

March 9, 2023 Kiantone Town Board Minutes

Minutes provided by Supervisor Ostrander.

Present : Supervisor Ostrander, Councilmembers McDonald, Landman, Sturzenbecker, Deputy Supervisor Valvo, Highway Carlson, Atty Hajdu, CEO Haller

Not present: Councilmember Kolstee, Clerk Davis

Called to order 7:00PM

Motion Accept February 2023 Board Minutes – M:Valerie 2nd:Kurt, All yeses. Passed

Motion pay bills and bills paid after audit – M:Kurt, 2nd:Rich, All yeses. Passed

Board reviewed monthly reports

With the court report, Motion to authorize Dep Supv McDonald to sign audit letter for State Courts, M:Rich, 2nd:Kurt Vote: Valerie, Rich, Kurt all yeses. Ostrander abstained due to conflict of interest. Motion passed.

No committee updates were offered.

KIFD did not have a representative present

Old Business:

Solar – update given on current status, discussion of open house. No new actions at this time. It was discussed that board members will not directly communicate with hired law firm as they are billing for every text, phone call, and email they are sent or copied on. Town Atty Lyle Hajdu will be point of contact for any town officials wishing legal consultation; and Atty Hajdu will decide if it is information that law firm attorneys need to be forwarded. This will limit legal costs going forward. Atty Hajdu informed the board that he exceeded his annual retainer due to hours of work on the solar project. The board advised Atty Hajdu that was expected and to make sure he submits a bill to the town for his work above and beyond normal town attorney duties.

Highway Building – tabled until April Meeting

DCO Recommendations for future kennel – tabled until kennel is actually constructed and discussions are had with neighboring communities that may be partnering with us.

Zoning Chair Candidates – discussion tabled to executive session

Recessed for 5 minutes

Resumed

New Business:

Motion to adopt negative declaration for Local Law #2/2023 – M:Josh 2nd:Rich, All yeses. Passed.

Motion to pass Local Law #2/2023 Fire Prevention – Motion to pass, M:McDonald 2nd: Kurt All yeses. Passed.

Remarks: Rich Haller – inquiring if Clerk Davis could provide him with a list of all businesses currently operating in the Town and which ones are currently registered?

Motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel (ZBA membership) and contract matters – M:Josh 2nd:Rich, all yeses. Entered executive session at 8:02

Motion to exit executive session and return to open meeting at 8:20 M:Josh 2nd:Kurt, all yeses.

Motion to appoint Christopher Haller to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill an open vacancy. M:Kurt, 2nd:Rich, all yeses. Passed. Haller was sworn in by Supervisor Ostrander and will sign his oath card/book with Clerk Davis at a later date. The town board decided that the ZBA will select their own chairperson and report that back to the town board later. Current ZBA membership is at 5 persons.

There still exists an opening on the Planning Board. The town board will await interested candidates and appoint at a later date.

Motion to adjourn – M:Rich, 2nd:Kurt, all yeses. Meeting adjourned at around 8:35.

Respectfully Submitted

Gail Davis, Town Clerk