**MINUTES**

**KENESAW BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING**

**Tuesday, January 18, 2022 AT 8:00 PM**

The Village of Kenesaw Board of Trustees held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, January 18, 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-absent.  Others Present:  Village Clerk/Treasurer-Shelley Dick, Village Superintendent-Jeff Edmondson, Southern Public Power-Sam Reinke, Edward Jones-Tim Schirmer, W Design-Steve Wolford and Jones Group-Kevin Krull.

1. **Notice of the "Open Meetings Act Literature" location:**

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

1. **Review/Approve: Minutes of the Regular Meeting - December 14, 2021**

Moved by Trustee Teresa Uden, seconded by Trustee Lawney Knuth to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2021, Board Meeting. Motion Carried.

Colon: Absent, Ehly: Absent, Knuth: Yea, Kroos: Yea, Uden: Yea

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

1. **Review/Approve: Expenditures for December 2021**

Moved by Trustee Teresa Uden, seconded by Trustee Lawney Knuth to approve the December 2021 Expenditures as presented by Clerk Dick. Motion Carried.

Ehly: Absent, Knuth: Yea, Kroos: Yea, Uden: Yea

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

1. **Review/Approve: Treasurer's Report for December 2021**

Moved by Trustee Lawney Knuth, seconded by Trustee Teresa Uden to approve the December 2021 Treasurer's Report as presented by Clerk Dick. Motion Carried.

Ehly: Absent, Knuth: Yea, Kroos: Yea, Uden: Yea

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

1. **Review/Update:  Finalize Youth Funds Investment -- Tim Schirmer - Edward Jones**

Tim Schirmer-Edward Jones thanked the board for choosing Edward Jones to invest the Finnigsmier Youth Fund.  He stated to the board that the investment proposal he discussed with the board a few months ago had changed because of new investment opportunities.  The money will be invested in the 60% equity/40% fixed income portfolio.  Tim requested the three signatures needed to sign paperwork for the village; which were Chair Kroos, Trustee Knuth and Clerk Dick.  He asked the board when they would like him to report on the investment to them.  The board agreed that a quarterly report would be sufficient.  Tim stated that Clerk Dick needed to send the investment check to his office and then he would get the investment started.

1. **Review/Discuss:  SPPD Annual Review -- Sam Reinke**

Sam Reinke of Southern Public Power updated the board on the SPPD Annual Report.  Last year, Kenesaw sales were $ 697,235 and Lease Payments received of $104,585.  He stated that the monthly service charge will stay the same and this is the ninth year that there has not been an increase.  Rates have decreased by 6% since 2017.  Sam expressed that SPPD is still looking for a site of five to eight acres in or around Kenesaw to put solar panels on and urged the board to  disperse this information throughout the community.  He reported that $211,000 was given out in incentives.  These incentives will continue through 2022 with some changes and additions mainly to residential services.  Sam said that more information can be found at SPPD.com.

1. **Discuss/Action:  Sewer Rate Study -- Randy Hellbusch - NERWA**

Clerk Dick informed the board that Randy Hellbusch of Nebraska Rural Water Association (NRWA) needed to postpone his presentation until the next board meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

1. **Discuss/Action:  New Village Building -- W Design Associates -- Steve Wolford, Engineer**

Steve Wolford of W Design presented to the Village three different options for new building sites; 212 N Smith Ave, 214 N Smith Ave and 208 N Perkins Ave.  He described the three sites to the board with the pros and cons of each.  Steve gave the board estimates of what it would cost to build each site.  Chair Kroos suggested that someone speak with the owner of 212 N Smith Ave and 214 N Smith Ave, to make sure it is for sale and get an appraisal of the property.  Clerk Dick stated that she would ask the appraiser that is appraising the "old" village office property to see if he would also appraise the other property.

1. **Discuss/Action:  Increasing Values on Village Property -- Kevin Krull - Jones Group**

Kevin Krull of Jones Group presented the board with a list of village property that the insurance company suggests be increased.  The board discussed with him that they thought the increased values were accurate except the swimming pool.  They thought the pool increase was too much and asked that its valuation only be raised to $500,000 instead of $750,000.

Moved by Trustee Lawney Knuth, seconded by Trustee Teresa Uden to accept village property values be increased to the suggested amount but change the swimming pool to $500,000. Motion Carried.

Ehly: Absent, Knuth: Yea, Kroos: Yea, Uden: Yea

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

1. **Update:  Resignation of Rene Colon**

Clerk Dick notified the board of Rene Colon's resignation from the Kenesaw Village Board of Trustees as of December 15, 2021 due to health reasons.

1. **Review/Action:  Kenesaw Youth Sports Contract**

Clerk Dick presented the board and Jeff Edmondson with the revised Kenesaw Youth Sports Contract.  The clerk only removed the statement stating that the village was supplying storage for the equipment for the group.  Jeff and the board looked over the contract and thought the contract looked valid.

