. On the whole, most everything went well.
Natural disasters are not covered under insurance. The governor determines if the storm damage is a disaster – FEMA funds then are available and justified thru an audit.

President's Report – *John Petruska*

. . . . DDA proposed minutes from 7/27/09 were in the council packets.

. . . . Site Plan for Ball Creek Park

A contract has been executed with Cornelisse Design to prepare a site plan for Ball Creek Park for an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00.

Other Reports:

The following written reports were included in the agenda packets.

- Clerk's 8/6/09 report.

- Treasurer's 8/13/09 report. Board of Review change – Paramount Tool and Die 20% decrease 152,548 SEV - a refund will be sent for 2008. All of the personal property tax from 2008 has been paid – this is the Treasurer's responsibility.
- Financing the Clean Up – \$126,000 + \$62,000 out of the Major Street fund available.
- Zoning Administrator's 7/28/09 report.

2009-90 APPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATION - None.

2009-91 FINANCE

Motion by Pieper, 2nd by Barron to approve payment of the bills in the amount of Forty-four thousand, Nine hundred nine and 53/100 (\$44,909.53) dollars with the exception to withhold payment to Brouwer Tree Service to confirm that limbs were removed at 37 S. Second Street.

Roll call Vote:

Ayes: Barron, Buckner, Krikke, Pieper, Wylie, and Petruska.
Nays: None. Motion CARRIED

A letter from Williams & Works dated August 12, 2009 was reviewed. The summary of contractor change order request was discussed.

Motion by Pieper, 2nd by Barron to approve payment request #2 for a total of Eighteen thousand, Thirteen and 60/100 (\$18,013.60) dollars to Scheidel Construction for the Muskegon Street sidewalk project.

Roll call Vote:

Ayes: Buckner, Krikke, Pieper, Wylie, Barron and Petruska.
Nays: None. Motion CARRIED

Motion by Buckner, 2nd by Pieper that Scheidel Construction could use the village signage in exchange for the 3rd truncated dome template that was installed at Clover and Muskegon.

Roll call Vote:

Ayes: Krikke, Pieper, Wylie, Barron, Buckner.
Nays: Petruska. Motion CARRIED

Motion by Pieper, 2nd by Buckner that bills for the ARRA S. Main Street project are paid out of the Major Street fund.

Vote: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays. Motion CARRIED

Motion by Krikke, 2nd Pieper to pay 5 additional invoices for a total of Thirteen thousand, Seven hundred thirty-five and 26/100 (\$13,835.26) dollars.

Roll call Vote:

Ayes: Pieper, Wylie, Barron, Buckner, Krikke and Petruska.
Nays: None. Motion CARRIED
The delivery tickets will be requested from Wheeler Construction.

Motion by Pieper, 2nd by Buckner to allocate Six hundred and 00/100 (\$600.00) dollars for ChoiceOne Insurance for the Fall Festival.

Roll call Vote:

Ayes: Wylie, Barron, Buckner, Krikke, Pieper and Petruska.
Nays: None. Motion CARRIED

Motion by Pieper, 2nd by Krikke to accept the H.R. Committee's recommendation for PriorityHSA HMO health insurance for the monthly fee of \$885.45 with the condition to investigate BlueCross HSA insurance plan.

Roll call Vote:

Ayes: Wylie, Barron, Buckner, Pieper and Petruska.
Nays: None. Motion CARRIED

A special meeting will be scheduled if necessary.

2009-92 OLD BUSINESS - None.

2009-93 NEW BUSINESS

A. **Motion** by Pieper, 2nd by Wylie to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-14** To Provide for the Designation of POW/Missing in Action
Vote: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays. Motion CARRIED

B. **Motion** by Buckner, 2nd Barron to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-15** To Authorize Traffic Control for Kent City Fall Festival.
Vote: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays. Motion CARRIED

C. **Motion** by Pieper, 2nd by Buckner to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-16** To Authorize Traffic Control for Homecoming Parade.
Vote: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays. Motion CARRIED

D. Motion by Pieper, 2nd by Krikke to deny the request from Ms. April Dolphin to refund her \$35.00 for her park reservation May 25, 2009.

2009-94 ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Barron, 2nd by Buckner at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Portell, Village Clerk