

**Town Council  
Utility Meeting  
February 12, 2024**

*The Town Council of the Town of Kouts, Indiana met in the Kouts Town Hall, 210 South Main Street, Kouts, Indiana on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024 at 5:00 pm for the purpose of conducting their regular utility meeting.*

*The meeting was called to order by Council President Tyler Brock and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.*

*Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Councilors Tyler Brock, Tim Gant, Blake Jefferson, Harold Salyer and CJ Wittmer. Also, Clerk-Treasurer Laurie Tribble, Cory Clarke representing MCO and Adam Simka representing Wessler Engineering.*

**Adam Simka reported:** *There is a site control issue that will delay the water project. In 1998 the pre-permit to IDEM said the town needs a 200' setback radius and 65' of land. We currently only have 50' of land. We must purchase the extra 15' to get the 200' site control. We pulled out of the OCRA Grant for this round because of this issue. Wessler is drafting a description and legal exhibit, and a 50-year title search is underway. Mike Klienpeter will put together a packet to send to the property owner of the land we need to purchase. If the purchase goes through in a timely fashion we will resubmit the ORCA Grant again in June.*

**Dixon Engineering Tank Inspection Report:** *The cost summary for the report totals \$256,000. The report suggested the Council meet with the fire department and draft a rescue plan to be kept at the tank and with the rescue crew. The tower has to be drained to paint as well as a month's down time. This project is scheduled for the end of the water project. The report was given to the Council to review and discussion at a later time. There was also talk of a water ATM going in at the old east tower for contractors to use.*

*Councilor Gant asked about the hydrant theft. Was there a fine? Laurie Tribble reported the company was contacted and a fine of \$2500 was issued along with a bill for the water.*

**Cory Clarke reported:**

*\*MCO reached out to contractors to install the antenna of the water tower for the Neptune 360-meter reading software installation. J&K was the only contractor to submit a quote in the amount of \$9575.66. M & B will install the electric after the fixtures are installed.*

*Councilor Jefferson motioned to approve J&K's quote for \$9575.66 with Tyler Brock as signatory. Councilor Salyer seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

\*There was a service line break in front of the Town Hall on Jan. 18. The sidewalk will be repaired in the spring. At 408 Fair Oaks Dr. on Jan. 22 a water main break was repaired live to prevent residents from having to boil water and at 506 Woodland another break was repaired live on Feb 3.

\*Two valves underground at the WWTP need to be replaced and the concrete replaced. The worn-out scraper blades at the bottom of each clarifier need to be replaced.

\*ME Simpson will be here to recalibrate the large meters.

\*The vector needs to be taken to Whitestown so Jack Doheny can look the machine over to identify problems. After the report we can decide what to repair.

Councilor Wittmer asked about the Church Street Project. The water line was located 7' off from where it actually was. There are a lot of power lines that makes it hard to locate underground in that area because of interference. Cory Clarke reported he has contacted LFA to review the project. The piping doesn't appear to have the correct separation required. If there is water break there it could be quite costly for the town to repair the way it currently is done.

Adjournment:

Councilor Salyer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 pm, Councilor Jefferson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

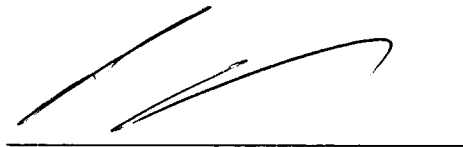


Laurie A. Tribble  
Clerk-Treasurer



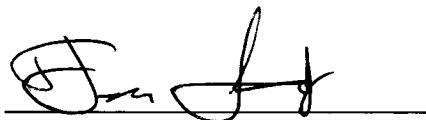
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Tyler Brock



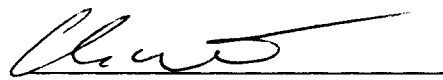
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Blake Jefferson



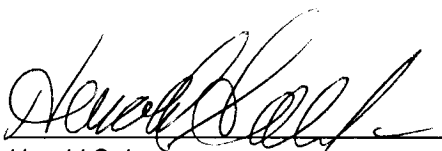
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Tim Gant



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CJ Wittmer



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Harold Salyer