

**VILLAGE OF KENT CITY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
March 9, 2023  
200 S Main Street, Kent City MI**

**2023-50**

**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.

Others present:

David Kieft, Fireworks Chairman; Melissa Boles, 343 Wynwood; Ian Gossman, 343 Wynwood.

**2023-51**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion** by Barron, support by Poling, to approve the agenda with the addition of IX. Appointments/Resignations, A. DDA Application – Amanda Villa.

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

**2023-52**

**PUBLIC TIME OTHER THAN AGENDA ITEMS –**

Opened at 6:01 p.m., Closed at 6:01 p.m.

No public comment.

**2023-53**

**CORRESPONDENCE** – Letter from Melissa Kruihoff regarding Wild Animals Amendment reviewed by Council.

**2023-54**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion** by Poling, support by Barron, to approve Meeting Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of the Village of Kent City February 9, 2023, and Meeting Minutes from the Special Council Meetings of the Village of Kent City February 23, 2023.

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

**2023-55**

**PUBLIC TIME ON AGENDA ITEMS –**

Opened at 6:03 p.m., closed at 6:19 p.m.

Melissa Boles requested the Council postpone vote on the passing of Ordinance 2023-01: Keeping of Wild Animals. Boles is a wildlife rehabilitator sublicensee authorized to care to bottle babies only. Concerns came in 2022 when Village was notified of baby racoons caged in Boles's back yard. No citation was warranted because there was not a violation of a Village Ordinance. Topic has been in discussion before Planning Commission for several months, and a Public Hearing of the Planning Commission for the discussion of the proposed Ordinance was held March 2, 2023, after posting requirements were met. Boles will have information to present to Council on this topic next regular Council meeting.

**Motion** by Barron, support by Barber, to table Council vote on Ordinance 2023-01: Keeping of Wild Animals, until next regular Council meeting April 13, 2023.

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

2023-56

**REPORTS**

HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Inspection completed by Durst.

SEWER/STORM REPORT

Project Planning Document for CWSRF Loan has been emailed to Council. Public Meeting scheduled for April 13<sup>th</sup> has been posted.

Plummer's Environmental pipe lining project at 17 Mile Road and Ball Creek has been completed.

Estimates and photos for sewer pipe repair at 104 W Muskegon presented. To be sent out for bid.

STREET REPORT

Estimates presented on manhole repairs. To be sent out for bid.

Tree removal requested at 157 N Main Street on Village property. To be sent out for bid.

Street sweeping to be sent out for bid.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Update on Ottawa County hearing for C.B. Leaver Park Vandalism.

Other Reports

- A. Clerk's 03/09/2023 Written Report.
- B. Treasurer's 02/28/2023 Written Report.
- C. Zoning 03/09/2023 Written Report.
- D. Planning Commission Minutes from March 2, 2023, reviewed.
- E. DDA Minutes from February 16, 2023, reviewed.
- F. Fireworks Committee presentation by Kieft, Fireworks Chairman. Fireworks Committee Meeting, March 8, 2023.
- G. Fire Department report for February reviewed.

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**FINANCE**

- A. **Motion** by Barber, support by Durst, to approve payment of the monthly bills in the amount of Forty-Two Thousand, Eight Hundred and Eight (\$42,808.53) dollars and 53/100.

**Roll call vote:** Ayes: Smalley, Poling, Barber, Durst, Barron, Surgent, Rose.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion CARRIED

2023-58

**APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS**

- A. DDA Application – Amanda Villa

**Motion** by Poling, support by Barron, to appoint Amanda Villa to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) board.

**Vote:** Ayes; 7      Nays: 0

Motion CARRIED

2023-59

**OLD BUSINESS –**

None.

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**NEW BUSINESS –**

**A. Resolution 2023-03: To Authorize Sewer Bond Payment**

**Motion** by Barron, support by Poling, to adopt Resolution 2023-03: To Authorize Sewer Bond Payment.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion CARRIED

**B. Resolution 2023-04: To Authorize Streetscape Bond Payment**

**Motion** by Barron, support by Smalley, to adopt Resolution 2023-04: To Authorize Streetscape Bond Payment.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion CARRIED

**C. Resolution 2023-05: CDBG Application & Funding**

**Motion** by Barron, support by Barber, to adopt Resolution 2023-05: CDBG Application and Funding.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion CARRIED

**D. Ordinance 2023-01: Keeping of Wild Animals**

Postponed until April 13, 2023, Regular Council Meeting.

*Let the minutes reflect that Melissa Boles and Ian Gossman left the meeting at 7:38 p.m.*

**E. Proposed Ordinance – Mobile Food Truck Regulation**

Discussion on annual fee, available dates and permitted areas.

**Motion** by Barron, support by Poling, to amend the proposed Ordinance to exclude “without the permission of the village,” from Section 6. Requirements, (n).

**Vote:** Ayes; 7

Nays: 0

Motion CARRIED

**F. Advanced Landscape Park Pesticide Application Estimate 2023**

**Motion** by Barber, support by Poling, to accept Advanced Landscape Park Pesticide Application estimate in the amount of One Thousand, six hundred twenty eight (\$1,628.92) dollars and 92/100.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion CARRIED

2023-61

**COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS –**

Poling requested update on speed radar signs purchased last year. Would like to see them up this summer.

Village Office signs on Spring Street and Kent Street need to be taken down.

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**ADJOURNMENT –**

**Motion** to adjourn by Barron, support by Smalley, at 7:48 p.m.

**Vote:** Ayes; 7

Nays: 0

Motion CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Scudder, Village Clerk