

**MINUTES**  
**KENESAW BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING**  
**Tuesday, June 14, 2022 AT 8:00 PM**

The Village of Kenesaw Board of Trustees held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, June 14, 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 8:03 p.m. In attendance: Trustee Higel, Trustee Ehly, Trustee Uden and Trustee Knuth. Others present: Village Superintendent- Jeff Edmondson, Village Clerk/Treasurer- Shelley Dick, Village Planning & Zoning-Henry Wilson, Dustin Mayfield-Wasenek Committee, Jon Denkert-Kenesaw Motors, Residents- Bob Clark, Connie Valentine, Tonya and Mike Hanson.

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 May 10, 2022**

Moved by Trustee Ronda Ehly, seconded by Trustee Lawney Knuth to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on May 10, 2022. Motion Carried.

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

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

Moved by Trustee Ronda Ehly, seconded by Trustee Lawney Knuth to approve the May 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 May 2022 as presented by Clerk Dick**

Moved by Trustee Sarah Kroos, seconded by Trustee Lawney Knuth to approve the May 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, Jeff Edmondson, Shelley Dick, Teresa Uden)*

Nothing to report.

- b) **Health & Sanitation Committee:** *(Sarah Kroos, Jeff Higel, JR Pulver)*  
Nothing to report.

8) **Open Public Hearing: Sale of 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.- 8:10 pm**

Chair Kroos opened the Public Hearing at 8:10 p.m.

- a) Present Council with bids for purchase of property  
Spare Lot LLC bid \$12,000.00 for the property.
- b) Questions/Concerns from Residents  
No questions or concerns from residents.
- c) **Close Public Hearing: (Note Time)**  
Chair Kroos closed Public Hearing at 8:11 p.m.
- d) **Discussion/ Approve or Deny:** Sale of 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.

Moved by Trustee Ronda Ehly, seconded by Trustee Sarah Kroos to sell the surplus of property owned by the Village of Kenesaw 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 for \$12,000.00. Motion Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

9) **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a) **Review/Approve or Deny:** Tonya and Mike Hansen - Property Sale Proposal of \$50,000.00 for 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)  
The board discussed with Mike and Tonya Hansen that several of them received concerns from residents about their asking price of \$50,000.00 for the property. Clerk Dick told the Hansen's that Phase I Assessment is underway by the NDEE and that will take 6-8 weeks, then Phase II Assessment will take 8-12 weeks. Trustee Knuth and Clerk Dick explained that they were going to a Brownfields Project seminar the next day and the seminar would better explain the Brownfields aspect of the property. The board explained that after the assessments are finished, they will have a better understanding of what will need to be done with the property and how much financially it will cost to deconstruct the site if purchased by the village. The Hanson's stated that they would prefer the village to own the property but they do have other options available if necessary. Tabled.
- b) **Review/Approve or Deny:** Proposed Ordinance No. 543-2022 - Vacate Partial Potter Avenue and Partial Spruce St./Grummert Surveying  
Bob Clark, resident and property owner affected by the vacation of the partial of Spruce St., explained to the board that after Grummert Surveying moved the pins to where they would be located after the vacation of the partial of Spruce St. that he was not satisfied with where the new property lines are. He asked if the pins could be moved further south and the board explained to him that the three northern property owners would get from the middle of Spruce St north to their old property line and the other landowner would receive from the middle of Spruce St. and south to their old property line, essentially dividing the property equally between all property owners. Bob stated that after the new pins were flagged, that some of his fence was past his property pins. He doesn't want to lose his fence nor replace it. Bob also

expressed that he and another owner of an affected lot did not want to vacate the part of Spruce St. that affected their south property lines. Clerk Dick suggested to the board to only vacate the partial of Potter in the original plan and the partial of Spruce St. until it meets Walcks' property line and leave the rest of Spruce St. as it is currently. The board asked Clerk Dick to find out what the repercussions are for the property owner that is currently planting a crop on said streets. Tabled.

- c) **Discussion/Approve or Deny:** League of Nebraska Municipalities - 2022 Municipal Accounting & Finance Conference June 15-17 in Kearney NE

Moved by Trustee Ronda Ehly, seconded by Trustee Sarah Kroos for Clerk Dick not to attend the LONM - Conference in Kearney as it is too late to register and she is going to the Brownfields Seminar on the same day of conference. Motion Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

## 10) NEW BUSINESS

- a) **Discussion/Approve or Deny:** Adams County Highway Department Interlocal Agreement/2022 Lane Mile Report  
Dawn Miller, Adams County Highway Superintendent, wanted Clerk Dick to ask the board to meet her for a workshop to discuss the Interlocal agreement. The board stated that they cannot make quorum decisions in a workshop, so she would have to come to a regular board meeting. Tabled.

