

MINUTES
KENESAW BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, July 12, 2022 AT 8:00 PM

The Village of Kenesaw Board of Trustees held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 8:00 PM. in the KVFD, 115 E Maple Street, Kenesaw , Nebraska 68956, as was advertised.

1) **Welcome-Call to Order:**

Chairman Kroos called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m. In attendance: Trustee Higel, Trustee Ehly, Trustee Uden and Trustee Knuth. Others present: Interim Village Superintendent- Glen Kuehn, Village Clerk/Treasurer- Shelley Dick, Village Planning & Zoning-Henry Wilson, Residents- Connie Valentine, Joyce Clark, Bob Clark, Larry Walck.

2) **Roll Call-Quorum Established:**

Clerk Dick called Roll Call to establish a quorum: Chair Kroos, Trustee Higel, Trustee Ehly, Trustee Uden and Trustee Knuth were present to form the quorum.

3) **Review/Approve or Deny: Minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 14, 2022**

Moved by Trustee Ronda Ehly, seconded by Trustee Lawney Knuth to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on June 12, 2022. Motion Carried.

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

4) **Review/Approve or Deny: Expenditures for June 2022 as presented by Clerk Dick.**

Moved by Trustee Ronda Ehly, seconded by Trustee Teresa Uden to approve the June 2022 Expenditures as presented by Clerk Dick. Motion Carried.

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

5) **Review/Approve or Deny: Treasurer's Report for June 2022 as presented by Clerk Dick.**

Moved by Trustee Teresa Uden, seconded by Trustee Lawney Knuth to approve the June 2022 Treasurer's Report as presented by Clerk Dick. Motion Carried.

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

6) **Standing Committee Reports:**

a) **Street/Drainways:** *(Lawney Knuth)*

Nothing to Report.

b) **Structures & Content/Fire:** *(Teresa Uden)*

Nothing to Report.

c) **Water/Waste:** *(Jeff Higel)*

Nothing to Report.

d) **Human Resources:** *(Ronda Ehly)*

Nothing to Report.

7) **Special Committee Reports:**

a) **Safety Committee:** *(Sarah Kroos, Shelley Dick, Teresa Uden)*

Nothing to Report.

b) **Health & Sanitation Committee:** *(Sarah Kroos, Jeff Higel, JR Pulver)*

Clerk Dick explained to the board that the Village Office had received several complaints about two properties. One property has opossums living in or around it and the other has a family of raccoons in or around the property. The board discussed that these properties have been in violation of village ordinances for quite some time. Chair Kroos asked Clerk Dick to send Nuisance Letters to both property owners.

8) **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a) **Discussion/Approve or Deny:** Adams County Highway Department Interlocal Agreement & Lane Mile Report- Dawn Miller, Adams County Highway Superintendent

Moved by Trustee Sarah Kroos, seconded by Trustee Ronda Ehly to table for August Meeting. Motion Tabled.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

- b) **Review/Approve or Deny:** Proposed Resolution No. 203-2022 for the Sale of the Village of Kenesaw Property located at Lot 1 Spare Lot Sub Division Original Town, Village of Kenesaw, Adams County, Nebraska, addressed as 109 N. Smith Ave. to Spare Lots LLC

Moved by Trustee Ronda Ehly, seconded by Trustee Jeff Higel to approve Resolution 203-2022: Sale of village property to Spare Lots, LLC. Motion Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

- c) **Review/Approve or Deny:** Proposed Ordinance No. 543-2022 - Vacate Partial Potter Avenue and Partial Spruce St./Grummert Surveying

Clerk Dick explained to the board that she had a conversation with the Adams County Attorney and he stated that Adams County would not prosecute the landowner who had planted crops on government property. He declared that it would be up to the village's attorney to follow through with prosecuting the landowner. The board all agreed that they would not want the landowner prosecuted and that the ordinance would not be approved. Therefore, a part of Potter Avenue and a part of Spruce Street will not be vacated.

Moved by Trustee Ronda Ehly, seconded by Trustee Jeff Higel to deny Ordinance No. 543-2022: Vacate Partial Potter Avenue and Partial Spruce St. Motion Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

- d) **Discussion/Approve or Deny:** Tonya and Mike Hansen - Property Sale Proposal of 214 N Smith Ave. (Legal Description: The north 42.2 feet of Lot 82 and all of Lot 83, in the original Town, Village of Kenesaw, Adams County, Nebraska) /Brownfields Project Clerk Dick relayed a message to the board that Tonya Hansen asked her to. The message was to let the board know that another purchaser is in the process of getting a loan for the property. The board discussed that they could not, in good faith to the community, purchase the property for the \$50,000.00 asking price. Trustee Ehly asked Clerk Dick to write a letter to the owner and advise them that the village will not be purchasing the property but would like to finish the Brownfields Project Phase I and Phase II.

