

**Town Council
Utility Meeting
August 14, 2023**

The Town Council of the Town of Kouts, Indiana met in the Kouts Town Hall, 210 South Main Street, Kouts, Indiana on the 14th day of August 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 and CJ Wittmer. Also, Clerk-Treasurer Laurie Tribble, Cory Clarke and Bryant Barrera representing MCO.

Items reported were:

- The 4-inch water main on Indiana and Church Streets will need to be addressed. The old 4-inch main needs to be retired and new services connected to the newer main. They found a valve under Hwy 8 that needs to be worked shut and at this time we have not been able to work it. We had another water main break on this 4-inch main that should be retired to prevent future problems.
- Save-A-Lot grocery store needs to be contacted again to install a shut-off valve outside the store.
- The signs on the garage were installed. Three of the trucks are complete. The two white trucks will need to be reprinted in black.
- The video screen for the cameras at the garage is out. There are also a few bad lenses.
- The electric is already installed at the water tower for the new meter reading equipment when it comes in.
- The test well has been drilled. It is 46' deep and comparable to the other wells. The results have been sent to IDEM
- The industrial sized meters need to be tested for accuracy. ME Simpson can do this.
- The new Lead and Copper Rule has gone into effect and the Lead Service Inventory List needs to be done on service lines to homes. There is quite a lot of work involved in putting this together. Cory thanked Tammy Dubbels for all that she has put in so far.
- The garage and grit building both need tuck point work and painting.

- A data logging portable pH and conductivity meter has been purchased and is being used inside the sewer structure to log pH and conductivity discharging from Merit Steel. We have a non-compliance issue at the plant and at this point are not sure what caused it. This is a result of IDEM's visit regarding the low pH we have been experiencing in the effluent.
- The reed beds are growing in well.
- We are still experiencing elevated levels of Molybdenum in the sludge.
- The new sludge pump had the wrong impeller installed. The company that installed the pump will order the correct impeller and install it.
- All sewer mains in the collection system have been repaired, that we know of, by Surf Air directional boring. The repairs were at 905 S. Main at Ross and 49 and Sunset and Strong.
- The 2003 Chevy Silverado truck will go out for sale. The truck has had some repairs and is now running well. The minimum bid is \$2500. Bids will be accepted until 4pm September 11, 2023 and opened at the council meeting that evening at 6pm.
- A proposal was received from American Concrete for repairs to the sidewalks on Main St. in the amount of \$34,500.
- Surf Internet was discussed. Deborah Crawford, from Surf Internet asked to drop off a check for their past due balance of \$6,710.26 and discuss moving forward. The invoice from Accu-Dig is in for the televising of the Storm Sewer and Sewer lines for cross-bore investigation. Two repairs were made that are listed in a previous item above. The council requested for the billing to be invoiced to Surf-Air for payment before any further approval to move forward will be considered.

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie A. Tribble

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Clerk-Treasurer

(Council signatures on next page)

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