

**Town Council**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**July 8, 2024**  
**6:00 PM**

The Town Council of the Town of Kouts, Indiana met in the Kouts Town Hall, 210 South Main Street, Kouts, Indiana 46347 on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting their regular monthly meeting.

Council President Tyler Brock called the meeting to order 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 present, Clerk-Treasurer Laurie Tribble, Attorney Schwerd, Police Chief Michael Miller, and Fire Chief Jeremy Gettler. Blake Jefferson was absent.

**Approval of Utility Meeting Minutes:** The minutes of the June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 utility meeting minutes were submitted to the council for approval. Councilor Wittmer motioned to approve the minutes as submitted and Councilor Gant seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 regular meeting minutes were submitted to the council for approval. Councilor Salyer motioned to approve the minutes as submitted and Councilor Wittmer seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**Approval of Claims:** The Accounts Payable Docket from June 10 to July 8, 2024 was presented to the Council for approval. Laurie Tribble added that she would like to include two claims that came in late that will be on next months' docket. One for Kouts Fire façade grant for \$5000 and one to Harold Salyer for mileage in the amount of \$170.18. Councilor Wittmer motioned to approve the Accounts Payable Docket as submitted along with the two additional claims and Councilor Salyer seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**Departmental/Contractual Reports:**

**\*Clerk-Treasurer-Laurie Tribble** reported the grit building at the WWTP is in need of repair. We previously received a quote for the repair from a local contractor. No other quotes were received at the time. The quote is from J. Hackett PTG in the amount of \$8220. An emergency exists requiring immediate action to repair the building in order to properly maintain the equipment inside. Attorney Schwerd was in attendance and had no issues with the council awarding the repair. Councilor Salyer motioned to approve the repair in the amount of \$8220 and Councilor Wittmer seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. The street department has been updating the street signs in town. The old signs will be recycled. A few people have asked if they can have a sign. The Council stated they do not have an issue with the street department giving the signs away.

**\*Attorney-**No report.

**\*Park-** No report.

**\*Police Department-**Chief Miller reported his department had 1000 events in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. Included in that count is 618 traffic stops and 16 arrests. Councilor Brock stated he is getting good feedback from the community in regards to police presence.

**\*Plan Commission-** No report.

**\*Building Inspector-** No report.

**\*Storm Water Board-** Kevin Salyer reported Church St. has been paved. The catch basins will be concreted next week. They are waiting for the permit from INDOT to be approved to move forward with the repair at Alice and ST RD 49. They are hoping to have it done by July 22 while the road is closed by 900 S while traffic is detoured.

**\*Economic Development Commission-** No report.

**\*Fire Department-**Fire Chief Gettler reported the department has had a busy month. They have had over 200 calls the first 6 months. The painting project of the fire department building is complete. Thank you to the EDC for the façade grant.

**\*Pork Fest-**Ricco Semento reported he needs a signature to close the road from 7am-5pm for the festival. There will not be a beer garden or bands this year. Pennsy Park will not be used.

### **Adjournment**

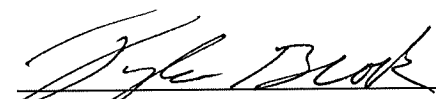
Councilor Wittmer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. and Councilor Salyer seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.


Respectfully submitted,

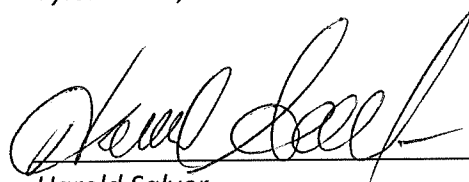



Laurie A. Tribble  
Clerk-Treasurer


(signatures on page 3)

  
Tyler Brock, President

  
Blake Jefferson, Vice-President

  
Harold Salyer

  
CJ Wittmer

  
Tim Gant