

**VILLAGE OF KENT CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 14, 2009
83 Spring Street, Kent City MI**

2009-60 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, and Bert Rose.

Council absent: Sandy Wylie.

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

Others present: Calvin Meeusen (CPA), Kathy Ignasiak (DDA Chair), Tim Scheidel and the Advance Newspapers.

2009-61 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Buckner, 2nd by Rose to approve the April 9, 2009 minutes as presented.

Vote: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays.

Motion CARRIED

2009-62 PUBLIC TIME – No comment.

2009-63 CORRESPONDENCE

A. Representative Pearce Breakfast May 29, 2009

2009-64 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Barron, 2nd by Rose to approve the agenda with 2 additions: (1) Finance E. Leaver Park Improvements, (2) New Business C. Number of Accessory Buildings and to delete CDBG Sidewalk Project under the President's Report.

Vote: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays.

Motion CARRIED

2009-64 PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – None.

2009-65 REPORTS

Mr. Calvin Meeusen, CPA, reviewed the audit report for March 1, 2008 – February 28, 2009.

There was discussion about paying additional amounts on the sewer bonds.

Beautification Committee – *Merry Barron*

The two maple trees that are growing into the flag poles in Leaver Park will be replanted someplace in the village.

Downtown Development Authority – Kathy Ignasiak, Chairperson

Kathy gave the council members an invitation to attend the next DDA meeting on Monday, May 18th.

Sewer Administrator & Storm – Mary Portell

Mr. Jay Pike is attending a refresher course today to prepare him for the MDEQ Lagoon L test that he will take next week Thursday.

The storm lateral in Wyndsong Court will be installed after June 4th, and coordinated with the work on College Street.

Street Report – Tom Pieper

The funding thru ARRA to grind/repave S. Main Street (between the curbs) was approved for \$70,000 which is administered thru MDOT's Local Agency program. This job is a reimbursement project with a letting date 6 months after the application is sent in.

Motion by Barron, 2nd by Krikke to hire Williams & Works to perform the construction engineering for the ARRA funding project on S. Main Street.

Vote: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays.

Motion CARRIED

Railroad Track Crossing at S. Main Street – the crossing is scheduled to be repaired in July and the village is responsible for the asphalt around the tracks. The crossing will be completely closed.

N. Kent Street & College Street – The corner of the sidewalk and draining grate will be replaced for \$525.00.

Street signs Kent Street – a request was made to add N & S on the signs.

President's Report – John Petruska

. . . . Leaver Park Sidewalk – It is the council's recommendation to construct a sidewalk into Leaver Park from S. Kent Street to the sidewalk by the dumpster.

. . . . Office Remodeling - The Building Committee will meet to present a bid package at the June meeting.

Other Reports:

The following written reports were included in the agenda packets.

- Clerk's 5/6/09 report. There was discussion that the fence that was put in Leaver Park was 6" off the property line. The council is not concerned about acquiescence per MMBJ's April law bulletin.
- Treasurer's 5/14/09 report. State revenue sharing will be \$88,476, a 4.3% decrease which is a decrease of \$2,524 in the budget. A right of refusal notice was received for 28 Clover Street S for the 2006 tax cycle.
- Zoning Administrator's 5/5/09 report.

Vote: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays.

B. CDBG Notice of ARRA Funds – Items need to be submitted by June 15th.

Leaver Park – Swing Set

Fire Department Hoses

Breakdown/Turnout Gear

Crosswalk blinker lights

C. The council is recommending to the Planning Commission that they discuss and investigate limiting space on lots for outbuildings.

2009-70 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Portell, Village Clerk