

**VILLAGE OF KENT CITY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
April 19, 2022
83 Spring Street, Kent City MI**

- 2022-67** CALLED TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Rose.
- Council present: Merry Barron, Eric Blandford, Linda Poling, Sue Smalley, Gabrielle Zobel, Bert Rose.
- Council absent: None.
- Officers present: Ashley Scudder, Clerk; Debra Forth, Treasurer; Dennis Kaminski, Zoning Administrator.
- Others present: Rood Vaughan, DPW; Jay Pike, DPW; Randy Clay, Street Administrator.
- 2022-68** PUBLIC TIME OTHER THAN AGENDA ITEMS – None.
- 2022-69** CORRESPONDENCE – None.
- 2022-70** APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Motion by Smalley, support by Zobel, to approve agenda as presented.
Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion CARRIED
- 2022-71** PUBLIC TIME ON AGENDA ITEMS –
Kaminski – A vote has already been taken by the Council to designate the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. The amount of funds the Village of Kent City is receiving would not cover much if applied to the upcoming sewer repair projects: The Village will still need to seek additional funding options. Our sewer account has revenues, where our parks do not. The ARPA money should be designated to the parks as originally voted, for the people of our community.
Poling – Members of the Council were seeking clarification on the sewer issues, making sure they are fixed.
Barron – Sewer will be fixed.
Zobel – Money was already committed to sewer projects from the ARPA funds.
Rose – Money was committed to sewer projects from the Sewer Fund. There was discussion that the projects would qualify as an allowable disbursement of the ARPA funds, but no vote to designate them for such was taken by the Council.
- 2022-72** APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS
A. **Motion** by Zobel, support by Poling, to accept the resignation of Randy Clay as Village Trustee. Clay is to remain Street Administrator, and Equipment Committee Chairman.
Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion CARRIED
- 2022-73** OLD BUSINESS
A. **Motion** by Barron, support by Blandford, to move forward with Resolution 2022-10: To Designate use of American Rescue Act Funds for Kent City Playground Project, as presented, and passed April 14, 2022.

Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 1 Motion CARRIED

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NEW BUSINESS

A. Repair to Sewer Pond #5

Pike, DPW – High winds caused a landslide, which allowed the clay liner on pond #5 to slide. There has not been any leaking. The clay liner needs to be brought back up and resealed. We met with All-Around Excavating and Prein&Newhof this morning to discuss repairs necessary. Project is estimated to cost \$50,000.00 to \$70,000.00.

Blandford – Timeline on project?

Pike – Samples from pond #5 have been pulled, discharge should be able to take place May 1, 2022. Once the pond is discharged, damages will be estimated, and repair can begin.

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COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS –

Zobel – Forgot to add Fireworks to Agenda. Requesting an amendment to item 2022-37, D. Motion for Village to purchase Fireworks. Money from Fireworks Sponsors will re-imburse Village for cost of fireworks after all scheduled event activities are paid.

Motion by Poling, support by Blandford, to continue with Fireworks Show as presented, with the current budget from Fireworks Committee. Revenue remaining after scheduled event commitments are paid will re-imburse General Fund for the expense of pyrotechnician.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Poling, Barron, Blandford, Smalley, Rose.

Nays: None.

Abstained: Zobel.

Motion by Smalley, support by Poling, to accept the resignation of Gabrielle Zobel as Village Trustee.

Vote: Ayes 4 Nays 1 Motion CARRIED

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ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn by Barron, support by Smalley, at 6:31 p.m.

Vote: Ayes; 5 Nays: 0 Motion CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Scudder, Village Clerk