

MINUTES
KENESAW BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
June 9, 2020 AT 8:00 P.M.

The Village of Kenesaw Board of Trustees held a regular board meeting on June 9, 2020 at 8:00p.m. via Zoom video conferencing, as was advertised. Board Members present via video conferencing: Ronda Ehly, Sarah Kroos, Rene Colon, Lawney Knuth and Teresa Uden. Members Absent: Lawney Knuth. Also present via video conferencing: Christian Kroos, Henry Wilson, Stephen Schneider. Clerk: Cindy Kiefer. Maintenance: Jeff Edmondson.

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Kroos called the meeting to order at 8:08 p.m.
2. **Location of the OMAL:** Chairman Kroos gave notice of the location of the Open Meetings Act Literature to be on the south wall of the meeting room, and at the village website www.kenesaw.org.
3. **Review/Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting May 12, 2020:** Moved by Trustee Ehly, second by Trustee Knuth to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2020 meeting. Roll call: Trustee Knuth-yea, Trustee Ehly-yea, Trustee Kroos-yea, Trustee Uden-yea, Trustee Colon-yea. No opposed. Motion carried.
4. **Review/Approve Minutes of the Special Meeting June 2, 2020:** Moved by Trustee Ehly, second by Trustee Uden to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2020 meeting with the correction of the spelling of Ronda Ehly's name. Roll call: Trustee Knuth-yea, Trustee Ehly-yea, Trustee Kroos-yea, Trustee Uden-yea, Trustee Colon-yea. No opposed. Motion carried
5. **Review/Approve Expenditures of May 2020:** A motion was made by Trustee Uden, second by Trustee Ehly to approve the May 2020 Expenditures as presented. Roll call: Trustee Knuth-yea, Trustee Ehly-yea, Trustee Kroos-yea, Trustee Colon-yea, Trustee Uden-yea. No opposed. Motion carried.
6. **Review/Approve Treasurer's Report for May 2020:** Moved by Trustee Ehly, and second by Trustee Uden to approve the May 2020 Treasurer's Report as presented. Roll call: Trustee Knuth-yea, Trustee Ehly-yea, Trustee Kroos-yea, Trustee Colon-yea, Trustee Uden-yea. No opposed. Motion carried.
7. **Discuss/Action: Pool 2020 Guidelines/Regulations-**Guidelines were reviewed and accepted as part of Resolution #175-2020R
8. **Review/Action: Resolution – 175-2020R:** Resolution of the Village Board of the Village of Kenesaw Regarding Use of Municipal Property for Sports or Other Recreational Activities. – After review of the presented resolution, Attorney Lieske noted that the Pool Guidelines and Sports Agreement are both addendums to the resolution and should be voted as one document. Motion was then made by Trustee Ehly and seconded by Trustee Knuth to Approve Resolution 175-2020R as presented with noted addendums of the sports agreement and pool guidelines as attached, on first reading, by title only. Roll call: Trustee Knuth-yea, Trustee Ehly-yea, Trustee Kroos-yea, Trustee Colon-yea, Trustee Uden-yea. No opposed. Motion carried.
9. **Review/Action: Pool 2020 Waiver –** Pool waiver was presented by Attorney Lieske and reviewed for easy usability. After discussion of the need to streamline the waiver process, Attorney Lieske amended the waiver to include up to a maximum of 8 persons on one waiver – which is the maximum number of family members allowed on one family

pass. It was noted that each adult will have to sign their own waiver. A Motion was made by Trustee Colon and seconded by Trustee Uden to Approve the COVID-19 Pool Waiver form with up to a maximum of eight persons per waiver. Roll call: Trustee Knuth-yea, Trustee Ehly-yea, Trustee Kroos-yea, Trustee Colon-yea, Trustee Uden-yea. No opposed. Motion carried.

