

**VILLAGE OF KENT CITY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
August 10, 2023  
200 S Main Street, Kent City MI**

**2023-109 CALLED TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**  
The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Rose.  
Council present: Matt Barber, Merry Barron, Diana Durst, Linda Poling, Sue Smalley, Danny Surgent, Bert Rose.  
Council absent: None.  
Officers present: Ashley Scudder, Clerk; Debra Forth, Treasurer; Dennis Kaminski, Zoning Administrator.  
Others present: Rick Funk, Nate Funk, Dan Welch, Leslie Houseal.

**2023-110 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**  
**Motion** by Durst, support by Barron, to approve the agenda as presented.  
**Vote:** Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion CARRIED

**2023-111 PUBLIC TIME OTHER THAN AGENDA ITEMS –**  
Nate Funk, Sonshine Corner Learning Center, again requested the Village install sidewalks from building purchased at 83 Spring Street to the connecting side street for the safety of students walking to before and after school care from Kent City Community Schools. Purchasers of 83 Spring Street have funds to cover sidewalk within property lines. Grants for sidewalk installation to be researched.

Dennis Kaminski, Zoning Administrator, discussed the legalities and regulations of fences and walls constructed within the Village, as a follow-up to Council questions on the subject. There are several properties situated on corner lots, which per zoning standards are viewed as having two front yards and two side yards with the front yard ending and side yard beginning at the house. Properties as such, with fences in question, are within the zoning regulations. Moving forward, fences are required to complete a Zoning Permit Form prior to construction.

**2023-112 CORRESPONENCE – None.**

**2023-113 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
**Motion** by Poling, support by Durst, to approve Meeting Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of the Village of Kent City July 13, 2023, with the recension of 2023-107 Commissioner’s Comments Motion regarding Private Property Towing. To be discussed per Agenda this meeting.  
**Vote:** Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion CARRIED

**2023-114 PUBLIC TIME ON AGENDA ITEMS –**  
None.

**2023-115 REPORTS**

EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

Surgent – Nothing new to report. Plow Truck is on RangerBid with reserve price.

SEWER/STORM REPORT

Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes from Monday, July 31, 2023, reviewed.

**Motion** by Poling, support by Surgent, to approve estimate from Hillard Electric for the replacement and installation of the Automatic Transfer Switch and the installation of a Manual Transfer Switch at Sewer Pond facility for Ten Thousand, Six Hundred Eighty (\$10,680.00) dollars and 00/100.

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes; Barron, Smalley, Poling, Durst, Barber, Surgent, Rose.  
Nays: None Motion CARRIED

STREET REPORT

Review of Bids – Millings

MILLING REMOVAL APPROX. 1,200 TONS

*Opened Monday, August 7, 2023 @ 12:01 p.m.*

We received five sealed bids as follows:

Tri-Us Services, Inc.	\$10.50/ton
Anderson Farms	\$10.00/ton
All Around Excavating, Inc.	\$6.00/ton
Kent Excavating	\$4.20/ton
Kruithoff Farms, LLC.	\$3.00/ton

**Motion** by Durst, support by Poling, to accept bid from Tri-Us Services, Inc. for ten dollars (\$10.50) and 50/100 for 1,200 tons, totaling \$12,600.00.

**Vote:** Ayes; 7 Nays: 0 Motion CARRIED

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

Other Reports

- A. Clerk's 08/10/2023 Written Report.
- B. Treasurer's 07/31/2023 Written Report.
- C. Zoning 08/10/2023 Written Report.
- D. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes from August 3, 2023, reviewed.
- E. DDA Meeting Minutes from July 20, 2023, reviewed – No quorum.
- F. Fire Department report for July reviewed.

Community Business

Kent City Schools: First day of school 2023/24 is Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>.

Flag Raising Ceremony – Kent City Elementary School @ 9:00 a.m., Monday August 21<sup>st</sup>.

2023- 116

**FINANCE**

- A. **Motion** by Poling, support by Barber, to approve payment of the monthly bills in the amount of Two Hundred and Six Thousand, Seven Hundred Thirty-One (\$206,731.72) dollars and 72/100.

**Roll call vote:** Ayes: Surgent, Smalley, Poling, Durst, Barber, Barron, Rose.  
Nays: None. Motion CARRIED

2023-117

**OLD BUSINESS –**

**A. Resolution 2023-11: Private Property Towing Agreement**

**Motion** by Poling, support by Barron, to adopt Resolution 2023-11: Private Property Towing Agreement between the Village of Kent City and Ashland Auto & Recovery Towing, Grant, MI.

**Vote:** Ayes; 7 Nays: 0 Motion CARRIED

**B. Professional Code Inspections (PCI)**

**Resolution 2023-15: PCI Services**

**Motion** by Poling, support by Smalley, to adopt Resolution 2023-15: PCI Services.

**Vote:** Ayes; 7 Nays: 0 Motion CARRIED

2023-118

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Resolution 2023-12: Annual Fireworks Transfer**

**Motion** by Barber, support by Smalley, to adopt Resolution 2023-12: Annual Fireworks Transfer noting change of transfer date to September.

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes; Poling, Smalley, Durst, Surgent, Barber, Rose.  
Nays: Barron. Motion CARRIED

**B. Resolution 2023-13: Homecoming Parade**

**Motion** by Durst, support by Poling, to adopt Resolution 2023-13: Homecoming Parade.

**Vote:** Ayes; 7 Nays: 0 Motion CARRIED

**C. Resolution 2023-14: Village of Kent City Annexation**

**Motion** by Poling, support by Barron, to adopt Resolution 2023-14: Village of Kent City Annexation as requested by Dan Welch, Welch Tile, pending legal description of property as amended to reflect land purchased.

**Vote:** Ayes; 7 Nays: 0 Motion CARRIED

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**ADJOURNMENT –**

**Motion** to adjourn by Barron, support by Surgent, at 7:11 p.m.

**Vote:** Ayes; 7 Nays: 0 Motion CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,  
Ashley Scudder, Village Clerk