

TOWN OF KENDALL
RECESSED TOWN BOARD MEETING
Thursday, September 25, 2008 7:30 P.M.
Town Board Workshop, immediately following

Supervisor Gillman called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm, and led the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

Councilman Gaesser	present
Councilman Joseph	present
Councilman Schuth	present
Councilwoman Szozda	present
Supervisor Gillman	present

ALSO PRESENT: Al and Bev Lofthouse, Mike Furness

Councilman Gaesser moved to accept the following minutes, as presented, seconded by Councilman Schuth:

Regular Town Board Meeting and Wind Energy Public Hearing August 14, 2008
Wind Energy Law Public Hearing August 21, 2008
Recessed Town Board Meeting August 28, 2008

Supervisor Gillman called for a vote, resulting in all ayes; minutes accepted

Councilman Schuth asked if pay had been determined for the Dog Census Officer hired in August. Councilwoman Szozda replied that it would be \$500, plus up to \$200 in mileage reimbursement.

Councilman Schuth, referring to the minutes of August 28, 2008, asked if the Water District 6 intermunicipal agreement with the Town of Murray had been finalized.

Supervisor Gillman responded it had not been finalized. Murray asked Kendall not to sign the agreement yet, because of a situation with meter billing.

Councilman Gaesser asked for clarification as to why Murray does not want Kendall to sign the agreement.

Councilman Joseph said the agreement is not signed because Murray wants to ensure that a telemetry system is in place before the agreement is signed.

Councilman Gaesser asked if the Attorney for the Town has been involved.

Supervisor Gillman answered affirmatively.

Councilman Joseph stated that the Town of Murray does not want to “get burned” if we sign the agreement, and then do not install a telemetry system.

Councilman Schuth expressed concern that we are in a precarious situation, with residents using water with no agreement in place.

Councilman Joseph said that because of previous problems with Water District 6, to protect the Town of Murray, signing the agreement is being postponed. Councilman Schuth stated that he is not comfortable with the way this is being handled. Supervisor Gillman expressed his displeasure with the engineer for the town, but feels confident that Attorney Leone is comfortable with this postponement. Councilman Gaesser registered his uneasiness about twenty homes using water without a signed Intermunicipal agreement in place, and therefore no protection. Councilman Joseph said that there is an oral agreement in place, and we are acting in good faith. Clerk Richardson reminded the Board that there is no price set for billing of water customers yet, and no bill collection system in place, and asked when the billing cycle begins.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dan Schuth's letter to Barb Flow regarding the Bowhunter Safety course, and Mrs. Flow's dedication to her job as Recreation Director was read.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Al Lofthouse – expressed his belief that the Board has been lax about the Water District 6 hookup, and that some of those already using the water may not have had proper inspections done.

Councilman Joseph said that some users did open the trenches, lay pipe and backfill without open pit inspections; the Town of Murray does insist on inspection, but will not require those users to re-dig.

Mr. Lofthouse asked if the telemetry system can detect leaks through usage measurements. Supervisor Gillman responded affirmatively.

Mr. Lofthouse restated that 20 residents are “hooked up”, and asked if there has been any rate set yet for the cost of water usage. Councilwoman Szozda said she thought the rate may be specified in the agreement. Mr. Lofthouse expressed concern that things are being done out of order, and asked when the project should be completed. Mr. Gillman said the bid opening for the telemetry system is October 21st, but did not estimate any completion date.

RESOLUTIONS

Councilwoman Szozda moved the following, seconded by Councilman Joseph:

RESOLUTION 130-908 Adding Councilman Bart Joseph to Finance Committee

Discussion: Councilman Schuth asked if this was a one-year addition. Supervisor Gillman said yes. Councilman Gaesser pointed out that it is not necessary to do this by resolution. Committees are set up at each annual organizational meeting, but can be changed at any time.

Supervisor Gillman called for a vote, which resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

A special meeting was set for Thursday, October 2nd at 4:00 pm, to receive the 2009 tentative budget, and budget hearing dates were discussed.

Councilman Gaesser moved the following, seconded by Councilman Schuth:

RESOLUTION 131-908 To Authorize the Town Clerk to Publish Legal Notices Publicizing the 2009 Public Hearing Dates for November 6th at 7:00 p.m., and November 13th at 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Gillman called for a vote, which resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Gillman announced that a Court Justice Audit must be conducted by a Councilman, and suggested that be done rather than hiring an outside auditor. Councilman Gaesser asked when that would have to be filed. Supervisor Gillman stated it was required by September 30th, and that he would see that it is completed on time.

Plans for window replacement in the Town Hall were discussed.

The Town Hall phone system will be switched to digital.

Councilman Schuth brought up a concern that business zoning can be “lost” if property is not used for business purposes for a year.

A discussion about Zoning and Planning Boards plans for 2009 budgeting was held.

Councilman Schuth would like to see a line item being in the budget for codification.

Supervisor Gillman is not in favor of that.

Discussion regarding a new accounting software purchase was conducted.

Councilman Gaesser said that the new owner of the former Morton Cold Storage will be petitioning the Planning Board for re-zoning of that property from hamlet to light industrial. This should be aggressively pursued and moved forward by year-end.

With there being no further business coming before the Board, Supervisor Gillman moved for adjournment, seconded by Councilman Joseph. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Richardson
Kendall Town Clerk