

**Town Council
Utility Meeting
October 14, 2024
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 14th day of October, 2024 at 5:00 pm for the purpose of conducting their regular 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, Tim Gant, Blake Jefferson, Harold Salyer and CJ Wittmer. Also, Clerk-Treasurer Laurie Tribble, and Cory Clarke representing MCO.

Cory Clarke reported: *The 4-inch water main on Indiana and Church St will need to be addressed. The old 4-inch needs to be retired and new services connected to the newer main. They found a valve under Hwy 8 that needed to be worked shut. They hydro excavated this valve and were able to shut and close it. There are also two water mains on Strong Road, a 6-inch and 4-inch. The 4-inch should have previously been retired. The services on the east side of road connected to the 4-inch should have been connected to the 6-inch on the west side of the road. This will be repaired during the Strong Rd Project. The grocery store still needs a shutoff outside the store. They are more than half way done with the meter change outs inside homes. While changing out meters they are looking for illegal connections to the sewer system and sprinkler systems without backflow devices and getting those corrected at the same time. The lead and copper service line inventory is going well. Tammy has been a huge help with the project entering information and attaching pictures to addresses. Gasvoda and Associates came out to give an updated quote for the clarifier rehab with includes new internal piping and stainless steel to overhaul both clarifiers. The street sign inventory and upgrading of older signs is going well. The vector has been at Jack Doheney since February. They are going to be testing it soon and we will hopefully get it back soon.*

WTP Pavement Options-*The council reviewed options for the WTP pavement. There were 4 options given. 1. All stone. 2. All asphalt. 3. Asphalt up to Well 3, stone the rest. 4. Asphalt up to New Plant, stone the rest. Councilor Jefferson motioned to use Option 2 an all-asphalt driveway. Councilor Salyer seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

Strong Rd Water and Sewer Improvements-*Two bids were submitted for the Strong Rd project professional services. One from Wessler Engineering and the other from LFA. Wessler's proposal was in the amount of \$55,290.00. LFA's proposal was in the amount of \$110,500.00. Wessler's proposal did not include Geotechnical Investigation (\$8,000) or Construction Administration and Observation Services (\$47,200) that was in LFA's proposal. Both engineers have been good to*

work with. Councilor Wittmer motioned to approve LFA's proposal for \$110,500 since their proposal had all engineering costs for the project included. Councilor Gant seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Adjournment:

Councilor Jefferson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 pm, Councilor Gant seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

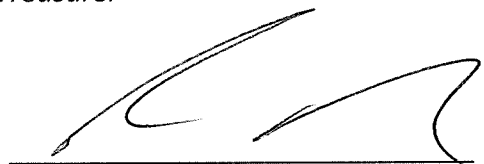
Respectfully submitted,



Laurie A. Tribble
Clerk-Treasurer




Tyler Brock



Blake Jefferson

absent

Tim Gant



CJ Wittmer

absent

Harold Salyer