VILLAGE OF KINCAID

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STATE OF ILLINOIS }

COUNTY OF CHRISTIAN } SS. REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 12, 2021

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The Board of Trustees met in Regular Session Monday December 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert Morris.

The Clerk, Marla O’Dell called roll call for Trustees:

Keafer-Here, Evans-Absent, Nelson-Here, Lawrence-Here, Paso-Absent, Gibson-Here

Village Attendees:

Treasurer: Beverly Merano-Absent

Foreman: Mark Wolfe

Village Engineer: Mark Bingham, from Chastain and Associates

Village Attorney: David R. Fines

Chief of Police: DJ Mathon

Police Officer: Seath Hubbs

Public Attendees: Verna Coleman, Roger Wise, Clare Duran, Gary Daum

A motion was made by Trustee Keafer with the second motion made by Trustee Lawrence for the approval of November’s meeting minutes.

* Special Guests: Mark Bingham from Chastain and Associates

Mr. Bingham gave a brief update on the sewer project. There are 14 other municipalities that are in front of us for the principal forgiveness. This process just takes time. There was nothing to report on the water project. He is hoping to hear about the Safe Routes to School grant in the spring.

 Verna Coleman and Roger Wise

Mr. Wise explained that he recently received an ordinance violation. He stated that he was told first that it was due to whistling at her dogs outside and then was later told it was due to being called out more than 3 times. He wants to know what is the real reasoning for the violation. Chief Mathon stated that they spend so many resources down there between them and the other party that someone is always calling and they are constantly down there. He also stated that they are all adults down there and they need to move on and act like adults. Mr. Wise stated that he has called three times about the other party destroying his property. He was told by the Village to put up stakes. Every time he puts up stakes Gary Daum steals the stakes. Mr. Wise asked if there was anything that the Village can do so that if Mr. Daum takes them out, he could be arrested. Mr. Wise stated that he is not buying any more stakes to be removed.

Chief Mathon then proceeded to state that charges have been filed by both parties and they are at the State Attorney’s office. This is something that should not be brought up at the meetings since these complaints have been filed. The Chief then went on to say that since he has been Chief he has made the most calls at one or the other’s house for complaints about the other and it is a waste of our resources. This is why we put an ordinance in place to prevent us from spending our resources at the same two houses for you to bicker.

Mr. Wise also complained about the dogs barking on their property. After Mr. Wise and Ms. Coleman left Clare Duran asked if she could talk. The Mayor and Clerk stated that she could not and they she would have to wait until it was time for the “Visitors Section” of the meeting to talk for 2 minutes.

* Attorney’s Report

Attorney Fines talked a little about the Jamal Shahadah’s case. He stated that we are getting a new judge. His name is Mr. Delong and is a no-nonsense judge. He hails from Effingham. Mr. Fines thinks there may be a light behind the tunnel on this case.

* Old Business
* Discussion of meeting with Ameren about electric at Lake Lots

Trustee Nelson along with Trustee Gibson and Foreman Wolfe met with Nicole from Ameren. He felt that it was a very productive meeting. More information was needed from Nicole and once they have all the information, they will present it to the Board.

* Additional hours for Police Dept.

Chief Mathon would like to add an additional 10 hours to the Police Dept. He also stated that there has been a lot of activity at the high school in which they have had to go to. If the Board is ok with them adding the extra hours, he will then talk to the School Board about paying for the 10 extra hours per week needed for coverage. The Board stated that they were fine with him talking to the School Board and that they would approve the coverage if the school agreed to paying. Treasurer Merano had figured up that the cost of the school would be $20.58 per hour.

* New Business
* Going forward on getting easements needed for water/sewer projects

Foreman Wolfe stated that he would like to move forward and get the easements needed for the water project if the Board would allow. Attorney Fines stated that he will get with Mark to get the information needed to draw up the paperwork. The Village Engineer Mark Bingham stated that he may be able to help with this as well. The Board agreed to go forward with getting the easements.

* Purchase truck and trailer from South Fork Township

Foreman Wolfe stated that the Township is going to be selling their 2015 Ford Crew Cab in the near future. It has 110,000 miles. The book value is $18,000. They are wanting $16,000.00. They also have a trailer that they are selling for $3000.00 that would be good to purchase in case we buy an excavator in the future. Our trailer that we have now will not hold an excavator. The clerk addressed to the Board that if they do approve the purchases at this meeting that it will be noted that the funds will not be available to spend until the next fiscal year which will be May 1st, 2022 due to the budget. Foreman Wolfe stated that they will sell the trailer that they have now if approved and sell the green truck if approved. The green truck is in pretty bad shape. He doesn’t think that they will be able to get much out of it.

A motion was made by Trustee Lawrence with the second motion made by Trustee Nelson for the approval of purchasing the 2015 Crew Cab truck and the trailer totaling $19,000.00 after May 1st of 2022.

