

MINUTES
KENESAW BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, July 13, 2021 AT 8:00 PM

The Village of Kenesaw Board of Trustees held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 8:00 PM. in the Community Room of the Kenesaw Village Office, 109 North Smith Avenue, Kenesaw, NE 68956, as was advertised.

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

Chairman Kroos called meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

Attendance: Kroos-present, Knuth-present, Ehly-present, Uden-present, Colon-Absent. Also present: Village Clerk/Treasurer - Shelley Dick, Village Superintendent - Jeff Edmundson. Others present: Tim Schirmer- Edward Jones, Neal Niedfeldt- SPPD, Becky Tockey.

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

by Chairmen Kroos

3) **Review/Approve: Minutes of the Regular Meeting - June 8, 2021**

Moved by Trustee Teresa Uden, seconded by Trustee Lawney Knuth to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting. Motion Carried.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

4) **Review/Approve: Expenditures for June 2021**

Moved by Trustee Ronda Ehly, seconded by Trustee Teresa Uden to approve the June 2021 Expenditures as presented by Shelley Dick, Clerk/Treasurer. Motion Carried.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

5) **Review/Approve: Treasurer's Report for June 2021**

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

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

6) **Review/Action: Retirement Plan - Tim Schirmer -- Edward Jones**

Tim Schirmer, with Edward Jones, discussed with board that Shelley Dick needed to open up an IRA account because she is the primary account to all other village employee IRA accounts. Tim also noted that she can only contribute to her own account until her 90 days probation is completed

Moved by Trustee Ronda Ehly, seconded by Trustee Teresa Uden to let Shelley open an IRA account with Edward Jones before her 90 day probations is complete. Motion Carried.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

7) **Discuss: Solar Power - Neal Niedfeldt --SPPD**

Neal Niedfeldt, SPPD, spoke with the board about finding land around Kenesaw to put in a solar power grid. The grid will be 8-9' tall, will need anywhere from 8-9 acres of land, and will be on a 30-yr lease. He stated that SPPD is doing 6 projects in 7 counties and these grids would serve the local load of electricity. He also noted that the grid can not be in the flood plane. The developer for SPPD will make all phone calls and visits regarding the

destination of said grid. The board gave their permission for SPPD to look for land and speak to landowners.

8) **Review/Approve: Ordinance No. 539-2021 (Amending Ordinance No. 521-2018; relating to Floodplain Management of Appurtenant Structures floor area**

Moved by Trustee Ronda Ehly, seconded by Trustee Lawney Knuth to amend original Ordinance 521-2018 to new Ordinance 539-2021 that changes the floor area from 400' to 900'. Motion Carried.

Colon: Absent, Ehly: Yea, Knuth: Yea, Kroos: Yea, Uden: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

9) **Review/Approve: Special Designated License Application for Wasenek Days**

Moved by Trustee Ronda Ehly, seconded by Trustee Teresa Uden to pass the Special Designated License for The Wandering Well to serve alcohol at the street dance for Wasenek Days on Saturday, August 7th 2021. Motion Carried.

Colon: Absent, Ehly: Yea, Knuth: Yea, Kroos: Yea, Uden: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

10) **Review/Approve: Adams County Bank ACH Originator Agreement**

Moved by Trustee Teresa Uden, seconded by Trustee Ronda Ehly to agree to the terms discussed in the ACH Originator agreement between the Village of Kenesaw and Adams County Bank. Motion Carried.

Colon: Absent, Ehly: Yea, Knuth: Yea, Kroos: Yea, Uden: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

11) **Review/Approve: 2021-2022 Village Budget Proposal - Joe Stump - AMGL**

Moved by Trustee Ronda Ehly, seconded by Trustee Lawney Knuth to accept Joseph P. Stump with the firm AMGL CPAs & Advisors to prepare a forecasted budget for the Village of Kenesaw for fiscal year October 2021- September 2022. Motion Carried.

