

MINUTES
KENESAW BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
April 14, 2020 AT 8:00 P.M.

The Village of Kenesaw Board of Trustees held a regular board meeting on April 10, 2020 at 8:00p.m. via Zoom video conferencing, as was advertised. Board Members present via video conferencing: Ronda Ehly, Sarah Kroos, Rene Colon, and Teresa Uden. Members Absent: Lawney Knuth. Also present via video conferencing: Jeff Palik-Olsson, Judy Mignery, Adams County Planning and Zoning, Christian Kroos, Henry Wilson, Doug & Susan Karr, Brad Slaughter-Piper/Sandler. Clerk: Cindy Kiefer. Maintenance: Jeff Edmondson.

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Kroos called the meeting to order at 8:02p.m.
2. **Location of the OMAL:** Chairman Kroos gave notice of the location of the Open Meetings Act Literature to be on the south wall of the meeting room, and at the village website www.kenesaw.org.
3. **Review/Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting March 10, 2020:** Moved by Trustee Ehly, second by Trustee Uden to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2020 meeting. Roll call: Trustee Knuth-absent, Trustee Ehly-yea, Trustee Kroos-yea, Trustee Uden-yea, Trustee Colon-yea. No opposed. Motion carried.
4. **Review/Approve Expenditures of March 2020:** A motion was made by Trustee Uden, second by Trustee Colon to approve the March 2020 Expenditures as presented. Roll call: Trustee Knuth-absent, Trustee Ehly-yea, Trustee Kroos-yea, Trustee Colon-yea, Trustee Uden-yea. No opposed. Motion carried.
5. **Review/Approve Treasurer's Report for March 2020:** Moved by Trustee Uden, and second by Trustee Colon to approve the March 2020 Treasurer's Report as presented. Roll call: Trustee Knuth-absent, Trustee Ehly-yea, Trustee Kroos-yea, Trustee Colon-yea, Trustee Uden-yea. No opposed. Motion carried.
6. **Update: KCDC Development Bid** – Jeff Palik, Olsson's-- Jeff Palik provided update information on the KCDC Development. Werner Construction was awarded the bid for the street paving for the development. Jeff also stated that all water, sewer, storm sewer drains, grading and paving will be done by the September 15th end date. The street will be a 36' wide street with a cult-a-sac for emergency vehicle turn around at the end. The projected start time is toward the end of May, 2020, to conclude by September 15, 2020.
7. **Review/Action: Ordinance OR 534-2020** An ordinance providing for the issuance of Street Improvement Bond anticipation notes, Series 2020, Wayne Street - Brad Slaughter, Piper/Sandler. Brad provided information to the board regarding the process that would be taking place in the issuance of the street improvement bond anticipation notes for the Wayne Street, street improvement project. After review of the ordinance and the debt service schedule for the bond, a motion was made by Trustee Ehly and seconded by Uden to Approve ordinance OR534-2020 on first reading by title only, an Ordinance providing for the issuance of street improvement bond anticipation notes, series 2020, in the amount of not to exceed Three Hundred Fifty Thousand dollars (\$350,000.00) for the purpose of paying the costs of construction paving improvements within the Village of Kenesaw, Nebraska and necessary appurtenances thereto; Providing for a paying agent and registrar of the notes; Agreeing to issue bonds to pay the notes and accrued interest at maturity; Prescribing the form of the notes; Authorizing the sale and delivery of the notes to the

purchaser and ordering the publication of the ordinance in pamphlet form. Roll Call: Trustee Knuth-absent, Trustee Ehly-yea, Trustee Kroos-yea, Trustee Colon-yea, Trustee Uden-yea. No opposed. Motion carried

