

**MINUTES**  
**KENESAW BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING**  
**Tuesday, February 8, 2022 AT 8:00 PM**

The Village of Kenesaw Board of Trustees held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 8:00 PM. in the KVFD, 115 E Maple Street, Kenesaw , Nebraska 68956, as was advertised.

1) **Call to Order/Roll Call for Quorum:**

Chairman Kroos called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Attendance: Kroos-present, Knuth-present, Uden-present, Ehly-Present. Others present: Village Superintendent-Jeff Edmondson, Village Clerk/Treasurer-Shelley Dick, NERWA-Randy Hellbusch, Village Planning & Zoning-Henry Wilson.

2) **Notice of the "Open Meetings Act Literature" location:**

Chair Kroos gave notice of the Open Meetings Act Literature to be on the south wall of the meeting room.

3) **Review/Approve: Minutes of the Regular Meeting - January 18, 2022**

Moved by Trustee Teresa Uden, seconded by Trustee Lawney Knuth to approve the minutes of January 18, 2022. (Jeff Higel not allowed to vote due to not being sworn into office yet). Motion Carried.

Ehly: Yea, Higel: Abstain (Without Conflict), Knuth: Yea, Kroos: Yea, Uden: Yea  
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Abstain (Without Conflict): 1

4) **Review/Approve: Expenditures Report for January**

Moved by Trustee Teresa Uden, seconded by Trustee Ronda Ehly to table the approval of January Expenditures due to village office software transition. (Jeff Higel not allowed to vote due to not being sworn into office yet). Motion Carried.

Ehly: Yea, Higel: Abstain (Without Conflict), Knuth: Yea, Kroos: Yea, Uden: Yea  
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Abstain (Without Conflict): 1

5) **Review/Approve: Treasurer's Report for January**

Moved by Trustee Lawney Knuth, seconded by Trustee Ronda Ehly to table the approval of the January Treasurer's Report due to village office software transition. (Jeff Higel not allowed to vote due to not being sworn into office yet). Motion Carried.

Ehly: Yea, Higel: Abstain (Without Conflict), Knuth: Yea, Kroos: Yea, Uden: Yea  
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Abstain (Without Conflict): 1

6) **Discussion/Action: Jeff Higel application for an open Board of Trustees position.**

Moved by Trustee Ronda Ehly, seconded by Trustee Teresa Uden to elect Jeff Higel to the Kenesaw Board of Trustees. Jeff took the Oath of Office. Motion Carried.

Ehly: Yea, Higel: Abstain (Without Conflict), Knuth: Yea, Kroos: Yea, Uden: Yea  
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Abstain (Without Conflict): 1

7) **Discussion/Action: Sewer Rate Study -- Randy Hellbusch - NERWA**

Randy Hellbusch of the Nebraska Rural Water Association presented the board with his findings from the study of the sewer rates. He suggested single residential and commercial sewer rates be changed to \$20.00 per month + \$1.30 per thousand gallons based on the December, November, & January average. Multi-dwelling units, which include apartments , trailer houses and multiple businesses served by a single meter, rates will be \$20.00 for one unit and \$5.00 for each additional unit + \$1.30 per thousand gallons based on the

December, November & January average. He pointed out to the board that changing the sewer to what he suggests will equal the sewer rates for all consumers paying the same rates versus having several different rates. The board asked Clerk Dick to construct an ordinance that states the details and rates suggested to them by Randy.

- 8) **Discussion/Approve: Kenesaw Public Schools Junior Class post prom contribution from Finnigsmeier Youth Fund.**

Moved by Trustee Teresa Uden, seconded by Trustee Lawney Knuth to donate \$100.00 from the Finnigsmeier Youth Fund to the Kenesaw Post Prom. Motion Carried.

Ehly: Yea, Higel: Yea, Knuth: Yea, Kroos: Yea, Uden: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

- 9) **Discussion/Approve: Clerk/Treasurer Dick attending the League of Nebraska Municipalities 2022 Midwinter Conference.**

Clerk Dick asked the board if she could attend the League of Municipalities 2022 Midwinter Conference in Lincoln from February 28 - March 1, 2022 for the fee of \$325.00. The board looked over the conference schedule and Trustee Kroos stated that she thought it would be an excellent idea. Trustee Ehly stated that she would get paid her wages for attending the conference and mileage.

