

**VILLAGE OF KENT CITY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
March 10, 2022  
83 Spring Street, Kent City MI**

- 2022-40** 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, Randy Clay, Linda Poling, Sue Smalley, Gabrielle Zobel, Bert Rose.
- Council absent: None.
- Officers present: Ashley Scudder, Clerk; Debra Fourth, Treasurer; Dennis Kaminski, Zoning Administrator.
- Others present: Luke Meerman, Michigan State Representative – 88<sup>th</sup> District; Bill Crane, Kent City Community Schools; Tim Kruithoff, Kent City School Board; Dave Ignasiak, Tyrone Township Supervisor; Rood Vaughan, DPW; Steve and Joannie Buckner, John Petruska.
- 2022-41** APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
**Motion** by Smalley, support by Zobel, to approve the Minutes from Village of Kent City Regular February 10, 2022, Council Meeting and the Minutes from Village of Kent City Special February 24, 2022, Council Meeting as presented.  
**Vote:** Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion CARRIED
- 2022-42** PUBLIC TIME OTHER THAN AGENDA ITEMS –  
Luke Meerman, Michigan State Representative of the 88<sup>th</sup> District, introduced himself to the Kent City Village Council. He will be running for the seat of the 89<sup>th</sup> District in the upcoming election.
- 2022-43** CORRESPONENCE – None.
- 2022-44** APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
**Motion** by Smalley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Poling, to approve agenda as presented.  
**Vote:** Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion CARRIED
- 2022-45** PUBLIC TIME ON AGENDA ITEMS – None.
- 2022-46** SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER  
Bill Crane, Kent City Community Schools Superintendent, addressed the Council Members and the Community in attendance to share information about the Student Resource Officer Program. He expressed regret towards the Village for discontinuing their partnership in funding the program but verified that the Kent City Community Schools would continue the program and be able to fund it. The Student Resource Officer Program is a phenomenal program that benefits the school and the kids.
- Dennis Kaminski, Kent City Zoning Administrator, added that there is a funding issue with how the program is currently financed. School tax is milled to school

areas, but not all areas financially contribute to the program. There should be a millage for this program to fund it equally.

Tim Kruithoff, Kent City School Board - Finance Committee, also addressed the Council Members and the Community in attendance to discuss the financial aspect of the Program. It is currently funded by a four partnership between the Kent City School District, the Village of Kent City, Kent County, and Tyrone Township. Village Residents are taxed on this program four times. Township residents are taxed twice. This is a financial issue that needs to be addressed. The school would love to have financial partnerships to fund this program, but they cannot expect the smallest budgets to contribute as much as the larger budgets. In the future there may be discussion on millage appropriations. Kent City Community Schools appreciates the partnership of the Village.

*Let the Minutes reflect that Luke Meerman left the meeting at 6:24 p.m.*

**2022-47**

**REPORTS**

EQUIPMENT~ *Randy*

2008 Sterling L8500 at Truck City, Wayland, listed at \$75,000.00, is set up for the needs of the Village and appears to be in mechanically sound condition. Clay looked at the truck in person and requested an intent to purchase by passed by the Council, should this truck pass an inspection by Village sought mechanic, and Jay Pike, DPW.

**Motion** by Smalley, support by Poling, to allow Randy Clay to an intent to purchase the 2008 Sterling L8500 Plow Truck at Truck City, Wayland, should the vehicle pass inspections and be satisfactory to Jay Pike, DPW Manager. Amount of purchase price to be discussed and approved by Village Council should intent to purchase be carried out.

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: Blandford, Clay, Poling, Zobel, Smalley, Rose.  
Nays: Barron. Motion CARRIED.

HEALTH & SAFETY~ *Sue & Gabi*

Quarterly Inspection Report completed.  
Jay Pike to be updating his CPR/First Aid Certification.

IT ~ *Deb & Ashley*

New office computers have been configured and installed.

*Let the Minutes reflect that Bill Crane left the meeting at 6:33 p.m.*

HR COMMITTEE~ *Bert*

HR Committee Minutes from February 24, 2022, reviewed.

**Motion** by Smalley, support by Clay, to accept the HR recommendation to eliminate the Deputy Clerk position and pay current approved hourly rate to Clerk for office hours worked on Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: Zobel, Smalley, Barron, Blandford, Clay, Poling, Rose.  
Nays: None. Motion CARRIED

SEWER/STORM~ Mary

Meeting Minutes from February 21, 2022, reviewed.

