

TOWN OF KIANTONE-MEETING MINUTES

August 10, 2023

Supervisor Ostrander called the meeting to order after recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Supervisor Ostrander, Council: McDonald, Kolstee, Landman, Sturzenbecker
Also Present, Highway Superintendent Carlson, Town Clerk Davis, Bookkeeper Valvo

Absent: Atty. Hajdu

BOARD MEETING:

MINUTES & REPORTS:

- July Board Minutes with abbreviation correction requested by Councilwoman McDonald Motion Duly Made by Councilwoman McDonald; Seconded by Councilman Landman, no opposition, unanimously approved
- Bills & Bills Paid After Audit: Motion Duly Made by Councilman Sturzenbecker; Seconded by Councilman Kolstee, no opposition, unanimously approved

MONTHLY REPORTS:

- Court Reports – Reviewed and Accepted, discussion for Bookkeeper Valvo to assist Justice Volpe with online account retrieval.
- Clerk's Report of Monies Received and Distributed - Reviewed and Accepted
- Code Enforcement Report –No Report
- DCO Report- No Report
- Accessor Report-Reviewed and Accepted

COMMITTEE REPORTS: No Updates.

KIFD: Report provided by Jeff Peterson, 15 total calls, October fish fries being planned.

OLD BUSINESS:

Solar: File 9/22 w/ ORES, 60 days, discussion needed in regards to Pilot & Host Agreement; residents receiving letters regarding water sources, unable to answer questions, causing concern. Solar Company requested same information from Town Clerk; advised that the Town does not keep water source records, suggested to contact Chaut. Co. Dept. of Health for water sources information.

Highway Dept. Building: Highway Dept. currently blacktopping with Busti, paving and stoning, once completed focus will turn to building project.

DCO Suggestions continued to be tabled until further movement on building project.

NEW BUSINESS: none

Supervisor Ostrander commented that budget time is upon us, 2024 Budget Workshop scheduled for Sept. 7, 2023 @ 5pm, to be held at KIFD, open to the public, Legal Notice to be posted.

Justice Ostrander conveyed through Supervisor Ostrander that its Grant time, and she will be securing grant funds for various items.

Councilwoman McDonald stated that she has received many resident compliments for Randy at the transfer station, his willingness to assist, giving dog treats, upkeep of facility and grounds.

Supervisor Ostrander opened the meeting to the floor at 7:15: Compliments were expressed for the new court bench/stand, Supervisor Ostrander explained that funds were secured through grants and no tax monies were used. Kerry Tremmel shared copyrighted trademark logo and branding for cannabis growing business "Kian" with explanation of its meaning as "ancient/enduring". Provided update as to status of licensing process and ability to sell, cost for lab testing and results thereof, their incurring costs but not able to sell product. Todd Stimson voiced irritation with NYS & Regulations. Neighbors damaging their property after the last month's meeting. Kerry Trimmel expressed her irritation regarding other local smoke-shops selling product. Supervisor Ostrander explained that collaborative as a Board, chose to opt out until such times as the State Board has its "ducks in a row", running smoothly, rather than be a part of the issues. Tremmel shared information regarding Veterans Filing Lawsuit regarding only 21 stores open and operating. Supervisor voiced that possible retail sales will not take place in Kiantone, that historically speaking, Kiantone has been a "dry town" since NYS took over the overseeing of liquor sales, stated that in his opinion, he believes that NYS will do the same with cannabis and local municipalities will no longer have jurisdiction. Resident neighbors to the cannabis growing building on Peck Settlement Road appeared again to voice concerns of conditions of zoning approval not being accomplished. Supervisor Ostrander explained that the Town Board is the wrong venue to address their concerns, however, as a courtesy and as an opportunity to stay informed, would allow them to speak, again reiterating that the Town Board has no power or authority over such matters. Kerry Trammel and Todd Stimson, owners of the ReLeaf Zone and the cannabis growing facility were present, gave their statements as to the status of requirements. Supervisor Ostrander stated that the Code Enforcement Officer oversees these matters, in regards to criminal activity, Justice Ostrander stated Town Board has no ability to enforce criminal law and matter is a police matter. Any matters of trespass or harassment should be reported to either the NY State Police or Sheriff Office for civil legal procedures. Supervisor Ostrander Reiterated that the Town Board is not the venue to address matters, as well as expressing in his work profession, cautioned everyone to deescalate. Councilwoman McDonald stated that the situation is not much different than the solar, the solar project is not going to stop, she is going to have to adjust, despite change being difficult and uncomfortable, but must adjust.

Owner of Unity Tattoo present to introduce themselves, encouraged to attend by CEO Haller. Stated to bus project at their business location is being addressed/rectified. Supervisor Ostrander thanked them for coming and explained that the Town Board is not the venue to address such matters. CEO Haller explained that he encouraged them to come in, to put faces to businesses.

Supervisor Ostrander encouraged attendance to Board meetings by both residents and business owners, as well as visiting the town Facebook and website.

Dalton Anthony introduced himself to those present, candidate for our district.

Kerry Trimmel discussed “dog matter” which continues on WJ Blvd., that she has video. She was advised this is a DCO matter, encouraged to follow up with Matt Abbey, to call again.

With no further business to come before the Board, Motion Duly Made to Adjourn by Councilman Sturzenbecker; Seconded by Supervisor Ostrander; No Opposition. Unanimously Approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Gail Davis, Town Clerk

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