- b) **Review/Approve or Deny:** Lyons Discount Fireworks - Fireworks Application

Moved by Trustee Sarah Kroos, seconded by Trustee Lawney Knuth to approve Lyons Discount Fireworks Application. Motion Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

- c) **Review/Approve or Deny:** 2022 Wasenek Weekend Schedule

Moved by Trustee Ronda Ehly, seconded by Trustee Lawney Knuth to approve Wasenek Weekend Schedule of activities. Motion Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

1. **Discussion/Approve or Deny:** 25th Wasenek Weekend Fireworks Display  
Dustin Mayfield detailed to the board what the Wasenek Committee had in mind for a fireworks display on the Friday of Wasenek Days, weather permitting. He discussed with the board possible sites to discharge the fireworks and the board suggested the sand volleyball court or the shot put cement pad and to keep spectators behind the baseball fence for safety. Clerk Dick explained that the village's insurance company, EMC, approved the fireworks display with a few minor details: only Class C fireworks, a picture of the fireworks to be discharged and the exact date of the fireworks display. There is a \$250.00 premium expected by EMC to cover the fireworks display and the board agreed to pay the premium. Moved by Trustee Ronda Ehly, seconded by Trustee Jeff Higel to approve the fireworks display to be put on by the Wasenek Committee on August 5th, 2022 and to pay the \$250.00 insurance premium to cover the fireworks display. Motion Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

2. **Discussion/Approve or Deny:** Donation to Kenesaw Celebration Coalition for Firework Display

Moved by Trustee Sarah Kroos, seconded by Trustee Jeff Higel to approve a \$1,000.00 donation to the Kenesaw Celebration Coalition for the fireworks display during Wasenek days. Motion Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

d) **Discussion/Approve or Deny:** 150th Anniversary Drawstring Bags/Free Will Donation

Clerk Dick asked the board if they would be willing to purchase drawstring bags that had a logo on them celebrating Kenesaw's 150th anniversary and ask for a free will donation to go towards New Christmas Decorations for the village. The board suggested purchasing 2,500 bags of assorted colors out of the Youth Trust Funds. Moved by Trustee Sarah Kroos, seconded by Trustee Lawney Knuth to approve the purchase of Kenesaw 150th Anniversary drawstring bags out of the Youth Trust Funds. Motion Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

e) **Discussion:** Set a date for July Pre-Budget Workshop

The board discussed dates to have the pre-budget workshop and decided on July 28th at 7:00 p.m.

f) **Discussion/Approve or Deny:** Residents not licensing dogs/Dogs running at large with no tags

The board discussed the lack of residents licensing their dog(s) and dog(s) running at large. They considered the safety issues this causes in the village if the dog(s) is not current on vaccinations and is not friendly to other animals or humans. The board asked Clerk Dick to construct a letter template to send to dog owners that have not licensed their dog(s). Also asked her to construct a new Ordinance/Resolution that pertains to the requirement of residents licensing their dog(s) and the consequences of not licensing the dog(s) with the village and letting dog(s) run at large. Tabled.

g) **Discussion/ Approve or Deny:** Connor Bader with Bader-Bader LLC - purchase old KVFD siren.

Clerk Dick told the board about an email she received from Connor Bader about his interest in purchasing the old siren and refurbishing it to give it to a town in need of one. She explained to them that he stated he would purchase it for \$350.00-\$400.00 but did not have the equipment to take it down. The board and Jeff, Village Superintendent, talked about how the siren could be taken down. They asked Clerk Dick to contact SPPD to see if they would be willing to take it down since they were already in town working. Tabled.

h) **Discussion/ Approve or Deny:** W Design to go on to Phase II

Moved by Trustee Sarah Kroos, seconded by Trustee Ronda Ehly to not approve W Design to move on to Phase II until the Borwnfields Assessments are finished and a property is purchased. Motion Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

i) **Adjourn to Executive Session at 10:11 p.m.**

j) **Adjourn to Regular Session at 10:50 p.m.**

- k) **Action from Executive Session:**  
**Discussion/Approve or Deny:** Resignation and Replacement of Utility & Maintenance Superintendent

Moved by Trustee Ronda Ehly, seconded by Trustee Sarah Kroos to accept Jeff Edmondson, Village Superintendent's resignation. Motion Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

11) **Announcements:**

None to report.

12) **Adjournment: Next Meeting: July 12, 2022**

Moved by Trustee Lawney Knuth, seconded by Trustee Jeff Higel to adjourn Regular Meeting at 10:50 p.m. Motion Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

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Chairman

(SEAL)

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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, June 14, 2022. These minutes are available at the Village of Kenesaw Office and the shortened version was published in the Hastings Tribune.*

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Clerk/Treasurer