Meeting Minutes from March 8, 2022, reviewed.

**Motion** by Smalley, support by Poling, to approve quote from ESRI for a one year Term License of ArcGIS Online Viewer and a one year Term License of ArcGIS Online Creator (May 18, 2022 – May 17, 2023) for Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) and 00/100.

**Roll call vote:** Ayes: Poling, Zobel, Barron, Blandford, Clay, Smalley, Rose.

Nays: None.

Motion CARRIED

STREET ADMIN. ~ Randy

New Radar Signs will be in use this Spring.

45 MPH street signs have been ordered (Resolution 2021-22).

Other Reports

A. Clerk's 03/10/2022 Written Report.

B. Treasurer's 02/28/2022 Written Report.

C. Zoning Administrator's 03/10/2022 report.

D. New Building Committee Report for March verbally given by Kaminski.

Building has been gutted and ceiling insulation is ready to be removed. The removal crew was able to save door jambs, trim, doors, and about one hundred eight foot two by fours.

Non-profit lined up to take remaining medial equipment didn't take much, looking for other options on what was left.

Architect is drawing plans for the building, as it's required for permits to be pulled on a public use building.

Trees have been removed.

E. DDA Minutes from February 17, 2022, reviewed.

*Let the Minutes reflect that Tim Kruihoff and Dave Ignasiak left the meeting at 6:54 p.m.*

F. Fire Department reports for February reviewed.

**2022-48**

COMMUNITY BUSINESS

Kent City Fireworks 2022 update

Committee Meetings are scheduled for the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Kent City Village Office, 83 Spring Street, 7:00 p.m.

Contract with Pyrotecnico has been returned, and invoice paid.

**2022-49**

FINANCE

A. **Motion** by Poling, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Zobel, to approve the monthly bills for Two Hundred Thirty-One Thousand, Three Hundred Seventy-Four Dollars and (\$231,374.58) and 58/100.

**Roll call vote:** Ayes: Smalley, Poling, Barron, Blandford, Clay, Zobel, Rose.

Nays: None.

Motion CARRIED

**2022-50**

OLD BUSINESS

A. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Parking Lot Project

Bids were opened virtually by the Kent County Purchasing Department on Thursday, February 24, 2022. Seven were received.

**Motion** by Poling, support by Clay, to accept bid from Rowland Excavating, Inc. for One Hundred Eighty-Six Thousand, Two Hundred Forty Dollars (\$186,240.00) and 00/100.

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: Barron, Blandford, Clay, Poling, Smalley, Zobel, Rose.  
Nays: None. Motion CARRIED

- B. Three proposals returned to the Village Council for Auditing Services for Fiscal Year 2022/2023. Proposals opened and distributed to Council Members. To be reviewed and voted at the Regular Council Meeting, April 14, 2022.

**2022-51**

NEW BUSINESS

*Let the Minutes reflect that Steve and Joannie Buckner left the meeting at 7:08 p.m. Let the Minutes reflect that John Petruska left the meeting at 7:09 p.m.*

- A. Resolution 2022-08: Authorization of Sewer Bond Payment

**Motion** by Zobel, support by Blandford to adopt Resolution 2022-08.

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: Zobel, Poling, Blandford, Smalley, Barron, Clay, Rose.  
Nays: None. Motion CARRIED

- B. Resolution 2022-09: Authorization of Streetscape Bond Payment

**Motion** by Poling, support by Zobel, to adopt Resolution 2022-09.

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: Clay, Poling, Zobel, Smalley, Barron, Blandford, Rose.  
Nays: None. Motion CARRIED

- C. MML Insurance Renewal

**Motion** by Zobel, support by Smalley, to approve the Michigan Municipal League Liability and Property Pool Renewal Proposal for the Village of Kent City.

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: Clay, Poling, Zobel, Smalley, Barron, Blandford, Rose.  
Nays: None. Motion CARRIED

- D. Advanced Landscape Estimate

**Motion** by Zobel, support by Smalley, to approve estimate from Advanced Landscape with change of Village Hall address for two applications of fertilizer for One Thousand, Five Hundred Thirty-Two (\$1,532,42) dollars and 42/100.

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: Zobel, Smalley, Barron, Blandford, Clay, Poling, Rose.  
Nays: None. Motion CARRIED

**2022-52**

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS – None.

**2022-53**

ADJOURNMENT – **Motion** to adjourn by Blandford, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Zobel at 7:22 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Scudder, Village Clerk