

Town of Kiantone Monthly Meeting      February 8, 2018

Presiding:      Kevin Myers, Supervisor

Present:      Joshua Ostrander, Councilman  
                    Ron Johnson, Councilman  
                    Valerie McDonald, Councilwoman  
                    Kurt Sturzenbecker, Councilman

Also Present: Robert Carlson, Highway Superintendent, Paul Webb, Jr., Town Attorney, Kate Valvo, Bookkeeper, Gail Davis, Town Clerk

Supervisor Myers opened the meeting at 7:00pm with the recital of the Pledge to the Flag.

Legal Notice was read by Clerk Davis

#### MINUTES & REPORTS:

- January Board Minutes- Motion made by Councilman Johnson, Seconded by Councilwoman McDonald, 5 yah 0 no, APPROVED
- Bills & Bills Paid After Audit- Motion made by Councilman Sturzenbecker, Seconded by Councilman Ostrander, 5 yah 0 no, APPROVED

#### Review of Monthly Department Reports:

Court Reports provided by both Justices Ostrander and Buchanan; Final report provided by past Justice Thierfeldt. Reviewed and Approved

CEO Report: Reviewed and Approved; explanation re: Seiberg building permit/returned payment provided to the Board by Clerk Davis.

Clerk's January Accounting: Reviewed and Approved

Clerk's January Timesheet: Provided out of respect and curtesy, with explanation as to time missed due to family illness; reviewed and accepted.

Before addressing Old Business, Clerk Davis respectfully approached the Board to allow DCO Abbey present to the Board NY Ag & Markets Report Findings and proposal to terminate relation with Pick of the Litter and approach the Chaut. Co. Humane Society to become holding facility.

Board approved request and welcomed Matt Abbey. Matt reported that he had met with the NY Ag. & Markets Rep. to review his records and our holding facility. Pick of the Litter was again found to be

lacking in the area of record keeping in regards to who housed dogs which were dropped off by DCO Abbey were released to; that this has been a continuing issue and, if a solution was not found, the Town of Kiantone would not be permitted to have its own Dog Control Officer. Dogs housed at Pick of the Litter remain the responsibility of the Town until its release to either its rightful owner or adopted, in either case, proper records are to be kept as to the whereabouts/owner of the dog. Discussion regarding the Town's Contract with Pick of the Litter revealed that Pick of the Litter has not upheld the agreement and therefore the previous year's contract would be null and void and a new year contract would not be approached. Matt Abbey approached and gathered initial information from the Director of the Humane Society. The cost to the Town to house a dog at the Humane Society is \$15.00 per day, only if the dog is not redeemed by the owner, \$5.00 per day if the dog is redeemed by the owner, but owner must have proper license provided by the Town Clerk. Cost to euthanize an unhealthy dog is \$50.00. The dog becomes the responsibility of the Humane Society once it has been delivered to the facility by the DCO, thus releasing the Town of responsibility. The Board was reassured by Bookkeeper Valvo that there are funds available in the dog control account to cover costs.

Motion to accept the Chaut. Co. Humane Society as the canine housing facility for the Town of Kiantone was made by Supervisor Myers, Seconded by Councilman Ostrander, 5 yah 0 no, Motion Approved.

The Board thanked DCO Abbey for his continued dedication and hard work and dismissed him from the remaining meeting procedures.

#### Old Business:

Cemetery Database: Highway Superintendent Carlson stated that there are several programs available and that he has been researching different ones that may best suit the Town's needs and will provide further information when it is available. Supervisor Myers reminded him that Councilwoman McDonald and Councilman Ostrander have offered to assist him in this matter whenever he may need.

NYSERDA Grant: Supervisor Myers stated that the Town has been approved for grant monies to be utilized for LED Street Lighting and Solar power at both the Community and Highway Buildings and he will be meeting shortly with Solar providers.

DEC Site Inspection: Despite the Town's feeling that an inspection of its past dump site is not necessary, after much discussion and advisement by legal counsel, it was determined that the Town will welcome DEC to visit the location with both Supervisor Myers and Highway Superintendent Carlson to be present at such time.

#### New Business:

The Assessor Shared Service agreement with the Town of Busti was reviewed, with terms being the same as in past years. Resolution #9-18 was approved.

Re-Appointment of Don Anderson as member of the Board of Assessment Review. Clerk Davis spoke as a residential taxpayer stating that she felt it was wrong that an individual that does not keep his

properties in acceptable conditions himself should represent the Town and offer his opinion on others assessments and suggested that Supervisor Myers speak to both CEO Eddy and Field Rep. Lori Sorge before making a decision in this matter. Supervisor Myers requested that this matter be tabled until further information could be gathered.

Steve Haller is to be contacted to ask if he is still interested in joining the BAR.

Clerk Davis requested approval from the Board to approach Moran's for a proposal on blinds such as been installed on the back windows for the side windows. Approval was granted.

Kiantone Ind. Fire Dept. provided to the Board its letter of activities for the purpose of workers compensation, after discussion and question presented by Councilwoman McDonald as to the validity of workman's compensation in a voluntary setting it was determined that the Kiantone Ind. Fire Dept. does in fact offer other coverage. Motion was made to accept the Letter of Activity by Councilman Ron Johnson, Seconded by Supervisor Myers, 5 yes 0 no Motion approved.

Prior to Adjournment, Councilman Johnson stated that he had been asked by the Kiantone Ind. Fire Dept. to approach the Board with a request to implement a Town Law making it mandatory that all residents display their house numbers on their homes. After much discussion, it was suggested that the Fire Dept. should offer residents the opportunity to purchase a "number plate" from the Fire Dept. as a fundraising effort. Mr. Johnson stated he would relay that suggestion.

With no further business to come before the Board, Motion was made by Supervisor Myers and Seconded by Councilman Ostrander to Adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm.

Next Meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Davis, Town Clerk

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