

KINGSTON TOWN MINUTES

Wednesday February 9, 2022

Kingston Town Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Mayor Bill Sudweeks, Brent Jessen, Shannon Gleave, Kali Gleave, Jeremy Pearson, and Mike Millett. Also in attendance were several from the community.

The Prayer was offered by Trevor Barnson and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bill Sudweeks.

The swearing in of the appointments made for Mayor and Board member were conducted. Bill Sudweeks was sworn in as mayor. Brent Jessen was sworn in as Board Member.

Longpoint Development will be starting on the town crack sealing.

Kelly Crane with Ensign Engineering was present. He visited on the success of the master plan that they had done for Kingston Town. They would like to continue working with us. There are some favorable grants out there right now that aren't through USDA. He also mentioned that ARPA money can be used for water projects. He also talked about the few 4 inch pipes that are still left in town that need to be replaced. Mayor Sudweeks informed the board and Ensign Engineering that we had been waiting on them to look into our spring. He has now contacted Savage Engineering and they will be continuing with the spring. Kelly Crane commented that Ensign Engineering has gotten several large grants for the surrounding towns. There is a 3 week deadline that applies if we want to continue with them. Mayor Sudweeks said Kingston Town would be continuing with Ensign Engineering unless the Board out voted him.

Mandy Brindley was present and submitted a bill for 14 hours @ \$10 an hour. Mayor Sudweeks also commented on how often she is cleaning and would like Clerk Gleave to get a cleaning check list together.

Trevor Barnson was present with Mason Lefevre and David Schick with the NRCS. He is here representing a rancher association that would like to gain access to Town water west of Kingston. This does fall outside of Kingston Town Limits. They would like Kingston Town to let them put culinary water meters out to their pastures to water livestock. The proposal is for 4 inch pipe, but they think they can get away with 2 or 3 inch pipe. They will be getting a grant through NRCS. He has also visited with Ensign Engineering. The proposal includes watering around 550 head of cattle, 11,000 gallons a day. He estimated this on 20 gallons of water per head a day. Rich Lauby made the comment that based on his calculations it would be around 30 gallons per head per day. The association would like to hook up 10 to 13 meters. The impact/connection fee is \$2500 per meter. Every pasture does have supplemental water. Trevor said that they would install the meters.

Mayor Sudweeks and board member Mike Millett asked Trevor if they had considered digging a well and then leasing water from Kingston Town instead of putting the pipe and meters in.

The town board is concerned about maintenance of this line. Trevor said that the members of this association did talk about just having an association line that they would be responsible. The town

would put just one meter in at the edge of town and then if anything happened they could shut off the water and the association would fix it and maintain the pipeline.

Clerk Gleave asked Trevor about billing. He said that she would have to bill all members separate. She commented on being more comfortable with just billing him as the association president and then him getting with the members to collect their portion due. Kingston Town has limited funds and man power to add another 13 meters for outside town limits.

Carlos Jessen, Town Maintenance supervisor, does not feel like Kingston has this much extra water to give to members outside of city limits. Board Member Mike Millett informed Trevor that there would be no guarantee of them getting all the water they need. The town residents come first.

Mandy Brindley commented on Jan and Melissa Gleave not having the water pressure that they need as it is. This will affect it more. The board touched on this saying that since they built on the hill their pressure will never be more than it is no matter how many meters are hooked up.

The board once again mentions to Trevor that they would be more comfortable with leasing ground water if they do a well.

Mayor Sudweeks wants concrete facts of pressure problems. If residents are having problems they need to contact himself as the mayor or another board member, not Mandy.

Trevor commented that you have to own water rights to get a well permit.

Board member Mike Millett commented that we can legally run a line out of town limits but we have to have a shut off valve and an agreement that we wouldn't be maintaining anything outside of town limits. If the line is ran out of town it needs to be a 100% town decision.

The board is more comfortable with 1 meter being put at the head and the clerk billing the association as a whole.

Trevor Barnson made it clear that if it does show to have a negative impact on the town they don't want to do it. He also likes the idea of testing flow rates.

Rich Lauby made some more comments.

Carlos Jessen also commented that the bigger line is for more volume not more pressure. Board member Jeremy Pearson feels like the well would be running all day long if we agree to this. Mayor Sudweeks explained our water system with the well and spring. 200,000 gallons will remain in the well at all times for possible fire issues.

Trevor said that they need to know ASAP. The application needs to be turned in by March 1st for funding. Mayor Sudweeks does not think we need a regular meter set up for a project like this. He agrees with the 1 meter with back flow prevention.

Rich Lauby, a member of the public, would like Mr. Barnson to get a proposal in writing with all the details. Trevor will get a written proposal to the clerk.

The board scheduled another meeting to vote on this project for Thursday February 17th at 7:00 PM

The board moved on to other topics.

Jeff Coates has a relative that has been cremated. He would like to bury him on top of another person in the Kingston Cemetery. We have a \$500 fee, but in this case he is not taking up any additional space. **Board member Shannon Gleave states that if it is not a separate plot, and they will be doing the digging themselves, with the specifications set forth, she does not see a problem with not charging them. Motion was made. Jeremy Pearson seconded the motion. Passed Unanimously**

Mayor Sudweeks comments on and ISO insurance survey he received. It is for the Junction Fire Department and lowering home insurance rates.

Clerk Gleave will be following up on the amount of ARPA money Kingston Town received.

Carlos Jessen informed the board that when the engineers are looking at the spring he would also like them to include the control panel for the well. It is very outdated.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.