

**VILLAGE OF KENT CITY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
October 12, 2017  
83 Spring Street, Kent City MI**

**2017-110 CALLED TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Petruska.

Council present: Merry Barron, Erik Bitely, Steve Buckner, Greg Goss, John Petruska, Bert Rose.

Council absent: Jill Krikke.

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

Others present: Dennis Kaminski, Terry and Cory Afton (Meadow Gardens Estates), Doug Hopkins, IMS.

**2017-111 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion** by Barron, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Goss to approve the September 14, 2017 meeting minutes as presented.

Vote: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays.

Motion CARRIED

**2017-101 PUBLIC TIME OTHER THAN AGENDA ITEMS – None.**

**2017-113 CORRESPONDENCE ~ None.**

**2017-114 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion** by Bitely, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barron to approve the agenda moving the Sewer/Storm Report above Beautification.

Vote: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays.

Motion CARRIED

**2017-115 PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – None.**

Mr. Doug Hopkins, Imperial Municipal Services, gave a presentation of their services for permits ~ building, mechanical, electrical and plumbing. Comparisons will be made with township permit fees. Advantages: inspections done within 48 hours, updates on permits and village would get percentage of fees.

Terry & Cory Afton attended the meeting regarding Phase II A for 20 more lots. A DEQ application will be submitted. There are 2 lots left in Phase I. There was discussion implementing the rules of the Association.

Beautification – *Merry Barron & John Petruska*

Christmas decorating for Main Street will be scheduled next month.

Equipment – *Eric Bitely & Bert Rose*

Stainless V-Box ~ Purchasing this from Kent County for \$1,500.

2001 Sterling Truck ~ will budget to repair surface rust in 2018.

Street Report – Erik Bitely

**Motion** by Goss, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rose to authorize Erik Bitely, Street Admin, to spend an amount not to exceed Twenty thousand (\$20,000) in Routine Maintenance, Major Street Fund to hot rubber Ball Creek Street.

Roll call Vote:

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

Nays: None. Motion CARRIED

No Parking Signs ~ 8 of them were ordered.

President’s Report – John Petruska

The Village will partner with Tyrone Township to submit a funding request to Michigan DEQ to eliminate scrap tires. If approved, this would be scheduled next summer.

Other Reports

- A. Clerk’s 10/9/17 Written Report. MMBJ ~ Article regarding Act 425 Agreements and the State Boundary Commission Authority.
- B. Treasurer’s 9/30/17 Written Report.
- C. The council reviewed new forms “Violation Notice” which will be done in triplicate. Zoning Administrator, Dennis Kaminski, gave his zoning report. Pictures were viewed of several residences where vehicles are parks on lawns and not driveways. The council is referring the issue of parking vehicles other than on driveways to the Planning Commission.
- D. Planning Meeting 10/4/17 ~ Updating sign ordinance.
- E. Fire Report - *Chief Rexford*

Community Events ~ 4 safe kid Halloween events are planned on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**2017-116** APPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATIONS ~ None.

**2017-117** FINANCE

- A. **Motion** by Goss, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Buckner to approve the bills for the amount of Thirty-nine thousand, Eight hundred Nine and 68/100 (\$39,809.68) including the MML invoice for \$741 and Mika Meyers invoice #613665 for \$187.50 under General Services.

Roll call Vote:

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

Nays: None Motion CARRIED

- B. **Motion** by Rose, 2<sup>nd</sup> by to Goss to adopt **Resolution No. 2017-21** Authorizing Transfer of Funds for Major to Local Street.  
Vote: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays. Motion CARRIED

**2017-118**

OLD BUSINESS

A. Electronic Media Guidance ~ Trustee Goss is recommending the council adopt a policy that would be distributed to new council members, board members and staff that would remind them of this requirement that all media be limited to one on one. Council would like to know if other municipalities have adopted this.

**2017-119**

NEW BUSINESS

A. **Motion** by Goss, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rose to approve the Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement with Charter Communications with a Franchise Fee of 3% (three) and the term of the Franchise Agreement is for a period of 10 years.

Vote: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays

Motion CARRIED

B. **Motion** by Goss, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barron to amend Section 13.01 in the contract with Granger to read “The term of this agreement shall be from January 1, 2017 to January 1, 2020. The Village, at its option, can extend this agreement for an additional 2 years under the same terms and conditions, with rates for the extension period to be negotiated in good faith between the Village and the Contractor. Notice of the intent to extend this agreement shall be provided by the Village to the Contractor no later than ninety (90) days prior to the expiration date of the original agreement, January 2, 2020”.

Vote: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays.

Motion CARRIED

Council members are happy with the service.

C. **Motion** by Buckner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bitely to adopt **Resolution No. 2017-21** Authorizing Traffic Control for Halloween Parade, October 31, 2017.

Vote: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays.

Motion CARRIED

**2017-120**

ADJOURNMENT – President Petruska adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Portell, Village Clerk