

**Town Council  
Utility Meeting  
March 10, 2025  
5:00 pm**

*The Town Council of the Town of Kouts, Indiana met in the Kouts Town Hall, 210 South Main Street, Kouts, Indiana on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025 at 5:00 pm for the purpose of conducting their regular utility meeting.*

*The meeting was called to order by Council Vice President Blake Jefferson and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.*

*Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Councilors Tim Gant, Blake Jefferson, and Harold Salyer. Also, Clerk-Treasurer Laurie Tribble, and Cory Clarke and Brett Deardorff representing MCO.*

***Frontier-**Michael O'Keefe, from Frontier and Todd Payne, from Pearce gave a presentation to the council regarding installing fiber in town. Some items discussed, but not limited to: no equipment will be left on streets unless approved by homeowner, hand holes where necessary will be traffic rated, in most cases they will follow their current lines underground or be at a 36" depth, contractor will cover damages for 2 years, Frontier will reimburse for televising, locations of hits and repairs after 2 years, work in roadways will be cored out filled with stone and the core will be replaced. They will work with MCO on number of locates in cooperation with contractors. They will also submit a list of all subs used and two inspectors. Lastly, they will submit a list of contacts and phone numbers for problem situations.*

***MCO-** Cory Clarke reported they are working on the 2024 CCR for the water system. There were a few water main breaks over the winter, one had a boil water advisory. There was a meeting with Abonmarche. They will be sharing some different apps they have created that may benefit the town, they will also continue to update the GIS service for April 2025 to April 2026. MCO is continuing to schedule replacing water meters inside homes with new radio reads. Internal plumbing is also being inspected for cross connections or illegal tie in before the water meter. LFA has started to design the Strong Rd water and sewer project. They are still working on the clarifiers, and trying to get someone to inspect them. Wessler is working on the NPDES permit modifications to meet IDEM's specifications for the Emergency Response Plan. The grit room heater quit working, they will be getting pricing, but for now they are using a backup heating source to heat the building. The 2023 Chevy is at the dealership. They have been having issues with it shutting off and the battery dying. The gauges go dead and the heat turns cold and blows out at full speed. The problem is sporadic and the dealer hasn't been able to find the issue. Brett was able to get it to the dealer the last time the issue happened so they could see it while it was happening.*

**Adjournment:**

Councilor Salyer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 pm, Councilor Gant seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

*Laurie A. Tribble*

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Clerk-Treasurer

*Tyler Brock*

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*absent*

Blake Jefferson

*Tim Gant*

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*absent*

CJ Wittmer

*Harold Salyer*

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