

**VILLAGE OF KENT CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
September 10, 2020
83 Spring Street, Kent City MI**

2020-87 CALLED TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Rose.

Council present: Merry Barron, Erik Bitely, Greg Goss, Jill Krikke, Curtis Rice, Bert Rose, Sue Smalley.

Council absent: None.

Officers present: Mary Portell, Clerk and Debbie Forth, Treasurer.

Others present: Dennis Kaminski, Jason Fulton, Greg Chambers, Jamie Teesdale, Bill & Tara Emmorey, Brian Sweers, Melanie Koetje, Tim & Deirdre O'Leary.

2020-88 **Motion** by Bitely, 2nd by Goss to approve the August 13, 2020 minutes with a correction to add Curtis Rice as absent.

Vote: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays. Motion CARRIED

2020-89 PUBLIC TIME OTHER THAN AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Jason Fulton, DDA Vice, entertained the idea of having a fireworks show. He has secured the date for Friday, July 2, 2021 ~ cost \$5,000 to \$6,500. He would like the village to form a committee of different representatives in the community to spearhead this event.

2020-90 CORRESPONDENCE ~ None.

2020-91 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Krikke, 2nd by Rice to approve the agenda with the addition of crosswalks.

Vote: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays. Motion CARRIED

2020-92 PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – None.

A presentation was given by Greg Chambers from Applied Concepts, Inc. [Stalker Radar]. They have pole mounted signs and ones on trailers.

The Public Hearing to vacate the alley between S. First Street and S. Second Street opened at 6:30 p.m. and closed at 6:39 p.m. Trustee Krikke removed herself from the board due to conflict of interest. Due to the Land Division Act, the adjacent property owners do not get half the vacated alley as in the past. It's up to the property owners to decide how they are going to use it. If there is a disagreement, the use will have to be settled in circuit court. The Zoning Administrator will contact the assessor about a boundary adjustment.

Beautification – Merry & Sue

The plant trimming and edging on Main Street is done. DDA is addressing issue with stressed trees. DPW will investigate possible sidewalk trip hazard.

Equipment – Erik & Curtis

Oil pan on the #507 dump truck needs to be replaced. Sensor will be installed.

Health and Safety - Merry

Merry will do safety walk thru before next meeting.

Human Resource – Erik

HR meeting minutes from August 24th, August 26th and September 3rd were in the packet.

Motion by Rice, 2nd by Barron to hire Jaime Teesdale as DPW / Sewer Assistant effective October 5, 2020 and the wage recommendations of the August 26, 2020 Human Resource Meeting Minutes, that the new hire will be eligible for holiday pay after 90-day probation period, to accept the salary adjustments for Steve Evink per the recommendations of the August 26, 2020 Human Resource Meeting Minutes, to accept the salary adjustments for Jay Pike per the recommendations of the August 26, 2020 Human Resource Meeting Minutes, to replace the Safety Bonus with Longevity Bonus according the scale in the December 23, 2019 H.R. Meeting Minutes and to use the Employee Performance Appraisal form for annual reviews deleting number 2. And 3.

Roll call Vote:

Ayes: Barron, Bitely, Goss, Krikke, Rice, Smalley and Rose.

Nays: None

Motion CARRIED

Sewer & Storm ~ Mary

- A. The sewer charges for 90 Spring Street have been revised according to current usage.

Street Report – Erik

Motion by Goss, 2nd by Rice to adopt **Resolution No 2020-11** Street closure for School Fundraiser.

Vote: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays.

Motion CARRIED

MDOT will be contacted about the new handicapped approaches. They are slippery when they get wet.

Other Reports

- A. Clerk's August Written Report. Q&A Jan/Feb 2019
- B. Treasurer's 8/31/20 Written Report.
- C Zoning Admin Report 9-8-2020
- E. Proposed Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – September 3rd
- F. Fire reports for August .

2020-93

APPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATIONS

A. **Motion** by Rice, 2nd by Smalley to accept the resignation of Erik Bitely, effective September 14, 2020.

Vote: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 Abstain.

Motion CARRIED

B. Erik will retain the position of Street Administrator. He will submit a monthly report and attend meetings when required.

C. **Motion** by Barron, 2nd by Rice to nominate Jill Krikke as President Pro-Tempore for the Village of Kent City to replace Erik Bitely.

Vote: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 Abstain.

Motion CARRIED

2020-94

FINANCE

A. **Motion** by Rice, 2nd by Goss to approve the bills for Two Hundred Fifty-Four thousand, Thirty-five and 35/100 (\$254,035.35) dollars.

Roll call Vote:

Ayes: Bitely, Goss, Krikke, Rice, Smalley, Barron and Rose.

Nays: None

Motion CARRIED

B. **Motion** by Krikke, 2nd by Rice to adopt **Resolution No. 2020-12** To Authorize Payment for Streetscape Project Bonds [\$3,060.00].

Roll call Vote:

Ayes: Goss, Krikke, Rice, Smalley, Barron, Bitely and Rose.

Nays: None.

Motion CARRIED

C. **Motion** by Krikke, 2nd by Goss to adopt **Resolution No. 2020-13** To Authorize Payment for Share Bonds [\$11,487.50].

Roll call Vote:

Ayes: Krikke, Rice, Smalley, Barron, Bitely, Goss, and Rose.

Nays: None

Motion CARRIED

2020-95

OLD BUSINESS

A. **Motion** by Goss, 2nd by Rice to adopt **Resolution No. 2020-10** to Vacate Public Alley [between S. 1st and S. 2nd Streets].

Roll call Vote:

Ayes: Rice, Smalley, Barron, Bitely, Goss and Rose.

Nays: None.

Abstain: Krikke

Motion CARRIED

B. The property at M37 – 17 Mile was discussed. **Motion** by Barron, 2nd by Rice to authorize the Village Zoning Administrator, Dennis Kaminski, to contact Tom Cheslek about the donation of property.

Vote: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays.

Motion CARRIED

2020-96

NEW BUSINESS

A. **Motion** by Goss, 2nd by Rice to adopt Ordinance No. **2020-09.03** To
Rezone land at 258 N. Ball Creek from C-1 to C-2.

Roll call Vote:

Ayes: Smalley, Barron, Bitely, Goss, Krikke, Rice and Rose.

Nays: None

Motion CARRIED

2020-97

ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn by Bitely, 2nd by Barron at 7:29
p.m.

Vote: 7 Ayes; 0 Nay.

Motion CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Portell, Village Clerk