

TOWN OF KIANTONE-MEETING MINUTES

Town of Kiantone Monthly Meeting July 9, 2020

Due to the Covid-19/Coronavirus situation and mandated social distancing and group sizes this meeting was held in person observing social distancing and group size.

Presiding: Joshua Ostrander, Supervisor

Present:

Valerie McDonald, Councilwoman
Kurt Sturzenbecker, Councilman
Rich Landman, Councilman

Also Present: Kate Valvo, Bookkeeper, Gail Davis, Town Clerk Robert Carlson, Highway Superintendent, Paul Webb, Town Counsel. Planning Board Chairman Gary Carlson

Absent: Councilman Tim Kolstee

Supervisor Ostrander opened the meeting at 7:06pm with the recital of the Pledge to the Flag. Legal Notice read.

MINUTES & REPORTS:

- June Board Minutes; Motion Made by Councilman Sturzenbecker, to accept the minutes Seconded by Councilman Rich Landman, No Opposition, Approved
- Bills & Bills Paid After Audit; Motion Made by Councilman Landman, Seconded by Supervisor Ostrander, No Opposition, Approved

MONTHLY REPORTS:

- Court Reports: Previously emailed: Justice Ostrander reviewed and accepted
- CEO Eddy: Previously emailed Reviewed and accepted
- Clerk's Report of Monies Received and Distributed, provided via email; Reviewed and Accepted
- Assessors Reports, Reviewed and accepted

COMMITTEES: No Discussion

FIRE DEPT. UPDATE: Update of answered calls provided, have taken possession of new truck.

OLD BUSINESS:

Budget Workshop date was set for August 27th @ 6:30pm to provide an opportunity for better understanding of the budget process.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution #9-2020 Adoption of Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records LGS Motion made to accept, seconded, unanimously approved.

Discussions:

Under recommendation of CEO Eddy, discussion regarding moratorium in place to prohibit the acceptance of solar farm permits to allow the planning board time to further research the topic of solar farms. Upon information provided by Planning Board Chairman Gary Carlson regarding different aspects of the topic which need further investigation, and upon advisement from Town Council Paul Webb, Motion was Made by Councilwoman McDonald to set Resolution for a Moratorium for Six (6) Months from the date of this meeting into 2021 which no applications for the installation of solar farms of any degree will be accepted in the Town of Kiantone to permit further investigation of the topic in the best interest of the Town of Kiantone and its residents, Motion Seconded by Supervisor Ostrander, Unanimously Approved.

Supervisor Ostrander brought a matter regarding a conflict of interest involving the current DCO and the need to appoint a temporary assistant DCO to the attention of the Board, upon further discussion, and Motion Made, Duly Seconded and unanimously approved, Jeffrey Peterson was granted authority to act as Assistant DCO in the Conflict of Interest Matter, as well as when the current DCO is unavailable. Payment scale was set at \$50.00 per diem plus mileage.

Supervisor Ostrander shared with the Board information provided to him by Justice Ostrander regarding Grants available to the Justice Court in the near future, which the Court would like to apply for and would ask for input as to what would best serve the court and community. Also shared information regarding Justice Courts being reopened under strict guidelines and that Justice Ostrander has set a schedule to sit court on both Tuesday and Wednesday evenings to address the "back log" of matters created by the pandemic.

Supervisor Ostrander opened the meeting to the floor, present was resident Darryl Damcott, S. Main Street, Ext., to discuss his desiring to connect into BPU water service. He had contacted both Busti and Jamestown BPU and was advised to address the Kiantone Town Board regarding any agreements regarding this matter between the municipalities. After discussion, and upon advisement of Town Counsel Paul Webb that the Town of Kiantone has no agreements in place regarding BPU utilities outside the Foote Avenue corridor, Mr. Damcott was encouraged to pursue his interest of becoming connected to the water supply line near his resident property and to please keep the Town Board advised to his progress. Co. Rep. John Davis provided information involving the county trimming trees and a situation involving a resident on Martin Road in which the resident stated that they would hire a private business to trim the trees, which at the time of the meeting the trees had not been trimmed and therefore the county may have to take action. He was also contacted by a Kiantone Resident with concerns regarding the Busti Solar Farm and suggested that the resident attend Busti Board Meeting to

express concerns as a neighboring property owner located in a neighboring town. John shared information regarding the County discussion cutting the budget to “must haves” due to decreased sales tax revenue due to the pandemic.

Supervisor Ostrander then addressed the Departments:

Bookkeeper Valvo gave an update as to the Town’s financial status.

Highway Superintendent CHIPS update, no funds taken away.

Town Clerk Davis stated that her office is open to residents by appointment to reduce risk of exposure, disposable face masks, hand sanitizer available to building visitors, including those attending court.

Supervisor Ostrander advised the Board that he had contacted National Grid, has not received a call back.

With no other business to come before the Board, Motion was made by Supervisor Ostrander to Adjourn, Seconded by Councilman Sturzenbecker. No Opposition, Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Davis, Town Clerk

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