

**PROPOSED  
VILLAGE OF KENT CITY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
June 10, 2010  
83 Spring Street, Kent City MI**

**2010-73** CALLED TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President Petruska.

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

Council absent: None.

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

Others present: Geno Robrahn.

**2010 -74** APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Motion** by Pieper, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barron to approve the May 13, 2010 minutes as presented.

Vote: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays.

Motion CARRIED

**2010-75** PUBLIC TIME – Mr. Robrahn, would like to see improvements in the sign ordinance to allow him to advertise community events to promote village activities (Ex: weekly car show). He is the acting Manager of K.C. Mobil and a village resident.

**2010-76** CORRESPONDENCE – None.

**2010-77** APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Motion** by Buckner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pieper to approve the agenda with the addition of 2 Reports – 28 S. Clover, RR Safety Issue, and BZA Vacancy.

Vote: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays.

Motion CARRIED

**2010-78** PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – None.

**2010-79** REPORTS

Beautification – *Merry Barron*

Merry chose the flowers for the Welcome signs, and Jenn planted them.

Two Lilac bushes were purchased by past Kent City Ford employees and planted in Leaver Park this week in memory of Harry Shirey. Approval was given to place ground level plaques – In Memory of Harry Shirey.

Equipment – Jill Krikke

The plexiglass in the unloader will be replaced – this was budgeted.  
Bids will be advertised to put a cement floor in the DPW Building #1.  
The budget item was to do 1/3 for the next 3 years.

Health & Safety – Jill Krikke & Merry Barron

The quarterly inspection was done 6-9-10 – no issues.  
DPW Building #2 – raccoons have removed some insulation - Grounds  
and Maintenance will investigate.

Sewer & Storm – Mary Portell

A few communities were contacted regarding their sewer connection/user  
fees. This is an enterprise fund and supports itself based on its operating  
expense.

Street Administrator - Tom Pieper

2010 Street Repair & Maintenance – Kent County Road Commission can  
patch the streets at no profit. We will investigate with other municipalities  
and revisit this at the July meeting.

Trees – request to take down 2 trees at East & College. The DPW workers  
will take down a few trees in Ball Creek Park that were damaged in last  
year’s storm. Stressed tree at 49 N. Second Street - ownership will be  
investigated.

President’s Report- John Petruska

Steve Evink and John investigated the safety concern about the RR track  
reported at the May meeting. The railroad was contacted and placed more  
gravel in some washed out areas.

Other Reports

- A. Clerk’s 6-3-10 Written Report - *Mary Portell*
- B. Treasurer’s 6-10-10 Written Report– *Darrell Rotier*
- C. Zoning Administrator’s 6-2-10 Written Report – *Tom Knauf*  
There was discussion about the status of the burned house at 313 S.  
Main St.
- D. DDA proposed Meeting Minutes from 5/17/10 meeting.
- E. Fire Dept Reports for April and May.

**2010-80**

APPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATIONS

- A. **Motion** by Pieper, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Buckner to appoint Erik Bitely on the  
Beautification and Equipment Committees.  
Vote: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays. Motion CARRIED
- B. The position of BZA Alternate still needs to be filled.

**2010-81**

FINANCE

A. **Motion** by Krikke, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Buckner to approve the bills for the amount of Thirty-five thousand, Three hundred fifty-two and 41/100 (\$35,352.41) dollars and last month's payment to MMBJ.

**Roll call Vote:**

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

Nays: None.

Motion CARRIED

**2010-82** OLD BUSINESS – None.

**2010-83** NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Storm Sewer Connection Fee

Verbiage to implement a fee to inspect storm sewer connections was referred to the Sewer Committee.

B. Flower Planters – S. Main Street Improvements

Sandy shared a written synopsis of a conversation she had with Kathy Ignasiak, DDA President, about flower planters downtown, suggestions for the Welcome sign planters, and to follow up about planting the burning bushes in Ball Creek Memorial Park.

C. June 11, 2009 Council Meeting Minutes – Item 2009-81 (A.) Signage and Class of 2012 Fundraiser. The motion was discussed. The motion supports signage for “community wide events” – approved by resolution. What is the definition of a community wide event? Where can the sign(s) be placed and for how long?

D. **Motion** by Buckner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barron to adopt Resolution No. 2010-08 To Authorize Traffic Control for Kent City Fall Festival Parade 2010.

Vote: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays.

Motion CARRIED

E. **Motion** by Pieper, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Krikke to adopt Resolution No. 2010-09 To Declare Status of Kent City Community Carnival – 2011.

Vote: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays.

Motion CARRIED

**2010-84** ADJOURNMENT

**Motion** by Barron, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wylie to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Portell, Village Clerk