Moved by Trustee Teresa Uden, seconded by Trustee Lawney Knuth to approve the revised contract for the Kenesaw Youth Sports. Motion Carried.

Ehly: Absent, Knuth: Yea, Kroos: Yea, Uden: Yea

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

1. **Discuss/Action:  LIHWAP(Low Income Household Water Assistance Program)**

Clerk Dick explained to the board the chance of the village to become a vendor for the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP).  Chair Kroos asked if this would create more work for Clerk Dick and she replied that it would not.  Trustee Knuth said that LIHWAP is very good idea as long as it wasn't going to create work that Clerk DIck didn't have time to handle and she replied that it would not.

Moved by Trustee Lawney Knuth, seconded by Trustee Teresa Uden to approve to be a vendor for the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program. Motion Carried.

Ehly: Absent, Knuth: Yea, Kroos: Yea, Uden: Yea

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

1. **Discuss/Action:  Willscot Lease Agreement Amendment to 11/15/22**

Clerk Dick presented the board with the new Willscot Lease Agreement.  Trustee Knuth asked why the price increased.  The clerk stated that she asked the Willscot representative why the price of the rental increased and was told that the increase was due to current market value.

Moved by Trustee Lawney Knuth, seconded by Trustee Teresa Uden to approve the Willscot Renewal Lease Agreement. Motion Carried.

Ehly: Absent, Knuth: Yea, Kroos: Yea, Uden: Yea

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

1. **Discuss/Action:  Proposed Resolution and/or Ordinance for Dogs**

Clerk Dick introduced the board with two new Ordinances.  The first one, 540-2022, is amending Village Ordinance 6-116 Staffordshire Terrier, Pit Bull or part Pit Bull and Other Dangerous or Vicious Dogs.  The second one, 541-2022, is amending Village Ordinance 6-108 Keeping Dangerous and Vicious Animals.  Chair Kroos and Trustee Knuth stated that they had been trying to get these ordinances amended for quite sometime.  Clerk Dick expressed that she didn't know anything about these ordinances needing amended until Trustee Knuth brought it to her attention on December 27, 2021.

Moved by Trustee Lawney Knuth, seconded by Trustee Teresa Uden to approve amended Ordinance 540-2022 and amended Ordinance 541-2022. Motion Carried.

Ehly: Absent, Knuth: Yea, Kroos: Yea, Uden: Yea

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

1. **Discuss/Action:  Crops Planted on Partial Spruce and Potter by Lamoine Beal**

Clerk Dick explained she received a call from Shannon of the Adams County Assessor's office.  Shannon stated that Lamoine Beal had planted crops over a portion of Spruce St. and Potter St., which had resulted in him receiving income from government property.  She asked if the village had vacated these portions of the streets, and after speaking with Judy Mignery of Adams Planning & Zoning, the village had not vacated these portions of the streets.  Chair Kroos stated that we need to take the proper steps to vacate the portions of Spruce St. and Potter St.

1. **Discuss/Action:  Organization of Park Committee Board (Suggestion 6 members -- 2 Board Members, 2 Community Development Members and 2 Residents with children)**

Moved by Trustee Teresa Uden, seconded by Trustee Lawney Knuth to create a Park Committee to help with the decisions and development of new equipment for the Village Park located at the corner of E. Elm St. and N. Perkins St. and schedule the first meeting for February 7th at 7:00 pm at the Fire Hall. Motion Carried.

Ehly: Absent, Knuth: Yea, Kroos: Yea, Uden: Yea

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

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| **OLD BUSINESS** |

1. **Discuss/Action:  Appraisal of Village Property at 109 N Smith Ave**

Clerk Dick informed the group that Robin Hendricksen of Hendricksen Appraisals would be appraising the vacant "old" village office lot for $1,500 and could do it in the middle of February.

1. **Discuss/Action:  KUCCC's Application for Youth Trust Funds**

The board discussed at length the Kenesaw Child Care Coalition's application for a donation from the Finnigsmier Youth Fund in the amount of $50,000.  The board concluded that with the possibility of new park equipment needing to be purchased and the recent investment of some funds, that there wasn't enough funds to donate.

Moved by Trustee Lawney Knuth, seconded by Trustee Teresa Uden to deny the request for donation of Finnigsmier Youth Fund money to Kenesaw Child Care Coalition. Motion Carried.

Ehly: Absent, Knuth: Yea, Kroos: Yea, Uden: Yea

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

1. **Adjournment:  Next Meeting: February 8, 2022**

Moved by Trustee Teresa Uden, seconded by Trustee Lawney Knuth to adjourn Regular Meeting at 9:42 p.m. Motion Carried.

Ehly: Absent, Knuth: Yea, Kroos: Yea, Uden: Yea

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

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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, January 11, 2022. 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*