

PROPOSED

**VILLAGE OF KENT CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
October 11, 2018
83 Spring Street, Kent City MI**

2018-96 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, Jill Krikke, Bert Rose, Rood Vaughan and John Petruska.

Council absent: None.

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

Others present: Dennis Kaminski, Z.A., Mike Maksimchuk, P.C. Chair; Curtis Rice; Christina Rice; Bruce Callen, Callen Engineering; Glenn Crabtree and JoAnne Bucker.

2018-97 **Motion** by Bitely, 2nd by Rose to approve the September 13, 2018 meeting minutes with no changes.

Vote: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays.

Motion CARRIED

2018-98 PUBLIC TIME OTHER THAN AGENDA ITEMS – None.

2018-99 CORRESPONDENCE ~ Proposal 18-1 Recreational Marihuana ~ Mika Meyers

2018-100 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Bitely, 2nd by Barron to approve the agenda with the addition under Old Business: B. WIFI, C. Zoning Administrator and to move Public Comment on Agenda Items to the end.

Vote: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays.

Motion CARRIED

2018-101 PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – None.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR CDBG SMALL CITIES PROGRAM – No public comments for projects.

2018-102 REPORTS

Beautification – *Merry Barron & John Petruska*

Decorate Main Street for Christmas scheduled for December 1st.

Equipment – *Erik Bitely & Bert Rose*

The quote from Michigan Cat to test the generator for the amount of Eight hundred seventy and 00/100 [\$870.00] dollars will be submitted.

Sewer Committee – *Mary Portell*

Mr. Bruce Callen stated that the plans for the Outfall Improvements have been submitted to DEQ for approval. They are requiring more manholes and 15” pipe.

Street Report – *Erik Bitely*

Erik applied for a grant for the railroad to replace the RR crossing on S. Main Street construction will be in 2019.

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President's Report – John Petruska

John will get a quote to trim the Honey Locust trees on S. Main Street. Future plans are to have DPW trim.

Motion by Barron, 2nd by Rose to move the brick memorial from K.C.H.S. to C.B. Leaver Park.

Vote: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays. Motion CARRIED

The K.C. American Legion supports the move to Leaver Park.

Other Reports

- A. Clerk's 10/09/18 Written Report. CDBG deadlines have moved up again. Application is due December 14th. The 2nd public notice has to have the project(s) listed. Per the discussion at last month's meeting, village will apply for \$10,000 to purchase easily accessible picnic tables for the park.
- B. Treasurer's 9/30/18 Written Report. The treasurer raised the question who sponsors the Fall Festival due to a complaint she had regarding the safety of the tractor pull because there was no ambulance present. She thought it was the Chamber of Commerce due to a check for payment of lumber that was picked up for the bleachers. President Petruska stated that the village does not sponsor the Fall Festival and there is no Chamber of Commerce. The checking account is still being used for Fall Festival expenses. The signers on the account are John Petruska, Jerri and Chris Coates. There was discussion regarding cash disbursements and the DPW workers mowing, repairing, moving bleachers and picking up supplies while on village time. Mr. Petruska stated that Steve Evink, DPW, volunteers his time on Saturday, but has not reimbursed the village for time and labor. There was a question about village millings being put on Rich Kent's property for the tractor pull. John stated that the millings for the tractor pull came from Kruithoff's not the village.
- C. Zoning Administrator's 10/4/18 Written Report for 9/13/18 – 10/4/18.
- D. P.C. Chair Mike Maksimchuk presented information on the P.C.'s vision for Parking Ordinance. They would like to enforce the current parking regulations that the Village already has. Streets are Public right-of-way's, the grass property between the street and the sidewalk is called a "parkway". Yes, you can park in the parkway but not permanently because it is not an improved surface. Mike asked for the Council's recommendations.
Chairman Maksimchuk - P.C. is proposing to codify the Village Ordinances ~ General / Zoning / Sewer. Ordinance codes would be organized by sections of subject matter. This would need to be budgeted \$8,000 - \$12,000. Two proposals were presented. Annual hosting is \$500.00. President Petruska will contact Mika Meyers.
An ex officio member can hold the vice-chair position on the Planning Commission to preside at a meeting or when there is a conflict of interest for vote of the chair, but not assume the chairs duties.
- E. Fire Report for September.

Community Business – Community Halloween Events are being held at the school, fire department, American Legion and S. Main St. pavilion October 31, 2018.

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2018-103 APPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATIONS – None.

2018-104 FINANCE

A. **Motion** by Bitely, 2nd by Barron to approve the bills for the amount of Sixty-seven thousand, five hundred forty-three and 30/100 (\$67,543.30) dollars and tabling the invoice from Orchard Hill.

Roll call Vote:

Ayes: Barron, Bitely, Buckner, Krikke, Rose, Vaughan, and Petruska.

Nays: None Motion CARRIED

2018-105 NEW BUSINESS – None.

2018-106 OLD BUSINESS

A. **Motion** by Buckner, 2nd by Barron to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-10 To Amend the Zoning Ordinance [Sign].

Vote: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays. Motion CARRIED

B. Zoning Administrator – Trustee Steve Buckner read a letter that he wrote. It included his accomplishments, discredited the clerk, Trustee Bert Rose and the Zoning Administrator. He motioned to fire Dennis Kaminski for insubordination. No support. During the reading of the letter, the clerk asked the Village President if this was a violation of the Campaign Finance Act. The Village President allowed Mr. Buckner to read his entire letter. Mr. Buckner did not submit his letter to be added to the minutes.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

Comments were given by Mr. Curtis Rice. He didn't appreciate Mr. Petruska and Mr. Buckner riding around at night seeking out violations.

Mr. Maksimchuk submitted his letter of resignation on the Planning Commission. Council members questioned accepting his letter. President Petruska stated that he wanted to talk with Mr. Maksimchuk first.

President Petruska asked Dennis Kaminski to enforce the ordinances.

2018-106 ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned by President Petruska at 10:13 p.m.

Vote: 7 Ayes; 0 Nay. Motion CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Portell, Village Clerk