

TOWN OF KIANTONE-MEETING MINUTES

September 14, 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, Atty. Hajdu

Absent: Bookkeeper Valvo

BOARD MEETING:

MINUTES & REPORTS:

- August 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 Councilman Sturzenbecker; Seconded by Councilwoman McDonald, no opposition, unanimously approved

MONTHLY REPORTS:

- Court Reports – Reviewed and Accepted
- 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: Councilwoman McDonald shared comment of "Jeff" "Seems like it's Done". Six days to file with the State. Busti called a meeting without Kiantone inclusion. Lyle will share all updates. Highway Superintendent received letter as to how project will affect operations, Lyle will help Highway Superintendent Rob Carlson with letter. Kiantone Ind. Vol. Fire Dept. had meeting regarding costs, retention, etc.; still in process. Board was told that KIFD President Don Pleakis may have meeting info.

Highway Dept. Building: Building framing is up, work continues towards completion.
DCO Suggestions continued to be tabled until further movement on building project.

NEW BUSINESS: Gene and Loretta Smith of the Kiantone Maple Grove Cemetery presentation regarding program with provides grave markings for revolutionary war soldiers. Stated that there appears to be a total of five such gravesites in Kiantone, three in the Stillwater Cemetery and two in the Kiantone Maple Grove Cemetery. Discussion that Board Members and Highway Superintendent Carlson will assist in locating any gravesites located in the Stillwater Cemetery. Will keep Gene and Loretta updated. It was stated that this program is a wonderful program to learn about. Markers are free of charge through the program, markers normally cost between \$3-4,000.00. Resolution to permit markers-Vote in November.

Tentative Budget Presented. No changes discussed. Supervisor Ostrander thanked KIFD for providing use of their facility for the budget workshop.

Councilwoman McDonald stated that new thermostat is installed. App will be made available to individuals that use the building. Also stated that there appears to not be a "kill switch" on the furnace/heating unit.

Attorney Hajdu discussed Highway Superintendent Carlson's inquiry regarding disposal of town debris and waste products i.e. wood, cement, etc. accumulated from normal dept. operations. Atty. Hajdu will draft a Resolution. Attorney Hajdu discussed Highway Superintendent Carlson's inquiry as to Town Purchase of Equipment and Supplies at "Best Value" estimation. Certain criteria to be met, other than price alone; must articulate and be consistent. Atty. Hajdu to draft a Local Law, matter to be presented at November Meeting as New Business. Atty. Hajdu shared information regarding the question of the sale of cannabis at a local farmers market, stating that its an evolving marijuana law, Farmers Market is not an option as Kiantone opted out, therefore "nothing the town can do".

Supervisor Ostrander opened the meeting to the floor: Residents Gene and Loretta Smith complimented the KIFD for their assistance when a large tree came down at their residence.

Zoning Chairman Scott Carlson requested Town Board support in his request for assistance from the Town Attorney in the continued matter of the cannabis growing greenhouse and neighboring residents. Supervisor Ostrander stated that the Zoning Board as open access to the Town Attorney.

Kerry Trimmel of the Releaf Zone and Kian growing facility provided an update regarding the states licensing process. Stated that because Kiantone opted out in regards to retail sale of cannabis, they will have to sell their product in Jamestown once they become licensed through the state.

Todd Stimson approached the Board with presentation of informational packet in regards to "Backyard Burning" in connection with ongoing matter with neighboring residents to his growing facility, stating that backyard burning is affecting his crop. Mr. Stimson was informed that such issue would be a DEC matter. Supervisor Ostrander reiterated to Mr. Stimson that the Town Board is not the correct venue for this topic.

Clerk Davis relayed a question presented to her from a Kiantone Resident as to why Kiantone does not have "Welcome to Kiantone" signs at main pointes of entry to the Town. Comments by the Board were as such, As there are many points of entry into the town, it would be too costly to place signs, also the fact that many of the points of entry are on either state or county roads, the Board does not wish to approach these entities and expend the time it would involve to complete such a project. The current Kiantone Sign, marking the "hamlet" of Kiantone, is more of a historical reference, rather than a center of town marker.

With no further business to come before the Board, Motion Duly Made to Adjourn by Councilman Landman; Seconded by Councilman Sturzenbecker; No Opposition. Unanimously Approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Gail Davis, Town Clerk

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