

Presiding: Jeffrey A. Piazza, Supervisor

Present: Ronald Johnson, Councilman
Valerie McDonald, Councilwoman
Kevin Myers, Councilman

Also present Gary Carlson, Highway Superintendent, Irene Turck, Bookkeeper; Paul Webb, Jr., Attorney; Melanie Hutley, Town Clerk, Ron Lemon, Chautauqua County Legislator for District 8, Wendy Marchincin and Courtenay Schafer from HSBC Lakewood Bank Branch

Absent: Eugene Heath, Councilman

Supervisor Piazza opened the meeting with the pledge to the Flag.

MINUTES & REPORTS

Minutes & Reports: Motion by Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman McDonald, that June Town Board meeting minutes be approved as submitted and reports of Supervisor, Town Clerk, Justice Nelson, Justice Kosthorst, Zoning Code Officer be accepted. Yea-4 nay- 0. Carried.

Bills: Motion by Councilman Myers, seconded by Councilman Johnson, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay General Fund bills, 128-141, Sewer Fund bills, 16-18, Highway Funds bills, 78-86. Yea-4 nay- 0. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Workplace Violence Prevention Policy: Supervisor Piazza and Attorney Webb stated that the Highway department has less than 20 employees so the Town is not subject to have the Workplace Violence Policy in writing, but a poster may be put up in the highway employee break area.

Anderson Ditch on Kiantone Road: Highway Superintendent Carlson met with the DEC, the ditch is not in the DEC jurisdiction, the county does not want to do anything about it, Highway Superintendent Carlson says this is a huge project that would in his estimate be \$20,000 if all done at one time. He will meet with Kevin Anderson and see what his specific concern is why the ditch area needs to be cleaned out at this time.

Foote Avenue Sewer District: Highway Superintendent Carlson brought up the fact that the Foote Avenue Sewer District is not sustaining itself. The sewer district is not meeting the expenses, just the expenses that have been in the last year, according to Bookkeeper Irene Turck, have already left the Sewer District account in a deficit. The monthly upgrading charges, Attorney fees, replacing broken meters, as well as adding new meters on, exceed what has been billed to the Sewer District for usage. Supervisor Piazza asked that Highway Superintendent Carlson would meet with the Bookkeeper and the Town Clerk and arrive at an amount to make an adjustment on the billing so the Sewer District will sustain itself.

NEW BUSINESS

HSBC: Wendy Marchincin and Courtenay Schafer from HSBC's Bank branch in Lakewood gave a presentation of the services that might be used by the Town of Kiantone. Supervisor Piazza asked Bookkeeper Irene Turck to review the information of the bank service manual that they had left and give her opinion at August meeting if this is something the Town should consider.

Real Property Assessment Letter: Chautauqua County Legislator Ron Lemon – spoke about letter from Peter Evans on Real Property Assessment and the meeting he attended pertaining Property Assessment. Supervisor Piazza commented on the excellent job that the Town of Kiantone Assessor Randy Holcomb has been doing for Kiantone.

- Southern Tier West Membership
Supervisor Piazza makes a motion that the Town of Kiantone renews their \$150.00 membership with Southern Tier West. Councilman Johnson seconded. Yea – nay-0 Carried
- Court Assistance Program
Supervisor Piazza reviewed the Justice Court Assistance Program Grant application information and agreed that the Justice Court may request up to the maximum amount of money available and that the money received from this grant would be only used for the Justice Court purposes that it has been intended for. Supervisor Piazza motioned that the Board allows him to sign the application. Councilman Johnson seconded Yea – nay-0 Carried.
- Monthly Report
Highway Superintendent Carlson will be doing some surface treatment on Spencer Road. The high oil prices have severely impacted the highway department budget in the course of daily operations as well as road maintenance and repairs.
The Town Clerk has received a complaint about Animal Control Officer Roman Gedz from a Kiantone resident whose dog is accused of biting a neighbor's adult daughter on her leg when she was jogging. Animal Control Officer had gone to talk to the dog's owner, who was not home at the time, but spoke with the owner's son and told him if his dog is out of the house without a lease that he would shoot him. The Town Clerk asked the Animal Control Officer about this incident and he had said he did say that he would shoot the dog, it is not the Town's Policy to shoot dogs and Animal Control Officer is aware of that. There has been a complaint from a concerned citizen about a sign on Foote Avenue Extension that is too close to the roadway, it is near the Northgate Church which is on a state roadway, Highway 60. Supervisor Piazza states if a signed complaint is not made there is nothing to be done, unless it is a danger to the community, there is no complaint if it is anonymous.
- Next Meeting
The next meeting will be held Thursday August 14, 2008 at 7 PM.
- Adjournment
With no further business on hand, Supervisor Piazza motioned to adjourn; Councilman Johnson seconded. Motion carried with all in favor. Adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Melanie Hutley, Town Clerk, Town of Kiantone

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