Moved by Trustee Ronda Ehly, seconded by Trustee Jeff Higel to not purchase 214 N Smith Avenue due to too high of an asking price for the property. Motion Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

- e) **Discussion/Approve or Deny:** Residents not licensing dogs/Dogs running at large with no collar and/or no tag - Friendly Reminder, Notice Letter & Final Notice Letter Clerk Dick presented the board with a Friendly Reminder to relicense a residents' dog(s), a Notice Letter to license residents' dog(s) and a Final Notice Letter to license residents' dog(s). The board approved these three notices. Clerk Dick asked the board what the fines would be for the Notice Letter and Final Notice Letter. The late fee to license dog(s) is \$10.00. The board juggled around the first notice fine being \$25.00 plus late fee and license fee, the final notice fine being \$50.00 plus late fee and license fee. After the final notice deadline, if dog(s) owner(s) have not complied, the Adams County Sheriffs Department will be instructed to comphiscate the dog(s) from the residence and put them in an impound. As for dog(s) running at large with/without a collar or comphiscated, Chair Kroos suggested that if the dog(s) gets picked up by a sheriff, then the dog(s) owner(s) should have to pay a fee to the impound facility, get the dog(s) rabies vaccinated (if not already) and licensed by the village (if not already) before dog(s) is returned to owner.

Moved by Trustee Lawney Knuth, seconded by Trustee Teresa Uden to table this item to get a resolution in place with new stipulations for residents not licensing dog(s) and dog(s) running at large with no collar and/or no tag.. Motion Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

- f) **Review/ Approve or Deny:** Proposed Resolution 202-2022 for Sale of 1970's Alerting Communications of America Banshee Siren
Chair Kroos stated that the bidder has to organize with Southern Public Power District to take the siren down and pay all expenses that would be incurred by SPPD and the disposal of the pole it is on.

Moved by Trustee Lawney Knuth, seconded by Trustee Jeff Higel to approve Resolution 202-2022: Sale of 1970's Banshee Siren. Motion Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

9) **NEW BUSINESS**

- a) **Discussion/ Approve or Deny:** Highway-Rail Grade Crossing Closure Agreement - Proposed Ordinance for closure of Railroad Crossing located on Constitution Rd

Moved by Trustee Ronda Ehly, seconded by Trustee Teresa Uden to table Highway-Rail Grade Crossing Closure Agreement & proposed ordinance for Closure of Railroad Crossing located on Constitution Rd. Motion Tabled.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

- b) **Review/Approve or Deny:** AMGL CPAs & Advisors agreement to perform Village of Kenesaw's Budget for the Fiscal Year 2022/2023

Moved by Trustee Ronda Ehly, seconded by Trustee Lawney Knuth to approve AMGL CPAs & Advisors to perform 2022-2023 Budget for the Village of Kenesaw. Motion Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

- c) **Discussion/Approve or Deny:** Proposed Resolution 201-2022 to close N Smith St for Wasenek Days

Moved by Trustee Ronda Ehly, seconded by Trustee Jeff Higel to approve Resolution 201-2022 to close N Smith St for Wasenek Days. Motion Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

- d) **Discussion/Approve or Deny:** Wasenek Parade decorations/candy for Village of Kenesaw Office

Moved by Trustee Sarah Kroos, seconded by Trustee Lawney Knuth to approve the purchasing of decorations and candy for the Village of Kenesaw Office Wasenek Parade float. Motion Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

- e) **Discussion/ Approve or Deny:** Repainting of parking stalls, crosswalks and handicap stalls.

Moved by Trustee Ronda Ehly, seconded by Trustee Lawney Knuth to approve the repainting of parking stalls, crosswalks and handicap stalls. Motion Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

- f) **Discussion/ Approve or Deny:** Wage Increase for Interim Utility & Maintenance Superintendent, Glen Kuehn

Moved by Trustee Sarah Kroos, seconded by Trustee Ronda Ehly to table for discussion in Executive Session. Motion Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

- g) **Adjourn to Executive Session at 9:29 p.m.:** Discuss Utility & Maintenance Superintendent Applicants

- h) **Adjourn to Regular Session at 10:29 p.m.**

- i) **Action from Executive Session: Discussion Approve/Deny:**
Compensation for Assistant Village Superintendent coverage of the Superintendent's responsibilities: Provide a stipend equal to the difference between the previous superintendent's hourly wage; minus the current hourly wage of the assistant superintendent x 80 hours paid bi-weekly until the new superintendent has all required certifications. The board discussed the Village Superintendent's applications.

Moved by Trustee Ronda Ehly, seconded by Trustee Sarah Kroos to approve the wage increase for the Village Assistant Superintendent until new Village Superintendent has all certifications. Motion Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Moved by Trustee Jeff Higel, seconded by Trustee Teresa Uden to offer the Village Utility & Maintenance Superintendent position to Casey Hughes. Motion Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

- 10) **Announcements: Budget Workshop on July 28th at 7:00 p.m.**

- 11) **Adjournment: Next Meeting is on August 9, 2022.**

Moved by Trustee Teresa Uden, seconded by Trustee Lawney Knuth to adjourn Regular Meeting at 10:30 p.m. Motion Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

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 12, 2022. These minutes are available at the Village of Kenesaw Office and the shortened version was published in the Hastings Tribune.

Clerk/Treasurer