

**Town Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2023**

The Town Council of the Town of Kouts, Indiana met in the Kouts Town Hall, 210 South Main Street, Kouts, Indiana 46347 on the 12th day of June, 2023 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, Robert Forster, Blake Jefferson, Harold Salyer and CJ Wittmer. Also present, Clerk-Treasurer Laurie Tribble, Attorney Robert Schwerd, Town Marshal Smith, Orville Jefferson, Park Director/Bldg. Insp, Tammy Dubbels, Code Enforcement and Fire Chief Gettler.

Tyler Brock opened the Public Hearing for discussion at 6:05 pm.

OCRA Public Hearing #2- Tyler Brock opened the Public Hearing for discussion at 6:05 pm. Mike Kleinpeter who is a certified grant administrator was in attendance and explained there was a notice in the Times on May 31, stating the town has a water improvement project in the amount of approx.\$9,364,000. The town will be applying for a grant from OCRA for \$700,000. Other funds that will be used to fund the project will be ARPA Funds, SRF Funds and well settlement funds. Residents are encouraged to send in any water quality issues. The higher the score on the grant application the better and also complete the survey at the town hall or via survey monkey. Photos of water quality issues would also be significant. Adam Simka, Wessler Engineering, went over a hand-out that he gave the audience that was previously handed out at the April meeting. Mike Klienpeter of Klienpeter Consultants reported that easements for the water project are still being obtained. The ORCA grant will be postponed until December 2023 until that process can be completed.

RESOLUTION 2023-8-RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION SUBMISSION AND LOCAL MATCH COMMITMENT-Councilman Forster motioned to approve the resolution as written with Tyler Brock as signatory and Councilor Salyer seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the May 8, 2023 regular meeting minutes were submitted to the council for approval. Councilor Jefferson motioned to approve the minutes as submitted and Councilor Wittmer seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Utility Minutes: The minutes of the May 8, 2023 utility meeting minutes were submitted to the council for approval. Councilor Forster motioned to approve the minutes as submitted and Councilor Salyer seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Claims: The Accounts Payable Docket for May 9 to June 12, 2023 was presented to the Council for approval. Councilor Wittmer motioned to approve the Accounts Payable Docket as submitted and Councilor Forster seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Departmental/Contractual Reports:

***Clerk-Treasurer-Laurie Tribble** reported budget season is beginning soon. She will also be at the SBOA called conference in Fort Wayne June 26-28.

***Attorney**-No Report.

***Engineering**- No Report.

***Park**- Director Jefferson reported safety day went well.

***Police Department**- No Report.

***Code Enforcement**- No Report.

***Plan Commission**- No Report.

***Building Inspector**- No Report.

***Storm Water Board**- Kevin Salyer reported the SWB awarded Lawson-Fisher the engineering for the Church Street drainage project. They hope to bid the project in September and have the project completed in October.

***Economic Development Commission**- No Report.

***Fire Department**-Chief Gettler reported they had a recruit graduate from the academy. They had a good time at safety day.

Resolution 2023-9 A Resolution Amending the Personnel Policy Manual for the Town of Kouts Adding A Drug Free Policy-Councilor Salyer motioned to approve the resolution as written and Councilor Forster seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Adjournment:

Councilor Jefferson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m., and Councilor Forster seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie A. Tribble

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Clerk-Treasurer

Tyler Brock

Tyler Brock, President

absent

Blake Jefferson, Vice-President

Robert Z Forster

Robert Forster

CJ Wittmer

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Harold Salyer

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