10. **Discuss/Action: Grant for Broadband Services in Kenesaw-** ALLO, Dwight Winger-Dwight Winger of ALLO presented to the board an opportunity for a grant that Kenesaw may possibly be eligible for. This grant is being offered by State of Nebraska under COVID Relief with an opportunity to bring broadband services into Kenesaw. There are certain criteria that must be met, and ALLO would be willing to work with the village to fill out the grant application and research to see if Kenesaw meets the qualifying factors. The Grant from the state will pay up to 2/3 of the cost and ALLO would pay the other 1/3 of the cost, thus leaving the village with no financial liability. After discussion, a Motion was Made by Trustee Uden and seconded by Trustee Knuth to Proceed to file the Application for the grant with the help of ALLO, which is Due June 22, 2020. Roll call: Trustee Knuth-yea, Trustee Ehly-yea, Trustee Kroos-yea, Trustee Colon-yea, Trustee Uden-yea. No opposed. Motion carried.
11. **Discuss/Action: Wasenek Days** – Tim Schirmer: Tim presented to the board that the Wasenek Committee has been working to see what they could do under the COVID restrictions to still have at least something happen during Wasenek Days. Tim presented that they were thinking that they could still have the golf tournament on Friday, and then possibly move the Road Rally to Saturday - He noted that things were still in the planning stages, as they were needing to know if the Village would be willing to approve Wasenek Days at all. There was some round table discussion about how to possibly make some food options available after the road rally. The board agreed that it was ok for the Wasenek Days Committee to keep planning as long as they stay within DHM. Tim will bring back info to the board for final approval at the July Meeting.
12. **Discuss: Water Meter Costs on New Subdivision** -Jeff Edmondson: Jeff discussed with the board the costs for installing new water meters/pits that will be required for installation in the KCDC Subdivision. The question was asked on whether it would be the resident's responsibility or the Village's for the first meter installed. The board requested Clerk Kiefer to find the previous minutes/ordinance/resolution regarding this matter. Jeff noted that the board needs to look at the costs when looking at the next fiscal year budget to ensure that they have funds should it be the Village's responsibility for the cost of the install.
13. **Discuss/Action: 109 N Smith Building** – Chairman Kroos presented to the board the issues with the building that had been being dealt with over the last couple of weeks specifically with regard to the roof leak issues. Chairman Kroos discussed with the board different options for dealing with the current building. Superintendent Edmondson also presented rough estimates for a possible replacement building. The board requested Clerk Kiefer to check with the accountant regarding budgeting options. After much discussion, this item was TABLED- until more information is provided.
14. **Discuss/Action: Utility Shut-Offs:** Clerk Kiefer provided a report to the board regarding delinquent accounts, stating that no residents have chosen to make payment arrangements due to COVID-19 hardships. She also noted that there is a small number of residents who have continued to be delinquent in their payment. After discussion, a Motion was made by Trustee Ehly and Seconded by Trustee Uden to Discontinue the deferment of late fees and utility shut-offs effective July 1, 2020. Roll call: Trustee Knuth-yea, Trustee Ehly-yea, Trustee Kroos-yea, Trustee Colon-yea, Trustee Uden-yea. No opposed. Motion carried.

15. **Discuss: Pre-budget work session:** Pre-budget work session is scheduled for July 7th, 2020 at 7 pm at the Village board room.
16. **Discuss: July 2020 Meeting options:** Clerk Kiefer presented that effective July 1, 2020, the Governor has removed the option for remote meetings due to COVID-19, and all regular meetings are to be held in person.
17. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Update: Nuisance Property: 413 W Poplar St.** – Attorney Shon Lieske presented that his office sent out certified letters to both Mike Cordes and to Rodney Luft but has not heard anything from them. Superintendent Edmondson stated that Mike Cordes spoke with him, noting that he had received his letter from Shon’s office, and told Jeff that he was working at getting things removed. Jeff noted that he has gone by the property and that there has been quite a bit of work done preparing to remove the burnt trailer from the property. The board requested that this item be put on the agenda again for the July meeting to follow-up on the progress. TABLED
 - b. **Update: Nuisance Property: 606 N 5th St.** – Chairman Kroos presented to the board that this property that had been referred to the Health and Sanitation committee, and had been tabled at the last meeting due to the property resident making progress toward cleaning things up when reviewed at the May meeting, is now in direct violation of the nuisance notice requests. She noted that as of the date of this meeting there were a number of broken-down vehicles, a couch and mattress in the yard.
 - c. **Lazy K Saddle Club Agreement** – Jan Dassinger addressed the board, stating that there has been a change in the saddle club committee, and that at this point, she will be the one dealing with the agreement. She had a number of questions regarding the agreement, and asked that it be made note that all the fencing and buildings on the property are owned by the Saddle club and would like the agreement reworded to reflect such. She also requested to see a copy of the last lease that was in place prior to this current one that the Village has sent to them to be signed. Clerk Kiefer let her know she would have a copy for her available to pick up at the Village office. Jan was concerned about the requirement for the liability insurance, noting that she did not believe the club had the resources to provide it. Clerk Kiefer will contact our insurance for more specific information. Jeff noted that he and the city crew would be willing to take care of part of the mowing for the club. It was also discussed that at this point in time the Village has voted to not charge the club for water and sewer as it is a community use property. Jan requested that this be added in to the language of the lease. Clerk Kiefer noted that the water was not a vote with regard to the lease, rather it was a vote with regard to water/sewer charges, and that a provision was placed in the vote, that at any time, should the water usage become abused, that the Village would no longer provide the water use at no charge.
18. **Executive Session:** Chairman Kroos Moved the meeting to Executive session at 10:21 pm for HR/Employment Discussions.
19. **Adjourn Executive Session and Return to Regular Session at 10:24pm**
20. **Action:**
 - a. **Pool Application:** Motion made to hire Savannah William as a pool lifeguard, providing the pool opens for the 2020 season. Employment will include a year-end performance bonus as per Village Employee Handbook, and employee reimbursement not to exceed \$100 for either job required certifications or employment attire (receipt required for reimbursement). Roll Call: Trustee

Knuth-yea, Trustee Ehly-yea, Trustee Kroos-yea, Trustee Colon-yea, Trustee Uden-abstained. No opposed. Motion carried.

21. **Regular Meeting Adjournment:** Motion by Trustee Ehly second by Trustee Knuth at 10:26 p.m. No opposed. Motion carried. Next regular meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2020 at 8:00 p.m.

Chairman

(SEAL)

Clerk/Treasurer

I, Cindy Kiefer, 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 June 9, 2020. 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