

**Town Council
Utility Meeting
June 12, 2023**

The Town Council of the Town of Kouts, Indiana met in the Kouts Town Hall, 210 South Main Street, Kouts, Indiana on the 12th day of June at 5:00 pm for the purpose of conducting a 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, Robert Forster, Blake Jefferson, Harold Salyer, CJ Wittmer and Laurie Tribble, CMO.

Adam Simka, Wessler Engineering-Mr. Simka reported some general and technical comments that were asked by the Indiana Finance Authority. These comments have some revisions to the PER that will be necessary to move forward with the loan process. Further, the OCRA Grant will have to be moved forward to the December submittal. The easements must be secured before submitting the grant and that will not be able to be completed before the June 30th deadline. Everything done to date to apply for the grant will still stand. The only thing that will be need to be redone are the public hearings.

Ben Christiansen, Utility Supply-Ben appeared before the board to do a short presentation on the Neptune radio read system. He gave a quote for two systems. One is a fixed based system that would be placed on the water tower. And the other would be the drive by system. Our current system will no longer be available or supported.

The 2001 pick-up truck will be place out for bid asap.

Laurie Tribble reported that Key-Assets was approved in March of 2021. She didn't move forward at that time, but will be moving forward with it now. She also presented a quote for Boyce Mail. Instead of post cards that easily get lost in the mail, we will send the billing to Boyce Mail and they will print the invoices and mail them out. The new bill will be a full-page bill with more room for information to the public. It is slightly more than the monthly billing is now, however we no longer have to purchase billing cards and stamps to mail out the disconnect notices which can get very expensive. Councilor Salyer motioned to approve the new billing and Councilor Forster seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Adjournment:

Councilor Jefferson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 pm, Councilor Forster seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie A. Tribble

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Clerk-Treasurer

Tyler Brock
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absent
Blake Jefferson

Robert Z Forster
Robert Forster

CJ Wittmer
CJ Wittmer

Harold Salyer
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