

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

2008-100 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: John VanTholen (Green Valley Disposal) and

2008-101 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Rose, 2nd by Buckner to approve the August 14, 2008 regular minutes as presented.

Vote: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays.

Motion CARRIED

2008-102 PUBLIC TIME – None.

2008-103 CORRESPONDENCE

A. MMBJ Free Law Seminar 10-10-08.

B. Kent County Dispatch Authority Strategic Plan Update 9/30/08.

2008-104 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Krikke, 2nd by Barron to approve the agenda with the following additions under New Business (1) Resolution for Homecoming Parade and (2) Resolution for Carnival.

Vote: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays.

Motion CARRIED

2008-105 PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS - None.

2008-106 REPORTS

Equipment Report – *Jill Krikke and Bert Rose*

The steering box in Truck #719 needs to be fixed by a certified mechanic before winter. The salt spreader- V box on Truck #717 needs to be replaced/repaired.

Health & Safety Report – *Jill Krikke and Sandy Wylie*

See the Sewer Committee Minutes, item #7 (pager).

Human Resource – John Petruska, Tom Pieper & Sandy Wylie

Motion by Buckner, 2nd by Rose to approve Priority Health Insurance, HealthbyChoice Incentive HMO#1 for the amount of \$345.77 Single and \$760.69 Double per month, effective October 1, 2008.

Roll call Vote:

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

Nays: None.

Motion CARRIED

The H.R. Committee shall meet in ample time to review available health plans for renewal date of October 1st.

Sewer Administrator's and Storm Water Report – Mary Portell

The Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes for September 8, 2008 were distributed and reviewed.

Street Administrator's Report – Thomas Pieper

The tree work has been completed.

Waste Hauling Meetings – Sandy Wylie & Bert Rose & John Petruska

Six information meetings have been held. The majority of residents prefer to have the company bill them directly for their waste service. Three more information meetings have been scheduled on Thursday, September 25th at 10:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m.

President's Report – John Petruska

On August 19th there was a meeting with a representative from MDOT to discuss the potential for a TEA-LU grant for the Streetscape Project. The next DDA meeting is September 22, 2008 at 8:00 p.m.

Other Reports:

The following written reports / information were included in the packets.

- Clerk's 09/03/08 report and there was discussion regarding the site plan for Ball Creek Park – planting trees (how many to plant, what type to plant and where to plant them.)
- Treasurer's 09/11/08 report.
- Zoning Administrator's August 28th report.
- Kent City Fire Department Incident History report, dated 09/04/08.

2008-107 APPOINTMENTS – None. There was discussion regarding the vacancy on the DDA Board due to the passing of Mr. Tim Grice. The Olson's that own Galaxy Pizza, and Linda Gary with A M Realty are interested in getting involved.

2008-108 FINANCE

A. **Motion** by Buckner, 2nd by Rose, to approve payment of the bills for the amount of Thirty-three thousand, Nine hundred seven and 34/100 (\$63,907.34) dollars.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None.

Motion CARRIED

B. **Motion** by Wylie, 2nd by Buckner to approve Resolution No. 2008 13 To Authorize Payment of Interest for Sewer Bonds for the amount of Thirty-three thousand, Six hundred fifteen and no/100 (\$33,615.00).

Roll call Vote:

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

Nays: None.

Motion CARRIED

2008-109 OLD BUSINESS – None.

2008-110 NEW BUSINESS

A. **Motion** by Pieper, 2nd by Buckner to authorize the Village Clerk to execute the Metro Act Right-of-Way Permit Extension with Michigan Bell Telephone d/b/a AT&T.

Vote: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays.

Motion CARRIED

B. **Tree Wood** – The Village President will contact the village insurance agent by next week concerning liability exposure for volunteers to cut and remove wood at 2391 Rusco Road. This event will be supervised by a village trustee.

Discussion on the subject included (1) signing an insurance waiver (2) the contractor will only deliver wood to 2391 Rusco and to property owners (3) establish a lottery (4) recipients being limited to village residents, (5) having a plan for the village office when they receive requests for wood and/or (6) designate the Street Administrator to establish a plan. (A policy / resolution was not adopted at this meeting.)

C. **Motion** by Pieper, 2nd by Rose to approve **Resolution No. 2008-14** To Authorize Traffic Control for Homecoming Parade 2008.

Vote: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays.

Motion CARRIED

D. **Motion** by Buckner, 2nd by Rose to approve **Resolution No. 2008-15** To Declare Status of Kent City Community Carnival.

Vote: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays.

Motion CARRIED

2008-111 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Portell, Village Clerk