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

* Committee of the Whole meetings vs Subcommittee meetings

The Clerk addressed the Board about whether they wanted to continue to have Subcommittee meetings or to change back to Committee of the Whole meetings. There were some timing issues that will need to be rearranged for the Subcommittees if continued. The Board agreed to continue to have the Subcommittee meetings.

* Trustees getting paid for Special meetings

Trustee Lawrence asked the Board how they felt about getting paid for special meetings. He feels that since the Clerk and Foreman get paid for coming to Special meetings that they should as well. He also stated that the Zoning Board gets paid $25.00 for each of their Special meetings that they attend. He thinks that $25.00 would be fair enough. No Board member was against getting paid the Special meetings. The Clerk asked the Board if the $25.00 would be issued to them if there is a Special meeting before or after a Regular or Committee meeting. They all agreed they would not get paid for them since they were already there at the other meeting. The Clerk did ask the attorney if this was ok to approve at the meeting. She asked if this would be something that needed to be followed like the procedure of raises for the Board and that it could not take effect until after the Board elections. Attorney Fines stated that he did not feel that that was necessary and that it could be done. A motion was made by Trustee Lawrence with the second motion made by Trustee Gibson for the approval of the Trustees to be given $25.00 for each Special meeting.

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

* Getting donations for playground equipment

Chief Mahan asked the Board for their approval of getting donations for a playground out at the lake. He feels that this would be a good asset for the lake. The playground equipment that the park has looks like it is in the $20,000. 00 range.

A motion was made by Trustee Lawrence with the second motion made by Trustee Gibson for the approval of getting donations for playground equipment at the lake.

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

* Treasurer’s Report:

A motion was made by Trustee Keafer with the second motion made by Trustee Lawrence for the approval of the Treasurer’s report.

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

* Police Report:

Chief Mathon presented his police report from November 1st to today. There were 173 incidents with 93 of them being traffic stops. There has been an increase in traffic stops. Several ordinance violations were issued which includes the property across the street for the 2 vehicles that are sitting there. The other property behind us across the street has had a little bit done. The air/heat unit that was on top of the building has been removed. The fence still needs to be secured. But a little bit has been improved. Chief Mathon stated that he will not write him an ordinance unless ordered to. The gentleman did come up here and talk to him and said that he would get the specific things done that were requested. The gentleman has done this. Mr. Mathon stated that he will be after him about the trash that is in the building and to get it removed and keep moving forward with him.

* Foreman’s Report:

Foreman Wolfe presented his Foreman’s report to the Board of Trustees. He also stated that Ameren has put new transformer in for the Solar Panels. The Solar Panels are to be getting delivered this week and the company to start working.

* Zoning Report:

No zoning permits issued

* Clerk’s Report:

The Clerk passed out the tablets to each Board member and Mayor. She stated that they are to check their emails frequently with their new email address that was provided to them. She will also phone message them to tell them that she has sent a new email out to them. At the next Board meeting they are to bring and use tablets. There will no longer be reports handed out by the Clerk at the meetings other than the agenda. She also stated that she will get all of her reports to them by Thursday afternoon so that they would have time to look over reports earlier before the meeting in case they may have questions.

* 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

Clare Duran stated that she also received and ordinance violation. She asked Attorney Fines if he had received a call from her Attorney Beth Brotherton. Attorney Brotherton has tried several times to call him. Attorney Fines stated that he will get ahold of Attorney Brotherton. She also stated that she had a couple issues with the ordinance that was written. First of all, she doesn’t think it is fair because if we can not call the police for something that is happening then who can we call. Are they suppose to handle the situations themselves? Chief Mathon stated to her that the ordinance was not for her calling the Police. It was because someone else called the Police and we had to respond at your house more than three times for disturbing the peace. He also said that you can call the Police a thousand times if you want to. The point he was trying to make to her was that she did not get an ordinance because she called them. That is their job. She received the ordinance because she disturbs the peace and the way the ordinance is written because someone called on her. Ms. Duran also questioned when did she disturb the peace? Chief Mathon stated that there are charges down at the State’s Attorney’s office right now for her disturbing the peace. She then questioned Chief Mathon about the nail boards that Mr. Wise put out and he still has not gotten any charges for this. Attorney Fines stated to Ms. Duran to have her attorney contact him tomorrow. She also stated that the ordinance was written to the wrong address. Her address is down the street. This was written to Mr. Daum’s address. Attorney Fines stated to her again to have her attorney call him tomorrow. Ms. Duran stated that she was not going to let us turn Mr. Daum’s water off because she is not paying the ordinance. Attorney Fines stated to her to talk. Chief Mathon also stated that the 2 minutes is for her to talk not to debate. Ms. Duran then asked Chief Mathon if she could set up a meeting with him about the ordinance violation.

* President and Trustee’s

Nothing to report

* Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Gibson with the second motion made by Lawrence to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Marla O’Dell, Village Clerk 1/10/22