

VILLAGE OF KENT CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 8, 2009
83 Spring Street, Kent City MI

2009-01 CALLED TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 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: Jim Kozlowski & Dana Streur (Zee Medical Inc.)

2009-02 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Buckner, 2nd by Rose to approve the minutes as presented.

Vote: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays.

Motion CARRIED

2009-03 PUBLIC TIME – No comment.

2009-04 CORRESPONDENCE

A. Invitation from a Sparta Chamber member to made a donation in memory of Mary Beth Novak.

B. MML Training Seminars for Elected Officials.

2009-05 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Buckner, 2nd by Wylie to approve the agenda with the addition of a presentation from Zee Medical.

Vote: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays.

Motion CARRIED

2009-06 PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – None.

2009-07 REPORTS

Equipment Report – *Jill Krikke & Bert Rose*

Motion by Rose, 2nd by Krikke to authorize paying the loan to John Deere for the tractor and equipment at a savings of approximately \$450.00 for interest.

Roll call Vote:

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

Nays: None.

Motion CARRIED

Health & Safety – Jill Krikke & Merry Barron

Mr. Kozlowski & Mr. Streur gave a presentation of Zee Medical supplies.

Human Resource

Motion by Buckner, 2nd by Barron to approve two amendments in the Employee Manual that amend the Retirement Plan and the Safety Bonus of which were presented by the H.R. Committee at the December meeting.

Vote: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays. Motion CARRIED

Sewer Administrator & Storm – Mary Portell

The village has been investigating the infiltration in the WWTP.

Street Report – Tom Pieper

New MDOT Mobility Policy – (23 CFR 630(j)) this rule requires MDOT to consider & manage the traffic impact of permit activities to the traveling public. Permit applicant is responsible for evaluating the effect on traffic caused by their proposed work.

New MDOT Visibility Policy 23 CFR, Part 634 All workers within the right-of-way of a Federal-aid highway who are exposed either to traffic or to construction equipment within the work area shall wear high-visibility safety apparel.

President’s Report – John Petruska

The Kent County Sheriff’s Department had a meeting w/ John regarding the Community Policing position for 2009.

Other Reports:

The following written reports were included in the agenda packets.

- Clerk’s 1/5/09 report. Kent County has amended their Solid Waste Management Plan and is requesting our approval by resolution to be presented at the February meeting.
- Treasurer’s 1/8/09 report. Investments were discussed, and the village Fiscal policy will be reviewed.
- Zoning Administrator’s 12/23/08 report.
- Proposed minutes from the Planning Commission Meeting minutes from 11/6/08.

Mr. Petruska and Mr. Rotier gave a summary of the Planning Commission meeting held January 6, 2009 – proposal to amend the regulations for signs to address multiple use businesses located between W. Muskegon and Ball Creek (pie shape).

This area will be identified as C-1 Overlay District or something similar. Each parcel will have 1 free standing sign no more than 100 square feet in size. The percentage of free standing sign available to each unit/business is a based on a percentage of the linear footage of the total linear footage of the building. (Example: Total linear footage of a building is 1,000 linear feet. There are 3

businesses in the building (a) 500 l.f. (b) 400 l.f. and (c) 100 l.f. (a) would have 50% for signage, (b) would have 40% of signage and (c) would have 10% of signage.) The developer would be responsible for determining the percentage. Buildings that have several businesses within the building, would have a plaque (sign) on the building.

The council authorized the Planning Commission to proceed to amend the Zoning Ordinance, Chapter #15 Signs.

2009-08 APPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATION

It is noted that the Village received a letter of resignation on December 18th from Kevin Brown, DDA member. (Refer to November 2008 minutes.)

2009-09 FINANCE

Motion by Pieper, 2nd by Buckner to approve payment of the bills in the amount of Nineteen thousand, Five hundred twenty-three and 99/100 (\$19,523.99) dollars.

Roll call Vote:

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

Nays: None.

Motion CARRIED

2009-10 OLD BUSINESS

A. Policy for Appointed Members

The village council members are subject to certain qualifications as mandated by MCL 62.7, Sec. 7. The council reviewed the proposed Policy for Appointed Members, and discussed that appointed members should meet certain qualifications (be in good standing).

Motion by Wylie, 2nd by Pieper to approve the Policy for Appointed Members deleting DDA members.

Vote: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays.

Motion CARRIED

B. The contract is being prepared for Blue Water Sanitation.

2009-11 NEW BUSINESS

A. CDBG Projects for 2009-2010

Motion by Pieper, 2nd by Rose to authorize the Village Clerk as the Village of Kent City representative to submit the CDBG application for 7-1-09 /6-30-10 to allocate Two thousand, five hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$2,500.00) to Senior Neighbors, Inc., and to retain the remaining balance for a future project.

Vote: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays.

Motion CARRIED

B. **Motion** by Buckner, 2nd by Barron to adopt Resolution 2009-01 to Authorize Traffic Control for the Kent City Ridge Run March 28, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.

Vote: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays.

Motion CARRIED

2009-12 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Portell, Village Clerk