

**VILLAGE OF KENT CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
March 9, 2017
83 Spring Street, Kent City MI**

2017-38 CALLED TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Petruska.

Council present: Merry Barron, Erik Bitely, Greg Goss, Jill Krikke, John Petruska, and Bert Rose.

Council absent: Steve Buckner.

Officers present: Mary Portell, Clerk and Debbie Forth, Treasurer.

Others present: Andrew Bostwick, DDA Chair.

2017-39 APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion by Bitely, 2nd by Goss to approve the February 9, 2017 and February 23, 2017 minutes with no corrections.
Vote: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays. Motion CARRIED

2017-40 PUBLIC TIME OTHER THAN AGENDA ITEMS –None.

2017-41 APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Motion by Bitely, 2nd by Barron to approve the agenda to add school millage under Village President, change Treasurer report to Debbie Forth, and lawyer bill from January under Old Business.
Vote: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays. Motion CARRIED

2017-42 PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – None.

Equipment – *Erik Bitely & Bert Rose*
Repairs were made to the backhoe.

Health & Safety – *Jill Krikke and Merry Barron*
Safety walk thru was done today ~ no issues.

Sewer & Storm – *Mary Portell*
Motion by Bitely, 2nd by Goss to support the recommendation from the Sewer Committee to authorize the Village Clerk to sign the contract with PLM for the multiple-year program.
Roll call Vote:
Ayes: Barron, Bitely, Goss, Krikke, Rose and Petruska.
Nays: None. Motion CARRIED
If it is determined multiple-year program is not necessary, the contract can be voided.

Motion by Barron, 2nd by Rose to approve the recommendation from the Sewer Committee to install a backup alarm at the main lift station for Seven hundred fifty and 00/100 (\$750) dollars.

Roll call Vote:

Ayes: Bitely, Goss, Krikke, Rose, Barron and Petruska.

Nays: None

Motion CARRIED

President

- Granger is honoring the free month of service for those residents who pay for one-year in full.
- DDA Minutes – Andrew Bostwick, President of the DDA, spoke on long / short term goals. Need ideas from council members.
- KISD May 2nd election on millage .9 mills for 10 years ~ \$211 / student ~ Kent City school’s budget has increased 10% increase in 5 years and transportation is an in-house expense.

Other Reports

A. Clerk’s 3/6/17 Written Report.

B. Treasurer’s 2/28/17 Written Report.

Community Event – Carnival is next Saturday.

2017-43

APPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATIONS

A. **Motion** by Rose, 2nd by Goss to accept Jeff Sabin’s letter of resignation on the DDA.

Vote: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays.

Motion CARRIED

2017-44

FINANCE

A. **Motion** by Krikke, 2nd by Barron to approve the bills for the amount of Seventeen thousand, Sixty-one and 33/100 (\$17,061.33) dollars.

Roll call Vote:

Ayes: Goss, Krikke, Rose, Barron, Bitely and Buckner.

Nays: None

Motion CARRIED

Question on computer invoice.

Motion by Rose, 2nd by Bitely to adopt **Resolution No. 2017-09** To Authorize Sewer Bond Payment.

Vote: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays.

Motion CARRIED

Motion by Barron, 2nd by Rose to adopt **Resolution No. 2017-10** to Authorize Streetscape Project Bond Payment.

Vote: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays.

Motion CARRIED

2017-45

OLD BUSINESS

Attorney’s January 2017 bill. The Village President should have discussed with council his concerns before he called the attorney ~ they might have had questions also. Questioned if this was the same information Village President received in the attorney’s letter January 2015. Village Clerk stated she could have answered the question about delinquent status of a council member regarding the election issue. The tension in the office has been eliminated since the November election.

2017-46 NEW BUSINESS – None.

2017-47 ADJOURNMENT – **Motion** by Bitely, 2nd by Rose to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 pm. Motion CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Portell, Village Clerk