

## TOWN OF KIANTONE-MEETING MINUTES

April 13, 2023

Supervisor Ostrander called the meeting to order following the Organizational Meeting at 7:00pm

Present: Supervisor Ostrander, Council: McDonald, Sturzenbecker, Kolstee and Landman  
Also Present, Highway Superintendent Carlson, Clerk Davis, Atty. Hajdu., Bookkeeper Valvo

### **BOARD MEETING:**

#### MINUTES & REPORTS:

- March Board Minutes: Motion Duly Made by Councilman Kolstee, Seconded by Councilman Sturzenbecker, no opposition, unanimously approved
- Bills & Bills Paid After Audit: Motion Duly Made by Councilwoman McDonald, Seconded by Councilman Landman, no opposition, unanimously approved

#### MONTHLY REPORTS:

*All reports were emailed to Supervisor and Board Members for review prior to scheduled meeting.*

- Court Reports – Reviewed and Accepted
- Clerk's Report of Monies Received and Distributed - Reviewed and Accepted
- Code Enforcement Report – COE Haller provided an oral report, High Street Occupancy granted Discussion regarding Code Enforcement study being conducted at the County Level, Josh and Rich have had communications, zoom meetings, info gathering, shared services, Fire Inspector, increased ability to pursue problem properties/owners.
- DCO Report-None Provided; Supervisor Ostrander relayed a complement for DCO Abbey from a resident in his assistance in getting dog back home.
- Accessor Report- None Provided

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Cemetery: Highway Superintendent Carlson attended GIS Seminar, provided information regarding transferring info, picture documentation of headstones, unknown as to the time information will be uploaded. Suggestion made to reach out to Town Historian Magee and Maple Grove Cemetery President Gene Smith for assistance obtaining obituaries.

KIFD: Chief Reale provided an update of number of calls, man hours.

Dept. is now billing for EMS transports.

Discussion regarding burn ban through May 14<sup>th</sup>, ban includes bonfires, garbage burning.

Attended cooking and campfires are permitted.

Information to be placed on town website.

## OLD BUSINESS:

Solar: No Updates, Lyle contacted "Jeff" for updates, no response as of time of meeting.

Highway Dept. Building: Quote for pole barn shell materials, 50x80 shell, 3 14x14 insulated overhead doors, 2 -man doors, building to be erected utilizing shared services with neighboring municipalities, build after pad is complete. Request that Town Board waive building permit fee as it's a town building. In regards to the kennel portion of the building, Ag & Markets requirements must be followed. Motion Made to Accept Quote for Materials as presented Duly Made by Councilman Kolstee, Seconded by Councilman Landman, No Opposition, Approved.

Recommendation from DCO Abbey tabled until further building information available.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- Highway Dept. Tractor quote (Highway Superintendent Carlson): Current tractor 5085E John Deere, purchased new in 2013 for \$21550.00, new tractor John Deere 5090E with implements, purchased through NYS Ag contracted seller, price of tractor \$63426.80, minus trade in 26926.80, total expenditure \$26926.80. Motion Made to Accept Quote as presented Made By Councilman Sturzenbecker, Seconded by Councilwoman McDonald, No Opposition, Approved. Letter of Intent to be provided.  
Reserve Sewer Pump utilizing "covid" monies (Highway Superintendent Carlson), Board approved expenditure, Bookkeeper Valvo to complete money transfer Supervisor Ostrander made motion to waive the permit fee, duly seconded, no opposition, Approved
- Road Sign purchase (Highway Superintendent Carlson), Update provided regarding replacement of old signs, installation of new signs and cost. Three quotes were received, lowest \$4996.24, to be paid from general fund. Motion Made to pay invoice for new signs Duly Made by Supervisor Ostrander, Seconded by Councilman Sturzenbecker, No Opposition, Approved.
- Canine Chip Scanner (Highway Superintendent Carlson) Research to be conducted, suggestion made that DCO Abbey be approached to conduct research.
- Official Appointment of Scott Carlson as Zoning Chairman. Motion Made to Appoint made by Councilman Landman, Seconded by Councilwoman McDonald, No Opposition, Approved.
- Vacancy on Planning Board- filled with Jeff Peterson. Motion Made to appoint Jeff Peterson Duly Made by Supervisor Ostrander, Seconded By Councilman Sturzenbecker, No Opposition, Approved.
- Tax Collector Accounting- reviewed. Discussion regarding replacement of Mark upon his retirement, Councilwoman McDonald may have a candidate, resume requested.

Supervisor Ostrander opened the meeting to the floor: Sturdevant Road residents Scott Seiberg and Randy Gray addressed the Board regarding the Rossell burned structure and state of the property, noting concerns of runoff of unknown materials into water supply. Dangerous structure. Supervisor Ostrander sympathized with them, asked CEO Haller to speak on this matter: matter is as far as known, still in the courts, CEO to make inquiries as to status, however, until such time, the Town cannot make any movement to demolish the structure or even fence it off. Supervisor Ostrander reiterated the

information discussed with the County in regards to CEO's and Municipalities needing more rights and avenues to pursue these kinds of situations. CEO Haller and Town Attorney Hajdu to compose letter.

Supervisor Ostrander advised the Board that Attorney Hajdu has exceeded salary to represent town with numerous hours for both himself and office staff. Local Law #2 CEO Law 4 hrs at reduced rate of \$250.00 per hour= \$1000.00; Local Law #1, Solar Energy 6.5 hrs= \$1625.00; Legal Services in communication with CS Energy 10 hrs= \$2500.00. Motion Made to Approve Payment Duly Made by Councilwoman McDonald, Seconded by Councilman Landman, No Opposition, Approved.

Councilwoman McDonald presented concerns of national fuel usage at the Community Building when building not occupied, discussion regarding installation of programable thermostat, in the interim, due diligence will be made to shut down thermostat by Town Clerk and Court Personnel upon exiting the building.

Bookkeeper Valvo provided update of annual report for covid monies received.

Supervisor Ostrander provided update regarding Justice Grant Monies received for building/installation of Court Bench.

With no further business to come before the Board, Motion Duly Made to Adjourn by Councilwoman McDonald; Seconded by Councilman Kolstee, No Opposition. Unanimously Approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm

Respectfully Submitted

Gail Davis, Town Clerk

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