

**VILLAGE OF KENT CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
December 14, 2023
200 S Main Street, Kent City MI**

2023-157 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, Danny Surgent, Bert Rose.
Council absent: None.
Officers present: Ashley Scudder, Clerk; Debra Forth, Treasurer; Dennis Kaminski, Zoning Administrator.
Others present: James Barron, Nate Funk, Luke Meerman, Steve Osburn.

2023-158 APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Motion by Barron, support by Poling, to approve the agenda with addition of IX Appointments/Resignations, B. President Pro-Tem, and Community Business – Luke Meerman Office Hours.
Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion CARRIED

2023-159 PUBLIC TIME OTHER THAN AGENDA ITEMS –
Opened at 6:01 p.m. closed at 6:03 p.m.
Luke Meerman, State Representative, introduced himself to the Village Council and discussed some of the things he is doing for surrounding communities.

2023-160 CORRESPONENCE – None.

2023-161 APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion by Barber, support by Durst, to approve Meeting Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of the Village of Kent City November 9, 2023, as presented.
Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion CARRIED

2023-162 PUBLIC TIME ON AGENDA ITEMS –
Opened at 6:04 p.m., closed at 6:04 p.m.
No Public Comment.

2023-163 REPORTS
HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT
Durst – Quarterly Health & Safety Inspection was completed.

SEWER/STORM REPORT
Kaminski clarified that ownership of retention pond in Meadow Gardens belongs to the original Meadow Gardens Phase One HOA.

STREET REPORT
Due to weather conditions, leaf-vac pickup was completed on November 28th.

HR COMMITTEE REPORT

HR Committee Meeting – Monday, December 18th at 12:30 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

Other Reports

- A. Clerk's 12/14/2023 Written Report.
- B. Treasurer's 11/30/2023 Written Report.
- C. Zoning Administrator's oral report given.
- D. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes from December 7, 2023, reviewed.
- E. DDA Meeting Minutes from November 16, 2023, reviewed.
Barron questioned if The Chop Shop was re-imbursing the DDA for half of the cost of the streetscape sidewalk repair as verbally agreed upon.
Will follow up with DDA.
- F. Fire Department report for November reviewed.

Community Business

Luke Meerman, State Representative, will be holding an open office hour at the Kent City Village Rental Hall on Wednesday, December 20th from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

2023- 164

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

A. Council Trustee Vacancy

Candidates: Steve Buckner, Pedro Sanchez, Nate Funk, Rood Vaughan.

Motion by Barron to appoint Steve Buckner as Village Trustee. No support.
Motion FAILED

Motion by Barron, support by Barber to appoint Nate Funk as Village Trustee.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes; Poling, Barron, Barber, Rose.
Nays: Durst, Surgent. Motion CARRIED

B. Committee Appointments

Motion by Poling, support by Barron to appoint Funk to the Health & Safety Committee.

Vote: Ayes; 6 Nays: 0 Motion CARRIED

Motion by Poling, support by Barber to re-appoint all expiring terms on the Planning Commission and Downtown Development Authority, expiration 2028.

Vote: Ayes; 6 Nays: 0 Motion CARRIED

Motion by Durst, support by Barber to appoint Poling at President Pro-Tem.

Vote: Ayes; 6 Nays: 0 Motion CARRIED

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FINANCE

A. Monthly Bills

Motion by Poling, support by Barber, to approve payment of the monthly bills in the amount of Fifty Thousand, Forty-Eight (\$50,048.26) dollars and 26/100.
Roll call vote: Ayes: Barber, Surgent, Poling, Durst, Rose.
Nays: Barron. Motion CARRIED

B. PCI Monthly Report presented.

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NEW BUSINESS –

A. Annexation Request – American Legion

Motion by Poling, support by Durst to move forward with the annexation process to annex the Kent City American Legion into the Village of Kent City.

Vote: Ayes; 6 Nays: 0 Motion CARRIED

B. Holiday Office Hours

Motion by Barron, support by Barber to close the Village Office from December 25th – January 2nd.

Vote: Ayes; 6 Nays: 0 Motion CARRIED

C. Ice Issue – 82 S Main Street

Ice buildup in parking lot at 82 S Main Street, due to improper drainage on 80 S Main Street. Discussion on Village requiring maintenance to solve drainage issue prior to sale of 80 S Main Street.

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ADJOURNMENT –

Motion to adjourn by Barron, support by Barber, at 7:09 p.m.

Vote: Ayes; 6 Nays: 0 Motion CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,
Ashley Scudder, Village Clerk