VILLAGE OF KINCAID

115 CENTRAL AVE., KINCAID, IL 62540

TIME- 6:00 P.M.

MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2023

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Mayor, Robert Morris brought the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll call was taken by Beverly Merano:

Nelson-here, Dees-here, Keafer-here, Gibson-here, Paso-here, Lawrence-here

* Hiring of New Clerk-

Mayor, Robert Morris made motion to hire new clerk, Paso second motion.

Nelson, Dees, Keafer, Gibson, Paso, Lawrence: All Ayes. Mayor, Robert Morris swore in new village clerk, Stephanie Brown.

* Special Guest: Kevin Buckley (Auditor)-

Questions were asked about the financing of the village. He spoke regarding a few things that could be done to control the finances and for things to get better regarding the general fund, while also looking into total dollars that are available and what they can be used for. He also spoke about incorporating quick books into the near future to help with overall accounting purposes. This would help with accountability of money coming in as well as money going out. He spoke about set up the financials and budgets for upcoming months.

* Closed Session (6:15 p.m.)

Meeting to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1)

● Approval of Minutes from December meeting:

Mayor, Robert Morris makes approval for December minutes. Trustee, Nelson makes motion,

Second made by Trustee Keafer. Roll call: Nelson, Dees, Keafer, Gibson, Paso, Lawrence,

All Ayes. Foreman Mark Wolfe speaks regarding Mark Chastin leaving from Chastin and

Associates. There will be someone new to take over for his position.

● Visitors:

VISITORS- A PERSON SHALL BE PERMITTED AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS OFFICIALS UNDER THE RULES ESTABLISHED BY THE VILLAGE OF KINCAID (2 MINUTES PER PERSON) 5 ILCS 120/2.06g

There were no visitors currently.

* Attorney’s Report

Attorney Rahar stated about news to the dog matter. Open to change to the ordinance to certain digressions. The attorney’s wanted to keep it as vague as possible. As long as they can communicate that we are changing these ordinances, Rahar would be willing to drop everything. Rahar had mediation sessions in regards to the ordinance violation and discussions were made with Attorney Beth Brotherton. Rahar did assume that the board is still willing to modify the ordinance. There will still be talks in mediation with regards to the fines. Rahar spoke in regards to the Shehadah update and stated that there was a lengthy ruling on summary of judgment. His case has been continued to Jan. 31st and these allegations are all in regards to the FOIA requests. Rahar stated he will be in touch with the board and if he needs to request a special meeting, he will let us know.

* New Business:
  + Quick Books

There was talk about how soon to start implementing quick books into our program and it was

Stated to wait until March 1st to give the new clerk time to become acclimated with everything.

Trustee Paso spoke in regards to the data that can be used in quick books and Treasurer,

Beverly has used it before in the past. There was talk about possibly bringing someone from

Another office to help out with regards to the quick books program.

* New Village Clerk Pay

As of right now the pay will be $17/hr starting pay. Motion was made by Trustee, Nelson and second by Trustee Lawrence. All Ayes. No part-time person for now. The New Clerk will be

Handling all the duties. Treasurer, Beverly will be helping, for back up if clerk is out for any reason.

● No More cash coming into the office/look into credit card machine:

Mayor, Robert Morris spoke about implementing a credit card machine to take payments.

Attorney, Rahar stated that he did not see anything in the law that says we have to take cash.

Most of the laws are affiliated with retailers and whether they have to. We do not have to do

this, but we do have to give them every other option to pay. We will be taking money orders,

checks, and credit or debit card, plus you have the option to pay on line. This will begin on

February 1, 2023. Trustee Lawrence made motion that the village only take money orders,

Check or coming in and paying at the office or you can pay on Paystar. All cashless on

Everything. Trustee, Lawrence made motion, second was Trustee, Paso. All Ayes.

● Bulk water/new machine change box to go cashless:

This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

● New gaming parlor on square:

Foreman, Mark Wolfe stated that, Bottoms wants to buy the building next to the bar, have

it renovated and put games in it. She would like to make sure that the city is ok with her

putting in the gaming parlor. Attorney, Rahar stated that she would need to get her liquor

license as well.

● Police Patrol in Bulpitt:

Cheif Mathon spoke of the fact that Bulpitt has 2 bars and that they are not paying for any

Patrol. They are the only bars open until 3am and they bring in the wrong people to our area.

Chief Mathon asks that we charge $500/mo for patrolling their area. Chief Mathon spoke also

In regard to that around 3am, there are a lot of fights going on for a free service right now that

we provide. Attorney, Rahar stated that we need to be in agreement with Bulpitt first before

moving forward with this. There was a motion made to attend the next meeting in Bulpitt.

Motion made by Trustee, Lawrence, second by Trustee, Nelson. All Ayes.

● Buying used plow for the F170:

Foreman, Mark Wolfe stated that the plow is in decent shape and that it would be beneficial

for the machines that we have now. The plow was listed at $2,000 but Mark made an offer of

$1500 for it. Trustee, Nelson made a motion to buy the plow. Second motion was made by

Trustee, Lawrence. All Ayes.

* Old Business:

None at this time.

● Ordinance Violations:

Attorney Rahar spoke of new laws concerning ordinance violations that will be discussed at the

next meeting.

● Approval of bills:

Treasurer, Beverly had copies of the bills that were made available to all board members.

* Zoning report

Trustee Lawrence stated that there were none to report at this time.

* Approval of Treasurer’s report

A Motion was made for approval by Trustee, Lawrence and 2nd by Trustee, Nelson. All Ayes.

* Clerk’s Report

The New Clerk, Stephanie Brown did not have anything to report at this time due to the fact

that she is trying to get acclimated with everything.

* Police Report

Chief Mathon stated that right now we are ok on the motor fuel pricing. He went over his reports with regards to the body that was found and that there were no shots fired. They

had several calls in regard to this. Last week there was a call on a stolen tricycle and it was

located on marketplace. Officer Aiden, had gone out to where the bike had actually been

at, and was able to buy it back for the little girl, who was the owner of the trycicle. TPD had

been on this investigation as well. Chief Mathon spoke of just routine traffic stops and a possible increase in these for next month. Village Clerk, Stephanie Brown, spoke to Chief Mathon in regard to the Digit Ticket program that they are using at this time. Chief Mathon

stated that they are in the process of getting this fixed and will be implementing them in the next week or so.

* Foreman’s Report

Foreman Mark Wolfe spoke of just general maintenance and putting a new meter on gas pump. He also spoke of installing more cameras for bulk water and the safe.

● President’s Report and Comments

Mayor, Robert Morris offered his congratulations to the new Village Clerk, Stephanie Brown.

* Trustee’s Reports and Comments

Trustee Lawrence spoke in regard to Leans on homes in the area.

* Adjournment

A motion was made by Mayor, Robert Morris and a second motion made by Trustee Nelson to adjourn this evening’s meeting.

Roll call: Nelson-yes, Dees-yes, Keafer-yes, Gibson-yes, Paso-yes, Lawrence-yes

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.