

VILLAGE OF KINCAID
115 CENTRAL AVE. KINCAID, IL. 62540
TIME- 6:00 P.M.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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

Gibson- here, Paso- here, Lawrence- here, Warren- here, Dees- here, Nelson- here.

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

● Discuss about using Sun- Solar for the village- Trustee Nelson spoke up about when Avery was here from Sun- Solar. Nelson stated that we had reached out to 4 different companies, but only a few had got back with us. Nelson wanted to make sure that everyone received a copy of the proposal from Sun-Solar. Avery sent an adjusted proposal for the board to look over. His proposal was for two of the buildings up at the village hall and then also for the kitchen at the park. Nelson stated that he realizes that solar is now a big thing and that we need to seriously look into it. Trustee Warrens spoke up and stated, that basically with the way that Avery had presented himself when he was here, and the fact that he only handed out pamphlets to look over, Warren was not impressed with his presentation. Trustee Nelson stated that maybe we need to reach out to other companies and see what estimates we can get. Trustee Nelson stated that with these solar companies working with residential, they will help with getting you a loan to pay for the solar panels. Nelson stated that the key to all this is to save money in the long run. He stated that just because this particular company did not present the proposal well, we should still look into other avenues with other solar companies. Trustee Paso spoke up and stated that we could also look into purchasing a windmill to generate electricity, instead of going with solar. She stated that a consumer who has a windmill on their ground generates enough electricity that they sell it back to Ameren. There was discussion about this, and Foreman Mark Wolfe spoke up and stated that Ameren now just gives you a credit for it.

● Left over money from the police funds- Trustee Lawrence spoke up and stated that this is in regards to the left over money from the police department and street department. He stated that we discussed this at the last meeting. Lawrence stated that there is a budget for the police department and street department, and he was wanting to see if we could put away the left-over money in like a nest egg or something. He was referring to whether the police department would need another vehicle down the road, or if something were to come up with the police department or the street department. He stated that he would like this put on the next agenda for a vote. Trustee Nelson spoke up and wanted to make sure he understood this correctly. He stated that if they do not spend all their budget, that the left-over money would be put away. Treasurer Beverly Merano spoke and wanted to know what would happen if in 3 months they go over budget. Trustee Lawrence stated that if that were to happen it should be addressed to the board. Beverly asked if they go over, then do we take the extra money from the month before? Trustee Nelson stated that this has never happened before, as far as he knows. Trustee Warren spoke up and stated that he agrees with Trustee Lawrence, that we need to start planning for things that come up. He was speaking about going after grants and other things to help with the cost effectiveness. Foreman

Mark Wolfe spoke up and stated that the township splits things up into a building fund and a vehicle fund.

- Discuss building a program for tasks month-by-month- Trustee Lawrence stated that this has been discussed in the past before but he wanted to bring it up. He referenced to using different programs, as well as QuickBooks or excel. He stated that he just wanted a calendar so that whenever the clerk came in and pulled up her computer it would tell her each day and month what tasks needed to be done for that day or month. He also talked about implementing this to keep track of tickets and warnings as far as the ordinances go. He just wants to make sure we are following up with the ordinances and making sure we are not dropping the ball on some of them. The Village clerk spoke up and stated that she had went onto google docs and created a calendar that comes up whenever she opens her email. The calendar saves whatever tasks that she puts in for the day for month. She made a copy of one just to show the board what it looked like. Trustee Nelson spoke up and asked when the appropriation would be up, and Treasurer Beverly Merano stated that it would be in August. Trustee Lawrence stated that this topic did not have anything to do with money, but just making sure that we stay on top of things and not lose money. This is just basically a daily, monthly, and yearly task calendar. The clerk just wanted to make sure that we were not putting anyone's personal information on the calendars to be shared with others. Trustee Warren spoke up and stated that this is just to help, because not everyone can remember everything to do, and a calendar will help out in the long run.

- Discuss purchasing pizza oven for the Kitchen at the Park- Mayor Robert Morris spoke up and stated that he and Trustee Paso had been looking at some pizza ovens for down at the park. He stated that this will be put on hold for now, just until we can get a precise measurement and idea of what will be needed. Trustee Paso stated that maybe we should wait until the kitchen gets done.

