

**VILLAGE OF KENT CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
December 11, 2008
83 Spring Street, Kent City MI**

2008-136 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: Kathy Ignasiak (DDA Chair) and Sherry Kuyt (Advance Newspapers).

2008-137 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Pieper, 2nd by Rose to approve the minutes with a correction to page 3 – profits from the Fall Festival were \$900.00 – have banked \$2,000.

Vote: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays.

Motion CARRIED

2008-138 PUBLIC TIME – No comment.

2008-139 CORRESPONDENCE – None.

2008-140 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Barron, 2nd by Rose to approve the agenda with the following changes: Appointments – Letter of interest from Sharon Olson (DDA) and Resignation – Letter from Mike Frankenberger (DDA).

Vote: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays.

Motion CARRIED

2008-141 PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – None.

2008-142 REPORTS

Equipment Report – *Jill Krikke & Bert Rose*

There is a safety issue with the office chair at the Sewer/DPW office. The faucet leaks and needs to be replaced. When the light ballasts need to be replaced, it will be done with a new mechanism.

Health & Safety – *Jill Krikke & Merry Barron*

(Mr. Buckner arrived at the meeting.)

The minutes from the Loss Control Committee Meeting 11/26/08 were included in the agenda packets.

A determination will be made if a hearing test is required every year (DOT exams are required every other year and include a hearing test.)

Motion by Krikke, 2nd by Pieper to adopt the Village of Kent City Health & Safety Policy Statement.

Vote: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays. Motion CARRIED

Human Resource – *John Petruska, Tom Pieper & Sandy Wylie*

Motion by Pieper, 2nd by Buckner to accept the committee's recommendation to approve a \$500.00 Safety Bonus to the two DPW/Sewer employees – there were no loss reports.

Roll call Vote:

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

Nays: None. Motion CARRIED

Amendments to the Employee Manual will be presented at the January meeting.

Retirement Fund – Village 3% will cap at \$500.00

Retirement Fund gets paid in per pay period.

Safety Bonus applies to DPW/Sewer Employees

Sewer Administrator & Storm – *Mary Portell*

The minutes from the Sewer Committee meeting 12/8/08 were distributed.

Motion by Krikke, 2nd by Rose to approve the recommendation of the Sewer Committee to contract P&N to complete the DEQ wastewater permit application on bill time and material for an amount not to exceed (One Thousand and no/100) \$1,000.00 dollars, and that any negotiations with the State will be billed separately.

Roll call Vote:

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

Nays: None. Motion CARRIED

MDEQ - Public Notice received to reissue the discharge permit to treat groundwater through a storm sewer for another 5 years at Kountry Korner (228 N. Ball Creek). The limits on the permit have been revised to be more restrictive to meet DEQ's current water quality standards.

Street Report – Tom Pieper

Bridge repair – Proposed Economic Stimulus Package. Scott Engineering has not heard anything concrete about the stimulus package, however, they will notify us if they do. The results of the bridge inspections completed this fall will be available Jan/Feb. Our last rating was 53.1. Any rating below 50 qualifies for funding under the MDOT Local Bridge program. 11/7/08 Letter from North American Salt Company - under our contract, use of salt is for our own deicing purposes and not for resale or transfer of the salt.

Report from Chief Mike Rexford on Halloween Open House and patrolling.

President's Report – *John Petruska*

10/29/08 Letter from Kent County Administrator/Controller that it is his intent to enter into agreements with communities on or about January 1, 2009, to assess the fire dispatch costs to participating governments. Mr. Petruska sent a letter suggesting the county raise funds through either an additional millage levy or telephone surcharge.

Motion by Buckner, 2nd by Rose to approve one third (1/3) (\$33,000) for 2009 Community Policing upon the condition that Kent City Schools and Tyrone Township enter into the agreement.

Roll call Vote:

Ayes: Krikke, Rose, Wylie, Barron, Buckner and Petruska.

Nays: Pieper.

Motion CARRIED

The conditions of the waste contract with Bluewater Sanitation are stipulated in the Waste Ordinance. There is concern about timely return on calls (having scheduled office hours). Residents would like the option to purchase tags at the village office and paying on-line.

Other Reports:

The following written reports were included in the agenda packets.

- Clerk's 12/3/08 report.
- Treasurer's 12/11/08 report.
- Zoning Administrator's 12/02/08 report.
- November Fire Department report

2008-143 APPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATION

Motion by Krikke, 2nd by Rose to accept Mr. Steve Potes resignation as alternation member on the BZA due to residency requirements, and to accept Mike Frankenberger's resignation on the DDA.

Vote: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays.

Motion CARRIED

Motion by Pieper, 2nd by Buckner to appoint Sharon Olson to the DDA with the term ending 2011.

Vote: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays.

Motion CARRIED

Mr. Robert Guerin's letter of interest to serve on any Village Board was included in the agenda packets.

2008-144 FINANCE

Motion by Buckner, 2nd by Barron to approve payment of the bills in the amount of Thirty-five thousand, Five hundred fifty-seven and 41/100 (\$35,557.41) dollars.

Roll call Vote:

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

Nays: None.

Motion CARRIED

Motion by Buckner, 2nd by Pieper to allocate the amount of Nine hundred, Forty-three and no/100 (\$943.00) dollars from the General Fund for the fence in Leaver Park – Capital Outlay.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None.

Motion CARRIED

2008-145 OLD BUSINESS – None.

2008-146 NEW BUSINESS

A policy will be drafted for appointing Board of Appeals members, Planning Commission members and DDA members in accordance with the qualifications for office, according to MCL 62.7.

2008-147 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Portell, Village Clerk