Colon: Absent, Ehly: Yea, Knuth: Yea, Kroos: Yea, Uden: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

12) **Discuss/Action: Horse Arena (Saddle Club)**

Jeff told the board he had spoken to the Jones Group about adding the arena to the village's insurance policy for approximately \$600/yr. He noted that maybe adding camper stalls at some point and horse shows might be beneficial to the arena producing some funds throughout the year

Moved by Trustee Ronda Ehly, seconded by Trustee Lawney Knuth for Jeff Edmondson, Village Superintendent, to take over managing the horse arena (Saddle Club) owned by the village. Motion Carried.

Colon: Absent, Ehly: Yea, Knuth: Yea, Kroos: Yea, Uden: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

13) **Discuss/Action: Child Care Center Donation Request**

As per the request to donate to the new local Child Care Center, Board member Ronda Ehly volunteered to make application for people(s) wanting the village to donate monies from the Youth Fund account. Clerk Dick stated that the board discussed and passed a motion on July 14, 2020, to not let this account reach below \$100,000.00; the goal is to use only the interest earned on the account towards youth projects. Edmondson stated to the board the possibility of maybe investing some Youth Fund account money to get bigger returns than just interest. The board asked Clerk Dick to get together with Tim Schirmer, Edward Jones, and come up with an investment profile to present to them at next meeting.

Moved by Trustee Ronda Ehly, seconded by Trustee Lawney Knuth to have an application constructed for the requests from the Youth Fund account. Motion Carried.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

OLD BUSINESS:

14) Discuss/Action: Village/Senior Center Agreement

Moved by Trustee Ronda Ehly, seconded by Trustee Teresa Uden to have Shon Lieske, Village attorney, discontinue constructing the agreement with the Kenesaw Senior Center as part of the new office building. Motion Carried.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

15) Discuss/Action: Current Village Office Property

Bid does not include asbestos inspection or removal. Board asked Clerk Dick to get a bid from a company regarding the asbestos inspection and removal. Clerk Dick also presented the board with a mobile office bid which was discussed by the board. A discussion about where to store some of the office property that wouldn't fit into the mobile office could be put at the village Maintenance Shop and/or ask local storage unit owner how much a unit would cost to rent. The idea of putting the Kenesaw Museum at the back (west side) of the office was brought up by Chairmen Kroos. A discussion between board members, Edmondson and Clerk Dick proceeded about how to make that work. Trustee Ehly asked Chairmen Kroos how much area was the museum needing. Chairmen Kroos noted she wasn't for sure

Moved by Trustee Lawney Knuth, seconded by Trustee Teresa Uden to approve the bid from Stromer Land Leveling, Inc. for \$158,544.00 to level current office building located at 109 N Smith Ave and to rent a 36x10 mobile office for \$7,669.42 for 6 mos. Motion Carried.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

16) Update: Dogs Incident at 509 N 5th Avenue

Board discussed school starting soon and the block that these said dogs live on is full of young children. Board asked Clerk Dick to get ahold of Sheriff Mauck and talk to him about what needs to be done with the animals because of non-compliance

Moved by Trustee Ronda Ehly, seconded by Trustee Teresa Uden to first send out a letter of non-compliance stating that the "grace period" of two months is over. Motion Tabled.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

17) Update: American Rescue Plan pertaining to the City

Clerk Dick discussed a recent email she received from State Treasurer stating they received the paperwork she filled out and sent in pertaining to the ARPA funds

Moved by Trustee Teresa Uden, seconded by Trustee Lawney Knuth to keep board updated on how the ARPA money is coming along. Motion Carried.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

18) Update: Highway 6 Spur 1A speed zones

Moved by Trustee Lawney Knuth, seconded by Trustee Ronda Ehly to let NDOR finish the speed change on Spur 1A coming into Kenesaw. Clerk Dick shared with the board that Jeff Palik sent her an email stating that it was approved and that the village is just to sit and wait for the signage to show up. Motion Carried.

Colon: Absent, Ehly: Yea, Knuth: Yea, Kroos: Yea, Uden: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

19) Adjournment: Next Meeting: August 10, 2021

Moved by Trustee Ronda Ehly, seconded by Trustee Teresa Uden to adjourn Regular Meeting at 10:01 p.m. Motion Carried.

Colon: Absent, Ehly: Yea, Knuth: Yea, Kroos: Yea, Uden: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Chairman

(SEAL)

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, July 13, 2021. 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