

**Town Council
Utility Meeting
April 15, 2024**

The Town Council of the Town of Kouts, Indiana met in the Kouts Town Hall, 210 South Main Street, Kouts, Indiana on the 15th day of April, 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, Harold Salyer and CJ Wittmer. Also, Clerk-Treasurer Laurie Tribble, Cory Clarke and Bryant Barrera representing MCO and Adam Simka representing Wessler Engineering. Blake Jefferson was absent from the meeting.

Town Garage Roof Replacement-Larry Giannini from Mighty Dog Roofing appeared before the board to discuss the Town garage roof replacement. They submitted a bid in the amount of \$48,182.59 for the roof and \$4878.94 for the gutters at a 50% discount. Mighty Dog is the only company that has returned Laurie's phone calls over many months time. The current roof is leaking and has needed replacement for a while. Councilor Harold Salyer motioned to approve the replacement of the roof in the amount of \$48,182.59 with an additional \$4878.94 for gutters with Mighty Dog Roofing. Councilor CJ Wittmer seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Adam Simka-During the utility meeting Adam discussed with the council what type of repairs and maintenance they would like to see done at the west tower. Councilor Brock asked about painting the interior of the tank. Adam suggested they remove the cathodic protection system for \$28,000 and add the interior painting which would be around \$100,000. Adam will review the cost summary and improvements suggested by Dixon Engineering and report back to the council at a later date. 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. And lastly, the 90 % design workshop is scheduled for late May.

Cory Clarke reported: Hydrant 43 on Railroad Street was struck by a vehicle on March 30, 2024. A police report was taken. The hydrant was flushed taken out of service until the barrel of the hydrant can be inspect for leaks underground. The new meter reading software has been installed. We are waiting for Utility Supply to install the sim card and training on the software. Hydrant flushing is May 6-10. There is a meeting on Friday April 19 with Gen Pro, LFA and the town to get everyone on the same page for construction at the new complex on west Indiana (Rt 8).

Adjournment:

Councilor Salyer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 pm, Councilor Wittmer seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

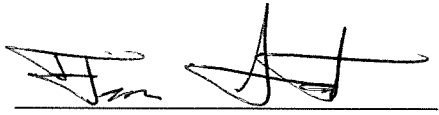
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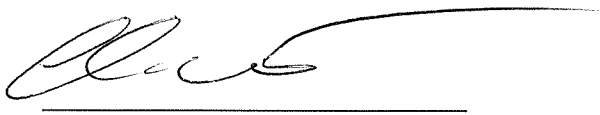
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Clerk-Treasurer


absent

Tyler Brock


Blake Jefferson


Tim Gant


CJ Wittmer


Harold Salyer