Village Of Kincaid

115 Central Ave. Kincaid IL. 62540

Time- 6:00 p.m.

February 24, 2025

Committee/Special Meeting Minutes

The meeting was brought to order by Mayor Robert Morris. Roll call was taken by the Village clerk.

Roll Call- Lawrence- Here, Paso- Here, Gibson- Here, Warren- Here, Dees- Here, Nelson- Here

The pledge of allegiance was recited by all who attended the meeting.

Mayor Morris stated for everyone to remember that we are conducting business here, we shouldn't be talking out there. We don’t need none of that, and what happened last time will not happen again. That is why there is a police officer here. You will be asked to leave.

Committee Meeting:

Discuss switching certified water operator- Foreman Wolfe said that Mike Lebshier is our certified water operator now, he is planning for retirement. So, he has asked that CJ take his spot as our certified water operator for Kincaid. Morris said we can vote on that during the special meeting. Paso asked if that would be in addition to his current duties. Warren asked what that covered; does it cover Kincaid/Jeisyville? Mark said no, just Kincaid/Bulpitt, not Jeisyville. Jeisyville has their own.

Discuss ordinance book- Warren said he put this on here because he had a discussion earlier this week with our part time officer Tim, you were gone DJ. Everyone has problems with abandoned vehicles or vehicles that are not licensed or up on blocks and things like that. He said he gave each board member a copy of a three-page sheet out of the ordinance book that outlines everything. First is all the ordinance violations, gives all the definitions and gives what appropriate action will be taken if within a certain period of time as it stays on here if the vehicle is not registered or taken care of or moved. He just wanted everyone to look at it, he still has to get with DJ and shoot it by him and make sure it is all good to go as far as that goes and get his blessing. He just wanted everyone to look at it and get their opinion on it and later on at the next meeting we can vote on it or whatever. It is all based on our ordinance book we will just have to change the numbers.

Discuss Police Officer-

Discuss curb issues brought up at the last meeting- Mark said he got two contractors; he called them, and they finally called him back and they will get over here as soon as possible and get us a bid on it. Stonington just had one of the crews its Peters is doing all the work, well a lot of work for Taylorville too. They just did one hundred feet curb for Stonington and it was ten thousand dollars. That curb measures two hundred feet so that is probably where we are going to be at. He doesn't have any official bids yet, but two contractors will be coming as soon as possible to get us bids, hopefully we will have them by the next meeting.

VISITORS:

VISITORS- A PERSON SHALL BE PERMITTED AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS OFFICIALS UNDER THE RULES ESTABLISHED BY THE VILLAGE OF KINCAID (3 MINUTES PER PERSON) 5ILCS 120.2.06g

Christian Vacker said he just wanted to bring up that there is still a white cop car sitting in the garage, and it isn't doing anything except cost maintenance to buy batteries for it when it sits for two years, or an oil change, or re charge the ac when it leaks. He thinks the board should revisit selling it. Morris said that we talked about it at one time, we just need to put it up for bid. Lawrence said to put it on the next agenda to run numbers on it, he asked DJ if he had something on it for minimums. DJ said yes, he would have to go back and see. It does make sense to get rid of it, it just sits there. DJ said we do have quite a bit of money saved and we really don't need a new car yet. Warren asked if we needed a motion to sell it. Nelson said it needs to get placed on the next agenda. Morris again stated we need to make a motion, then said just to make sure it’s on the next agenda.

Steve Brown said getting back to what transpired at the last meeting, bringing that up. He can't believe that we had all you board members and the mayor included sat here and listened to another board member go off like he did on somebody, we all knew who he was talking about. But you know what Mr. Mayor, you should have gotten up and stopped this way before, you should have got up and stopped it before any of this happened. But that did not happen. Mike you were in the wrong. I have known you all my life, you are a good friend and you’re still a good friend, but I feel like what you did last week was in the wrong. And mayor, you were in the wrong for not stopping him from going any further. Kip, is the only one who spoke up and did at the beginning trying to stop all of it and I will give him credit for that, but I wished one of you- you know we had all of you up here somebody should have stepped up and stopped this before it all happened. I hope we learned something from it, and I hope we conduct ourselves better in future meetings and keep it to city business and not none of this other stuff. We have an election coming up, and I know some of you are running and I wish you all the best of luck but let’s put this behind us but let’s learn something from it and do city business only. That's all I have. And good luck to everybody. Steve was thanked.