8. **Review/Action: Kimle Subdivision Request** – Judy Mignery, Adams County Planning and Zoning presented an application for property subdivision from LaDonna Kimle and Aaron Kimle, property addressed at 16790 W 26th St., Kenesaw, NE. This falls within the one-mile jurisdiction of Kenesaw. The subdivision is to remove 5 acres from a total of a 20-acre farm. Judy presented that this application has passed through the Adams County Planning and Zoning board with approval and no opposition or concern, and made a recommendation to the Village Board of Trustees for approval. After discussion and review of the application a motion was made by Trustee Ehly and seconded by Trustee Uden to Approve the Application for subdivision as presented by Adams County Planning and Zoning. Roll Call: Trustee Knuth-absent, Trustee Ehly-yea, Trustee Kroos-yea, Trustee Colon-yea, Trustee Uden-yea. No opposed. Motion carried
9. **Review/Discuss: Building Site Request** – 200 & 206 Brooks Ave. Doug Karr -- Doug presented to the board that he was looking at the possibility of purchasing the property at 200 & 206 Brooks Ave. here in Kenesaw, with the intention of building a large non-residential building on it. The property currently sits with an abandoned house and shed, and is a residential lot. Doug asked if the board would have any objections to him building a 60' x 80' steel building on the property, providing he met the flood zoning requirements and planning and zoning requirements. Judy from AC P & Z noted that because it was two lots, he would need to have them combined into one for this type of building, and that due to the size of the building requested, she would need to look at the ordinances to see if there would be any restrictions noted. Clerk Kiefer provided flood plain option information, noting that the property is completely in the flood zone. Questions were asked about Doug's intent with the abandoned house, noting that a house would need to remain on the property to keep that building in zoning compliance. Doug noted that at this point it was not his intent to remove the house. As there was no actual action to be taken on this discussion, the board noted that to move forward he would need to work to have all of the building and zoning regulation, and floodplain regulations met.
10. **Discuss: Utility Account Delinquency due to Covid-19** – Chairman Kroos opened the item tabled at the March 26th emergency meeting regarding utility account delinquency's and asked Clerk Kiefer to give a report on how accounts are doing and to provide information on how other towns are handling this situation as well as what Governor Ricketts office has stated regarding such. Clerk Kiefer noted to the board that all utility accounts from the March billing cycle have been paid. Other towns are split on how they are dealing with it, as some have stipulated no late fees, shut-off fees, or shut-offs till a set time, while others are still doing business as usual. Governor Ricketts has NOT made any mandate or executive order regarding utility fees and shut-offs at of the time of this meeting. After discussion by the board on this, the board decided to suspend Late Payment Penalties for the April and May billing cycle, however payments are expected to be paid timely. All residents suffering economically due to effects of COVID-19 may be eligible for a Utility Payment Plan. Clerk Kiefer was requested to put together a plan to be sent to the board members for their approval.
11. **Discuss/Action: Village Employee Travel** – Trustee Ehly presented concern from a medical stand point of exposure of COVID-19 to the Village employees, noting that they are all qualifying essential workers. After much discussion a motion was made by Trustee Ehly and seconded by Trustee Uden to have Clerk Kiefer write up for Village

employees a notice of travel restriction outside the State of Nebraska. Roll Call: Trustee Knuth-absent, Trustee Ehly-yea, Trustee Kroos-yea, Trustee Colon-yea, Trustee Uden-yea. No opposed. Motion carried

12. **Discuss: Pool Opening Date** - Tabled till May meeting for more information.
13. **Executive Session:** Chairman Kroos Moved the meeting to Executive session at 9:33 pm for HR/Employment Discussions.
14. **Adjourn Executive Session and Return to Regular Session at 9:49 pm**
15. **Action:** Floodplain Administrator Position
 - a. Requested Clerk Kiefer to Set up interviews between the Village HR team and the Floodplain Administrator Applicant candidates for a Zoom interview on Thursday evening April 16th.
16. **Regular Meeting Adjournment:** Motion by Trustee Ehly second by Trustee Colon at 9:50 p.m. No opposed. Motion carried. Next meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. via Zoom video conference unless otherwise advertised.

Chairman

(SEAL)

Clerk/Treasurer

I, Cindy Kiefer, Clerk for the Village of Kenesaw, hereby certify that the preceding minutes are a true and correct copy of the proceedings had and done by the Chairman and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Kenesaw on April 14, 2020. These minutes were posted in three public locations in the Village of Kenesaw and the shortened version was published in the Hastings Tribune.

Clerk/Treasurer