- Discuss utilizing the CD's- Trustee Warren spoke up and stated that the finance committee got together and went through the finances. He stated that the general fund has around \$371,867 and that is sitting in a checking account drawing interest. He proposed that we take out \$100,00 of the general fund and put it into a CD with Edward Jones for 3 months at 5.3% interest. Trustee Paso spoke up about making a change to the Ordinance that states that we must use Midland bank for all finances. She wanted to change the Ordinance 1-2-92 Section F(1) which states that the following banks are herewith designated as places of deposit where the Treasurer of the Village is required to keep all funds and monies in his custody belonging to this municipality. It is listed Midland Community Bank. Trustee Paso would like it replaced to say in replace of #1: Midland Community Bank and other banks that are FDIC insured. Then add #2: Investment and Security Companies that comply with (65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-50 and 30 ILCS Sec. 235/6) and a member in good standing of the securities and exchange insuring boards. She is recommending that we change the ordinance to reflect this. Trustee Nelson spoke up and stated that he thought that maybe the reason the whole ordinance was stated the way that it was, is to keep everything in one bank, meaning Midland Community Bank. He was of the understanding that if we found another bank with a cheaper rate or something, that they would match it for us. He wanted to know if they would match Edward Jones. Treasurer Beverly Merano stated that Midland Bank would not be able to since it was for 3 months. Trustee Nelson also wanted to know about possibly putting the money into a money market account, where you have access to the funds and can withdraw from it. There was talk about the fact that money markets are low right now. Trustee Paso stated that Beverly had done her work and did enough research to see where the best deal would be. The whole point is to be able to make the most money with what we have now. Unfortunately, the CDs don't mature at the same time, one is in March and the other is in April.

- Discuss advertising for the RV spots and Lake Lots- The village clerk spoke up and stated that Trustee Warren had asked her to look into some advertising for the RV spots and Lake Lots. She

handed out two proposals to each of the board members. One proposal was from the Breeze Courier where you could purchase a web tile that appears on their website. The cost would be \$99.00 per month. You can also do a print ad and they would share it on a Facebook page for free. The cost for this would depend on the size and how many times you would run the ad. The second proposal was from the Miller Media Group in Taylorville. They have two different plans that you can choose from. The first plan is a Platinum plan in which our ad would run about 50 times in one week and we would have our choice of any 2 radio stations, and it would be posted for 30 days on Illinoisjobpost.com web page. The Bronze plan in which our ad would run 28 times in one week, have our choice of 2 radio stations, and an ad displayed for 30 days on Illinoisjobpost.com web page. She stated that this was just something to look into, as far as trying to gain more customers out at the lake and RV spots as well. Foreman Mark Wolfe spoke up and stated that just renting out one lake lot would, in fact, pay for the ad. Trustee Nelson spoke up and stated that this is something worth looking into and especially when Dirt Riders are having events that are going to be coming up and they end up selling out of their spots. He was thinking we could talk to them and tell them that we have spots that are available, and they could let people know when booking for events. Trustee Paso agreed that we should talk to Dirt Riders about the spots available for these events. She then went back to the subject of putting an ad in the newspaper. She stated that now a days, no one is reading the paper anymore and they are going online. She just wanted to know how many people we would be reaching and if anyone from Taylorville would be coming out there. Trustee Nelson spoke back up and stated that right now you go down 104 and see a billboard for camping. He wishes that we would be able to do something like this, just to get more advertising. Foreman Mark Wolfe spoke up and stated that they did look into the signs, which would cost around \$70/a year. But, in order to purchase these signs, we would have to add bathroom amenities out at the lake. So, he stated that until we put bathrooms out at the lake, we will be unable to put the big signs out. He stated that he can look into this and maybe get some more pricing information. He also stated that where the gun club building is at, there is a sign out there, but it is on another resident's property. Mark spoke with this person and ask if they would care if we put a sign out there and they were ok with it. He stated he will get some pricing for a sign to put out there. Trustee Gibson is wanting to make sure that we get ahead of the game on the RV spots and Lake lots. The Village Clerk spoke up and stated that she was able to put a link on the village website that is for the Lake Lots and RV spots. She was also able to put some information on the page, as well as some photos of the lake. She will be posting more in the weeks to come. Trustee Warren spoke up and stated that he and Trustee Gibson were going to ride over to Double J camping ground and see how we can get an ad or photo put into their camping book. Foreman Mark Wolfe stated that the water and sewer will be hooked up next week.