Louis Selzer said you’re talking about a police car or whatever that you're going to put out for bid. I’ve got a great question, how many officers do we have here at the Village of Kincaid now and how many of them are full-time, how many are part-time, how many hours are they putting in over the course of a month. And how many extra vehicles does this Village own that we don't need to be sitting and storing. Stuff needs to go; this town is falling apart. We need to do some selling if we have a surplus. He thinks we need to look at every angle and nothing against DJ, but he had a guy called him today and the majority of people here know who he is, he is a good friend, and he said "Hey, do you have a number for the Kincaid Police Department?" I said you know the last few people who have called and asked me that, I couldn't get an answer, I said my advice would be to call the sheriff and I am assuming that is what he did. I’m glad to see you here tonight and I am glad to have you here in Kincaid but I think that especially with spring coming, we all know what that brings, that bring the cockroaches out of the woodwork and we either need a good police force or we don't need one, that's the bottom line.

A gentleman asked what the jurisdiction of a police officer in Kincaid was, he stated DJ knows where he lives on the backroad. Is that part of Kincaid or not? DJ said so we have jeisyville city limits, Kincaid city limits, and Tovey city limits. So, if you live on a county road then no you're not going to get. He said he lives on 1500 County Road, DJ said ya so no you’re not in limits. DJ said we go down ridge, anything further out. The gentleman said Well since you said that, he was coming into Kincaid last week and the Kincaid police truck was at the oil tanks, that's why I am asking how far. DJ said no, we can go to Dales house. The oil tanks are not in our jurisdiction.

Mayor Morris said he needed a motion to go into closed session.

Trustee Nelson made a motion to adjourn and go into closed session, Lawrence seconded the motion. All ayes. The time was 6:13 P.M.

Clare Duran said according to OMA you have to let us know what you are going into closed session for.

Mayor Morris read -

Meeting to discuss litigation when an action, affection, or on behalf of the particular body has been filed and is pending in a court. (5ILCS 120/2(c)(11)

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

Special Meeting-

Roll Call - Lawrence-Here, Paso-Here, Gibson-Here, Warren-Here, Dees-Here, Nelson-Here

Hiring full time police officer- Mayor Morris said this would be on the next agenda.

Selling the jet rodder- Nelson made a motion to sell the jet rodder to Macon ...

The clerk interrupted and stated that with the police officer it needed to be tabled until the next meeting. Trustee Nelson made a motion to table hiring a full-time police officer until the next meeting. Warren seconded the motion. All ayes.

Selling the jet rodder- Nelson made a motion to sell the jet rodder to the other municipality - Macon for fifteen thousand. Dees seconded the motion. All ayes.

Hiring a certified water operator- Nelson made a motion that we hire CJ, he went to school for us, he got certified and so he is qualified for this position. A second motion was made by Warren. All ayes.

Mayor Morris asked if we are hiring him for twenty-three ninety-five an hour right? Treasurer Merano said not until after April from what I understand. Paso also stated after April. Merano said after the six hundred hours in April. Morris said no, it starts immediately. CJ spoke up and said no, or you will have to pay me five hundred a month until then. Morris said he is starting now, he is certified. Foreman Wolfe said he is certified now; you're going to pay that in April anyway so it's just another month that you are going to pay out. Nelson asked what the pay period for you guys is. DJ stated one just ended last Sunday, so it will end. Nelson said to make it effective immediately on the very next payroll. He asked CJ if he was ok with that, he said yes.

Vote to submit funding nomination forms to EPA for Phase 2 of lead service line replacement, Phase 2 of water main replacement, Phase 2 of sewer lining, and Phase 3 of water main project place holder - Foreman Wolfe said all of these are just words to tell the engineers to go ahead and apply for the EPA loans. Once EPA says yes, you guys are available for these loans then we have to vote again to actually accept and go into that loan with the EPA. We can still at that point back out of any of this. Lawrence made a motion, was seconded by Nelson. All ayes.

Adjournment - Trustee Nelson made a motion to adjourn, was seconded by Lawrence. All ayes. The time was 6:48 P.M.