Moved by Trustee Ronda Ehly, seconded by Trustee Lawney Knuth to let Clerk Dick go to LONM 2022 Midwinter Conference. Motion Carried.

Ehly: Yea, Higel: Yea, Knuth: Yea, Kroos: Yea, Uden: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

- 10) **Discussion/Action: Pool lifeguards and assistant manager wages.**

Clerk Dick provided the board with a spreadsheet of other town pool lifeguards', pool assistant managers' and pool managers' wages. The board looked at the spreadsheet and noted that the village's pool employee pay is significantly lower than other towns. Trustee Ehly suggested the starting wage for a lifeguard be increased from \$8.50 to \$10.00. Also, to compensate the pool manager, pool assistant manager(s) and returning pool employee(s) with the same \$1.50 increase and the customary 3% returning employee raise.

Moved by Trustee Ronda Ehly, seconded by Trustee Lawney Knuth to increase the Kenesaw Public Pool employees' wages. Motion Carried.

Ehly: Yea, Higel: Yea, Knuth: Yea, Kroos: Abstain (Without Conflict), Uden: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Abstain (Without Conflict): 1

- 11) **Discussion/Action: Pole banners celebrating Kenesaw's 150th year.**

Clerk Dick suggested to the board that the village purchase some banners for the Village of Kenesaw's 150th year to display. Jeff explained that the village has pole banner holders that will fit into the Christmas light attachments that are already on the poles. He stated that making the banners to fit these holders would save the village money and be more efficient than getting new banner holders. Trustee Kroos asked Clerk Dick to put together a work session and ask some volunteers from the Kenesaw Museum to help with deciding what to put on the banners. Trustee Ehly requested Clerk Dick to get ahold of Zimmerman Printing to get some quotes on the banners.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- 12) **Discussion/Action: Appraisal of 109 N Smith Ave and 212 & 214 N Smith Ave**

Clerk Dick informed the board that Robin Hendrickson with Hendrickson Appraisal came to do the appraisals on January 31st. He was here to appraise the empty lot at 109 N Smith Ave and the lot at 214 N Smith Ave. He stated the appraisals would take about a month to produce.

13) **Discussion/Action: Crops planted on Partial Potter and Spruce.**

Moved by Trustee Ronda Ehly, seconded by Trustee Jeff Higel to vacate the partial road of Potter that has had crops growing on it for many years and the partial road of Spruce that would go through the back of three residents lots. Motion Carried.

Ehly: Yea, Higel: Yea, Knuth: Yea, Kroos: Yea, Uden: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

14) **Discussion/Action: Organization of Park Committee**

Clerk Dick informed the board that only one person, besides the two board members who volunteered for the committee, showed up to the organization of the park committee. She told the board that she needed to put the meeting notice on social media so that more residents would be aware of it. Also, she would put the rescheduled meeting in the newsletter going out to the residents in March. Trustee Kroos suggested that Clerk Dick make a Facebook page for the village office to post notices like this and keep the community updated on things going on.

15) **Adjourn to Executive Session: (note time)**

**a. Human Resources**

Adjourn to Executive Session at 8:51 p.m.

16) **Adjourn to Regular Session: (note time)**

Resume Regular Session at 9:23 p.m.

17) **Action: from Executive Session**

Moved by Trustee Ronda Ehly, seconded by Trustee Teresa Uden to conduct an assessment of compliance with job expectations. Personnel performance issues were discussed regarding job expectations. Following the completion of the assessment, assigned Board members will determine next steps. Motion Carried.

Ehly: Yea, Higel: Yea, Knuth: Yea, Kroos: Yea, Uden: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

18) **Adjournment: Next Meeting: March 8, 2022**

Moved by Trustee Lawney Knuth, seconded by Trustee Jeff Higel to adjourn Regular Meeting at 9:24 p.m. Motion Carried.

Ehly: Yea, Higel: Yea, Knuth: Yea, Kroos: Yea, Uden: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

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Chairman

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Clerk/Treasurer

*I, Shelley Dick, 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 Tuesday, February 8, 2022. These minutes were posted in three public locations in the Village of Kenesaw and the shortened version was published in the Hastings Tribune.*

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*Clerk/Treasurer*