● 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- Two ladies who are with the Midland Area Community Club spoke up and just wanted to know about the kitchen, how it was coming along and they wanted to know about the fryers for the kitchen. Mark Wolfe spoke up and stated that they have 2 right now that are working, and he thought they had 2 more in a shed, but he was not sure if they worked. One of the ladies spoke up and stated that they were asking about the fryers, because when they have events, they end up bringing in a few more fryers, so they have enough to fry several different things. The park used to run 4 fryers down at the park, but right now they only have two. Mark Wolfe spoke up again and stated that purchasing a new fryer would cost around \$2,000. Trustee Paso spoke up and stated that maybe when we are ready to purchase a pizza oven, we can look to the same lady that had that

particular item and see if she would have other kitchen equipment that we could purchase. There was talk about different events and possible parades in the future. Mark stated that once they get the kitchen completed, they will see how much money they have left to purchase other items. The Midland Area Community Club donated money for picnic tables down in the kitchen and the ladies stated that the picnic tables looked nice. Mayor Robert Morris spoke up and stated that we need to look into getting some rubber mats for people to stand on in front of the area where people would order food. Another member of the community spoke up and asked what needs to be put on the Village of Kincaid Website and what stuff does not need to be. The clerk stated that not only the agenda and minutes on the website, but there are alerts, ordinances, community businesses and more. She stated there are different things regarding the community, like churches, Kincaid diner, fire department and now Kincaid Lake. He was wondering if there was something that could be put on there, regarding community outreach to help people and also to do with resale. He basically would like to see the community to help each other out and help build the community stronger. He referred to the Taylorville Police Department and how they help people in the community and residents donate items and the police department keeps it in storage. Trustee Paso spoke up and stated that we do not have any room for storage here. Paso stated that maybe we could do a regifting page for the Village of Kincaid. Trustee Lawrence stated that we have tried helping people out in the past with things and that we have let people know if they need help to let us know.

A motion was made to adjourn the regular meeting by Trustee Nelson. A second motion was made by Trustee Lawrence. All Ayes. The time was 6:35 p.m.

A motion was made to go into a Special Meeting by Trustee Nelson. A second was made by Trustee Warren. All Ayes. The time was 6:36 p.m.

● Special Meeting

- Vote on what to do with the CD's that are up- Trustee Warren stated that the finance committee wanted to make a proposal that we take \$100,000 from the general fund and put it into a CD with Edward Jones for 3 months at 5.3%, and then a proposal to close the sewer savings account and transfer \$194,000 into the sewer fund. Then out of the \$194,000 to take out \$130,000 and put that into a CD with Edward Jones for 3 months at 5.3% and the remainder \$64,000 would stay in the sewer fund. In three months, the village would make \$1325.00 interest off the \$100,000 and then they would make \$1723.00 interest on the \$130,000 one. The village has two CD's that coming up to mature in March and April. He stated that we have ten days to transfer the CD's to another one. His proposal was to have the Treasurer transfer those CD's to another one with Edward Jones who has a higher interest rate. A motion was made to do this by Trustee Nelson. A second motion was made by Trustee Warren. All Ayes.

A motion was made to change the ordinance where we can it to Midland Bank and any other bank FDIC. This would be changing the statute and basically stating that we could go with another bank other than Midland for financial. A motion was made by Trustee Paso. A second motion was made by Trustee Lawrence. All Ayes.

A motion was made to come out of the special meeting by Trustee Nelson and a second motion was made Trustee Warren. All Ayes. The time was 6:47 p.m.

A motion was made to Adjourn the meeting by Trustee Lawrence. A second motion was made by Trustee Nelson. All Ayes. The time was 6:48 p.m.

The minutes were typed up by the Village Clerk

Stephanie Brown