

VILLAGE OF KINCAID
115 CENTRAL AVE. KINCAID, IL. 62540
TIME- 6:00 P.M.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2023
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert Morris.

Roll call was taken by Stephanie Brown

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

- Pledge of Allegiance

- Committee Meeting

- Bereavement time for all employees:

Discussion was made to have this brought up in closed session.

- Patrol in Bulpitt:

Trustee Nelson spoke to the Mayor of Bulpitt in regards to addressing the board members. At this time, they felt like they were not able to afford to pay the \$400/mo. Mayor Robert Morris stated that it would probably be a better idea to address this after the election. Chief Mathon stated that after March 17th, we will not be patrolling in Bulpitt unless they can come up with an agreement prior to that date. There will need to be an agreement between both the village and Bulpitt in order to do the patrolling. He stated that we are chancing our guys possibly getting hurt, especially in certain areas. The board decided to table this until the next meeting, but as a March 17th there will no longer be an officer patrolling that area but they are still able to call the county in regards to any issues.

- Ordinance Violation in regards to chickens in town:

Trustee Lawrence spoke about what was discussed at the last meeting in regards to having chickens in town and maybe only having 10 at a time. Possibly charging a fee for having them and keeping them 100 feet away from the home. Possibly charging a fee per year, having the pins maintained and kept clean, having only 10 chickens and no roosters. Being 100 feet back from the property line. Mayor Robert Morris stated he agrees with this. The Ordinance code states that no one should be allowed to keep chickens in town. There was a discussion on possibly having to amend the ordinance code if agreed upon. Trustee Nelson stated that we could be opening a can of worms in regards to allowing this, since we already have an ordinance in play stating no chickens allowed in the community. Trustee Lawrence called around to other communities to see what they are allowing. This issue has been brought up due to complaining about the chicken. Several resident's in the community are wanting to have chickens, due to the increase in prices on eggs and the fact that the economy is making it harder for people to survive. Trustee Paso state that if you have a big enough space, then who

would it bother, or if you live on the edge of town. Paso stated that it does help some people but that there are other factors to consider when having chickens in town. An agreement was made to table this till the next meeting.

- New contract with Lebshire:

Foreman, Mark Wolfe spoke and stated that the water contract is not up until 2025 but the sewer contract is up and that the water is a yearly contract. Water was 3 years but Lebshire is wanting to keep both water and sewer on the same time line with the contract and have both, for 2 years at a time. An agreement was made to table this till the next meeting.

- Fixing RV spots and boat docks out at the lake:

Trustee Gibson spoke about getting prices for lumber that is need to fix the boat dock. It was a total of \$140.64 for the lumber itself. The RV spots just need rock put in them, also putting water and sewer lines for the spots and that price would be around \$5,000. Foreman Mark Wolfe stated that the lake lots usually brings in \$23,000 and we will be adding more this year. Trustee Nelson stated that we need to put in more spots to generate more income, so we will need to have these spots rocked, put in electricity and water/sewer as well. He stated that we will be having more people want to camp out there, especially with dirt riders. Foreman Mark Wolfe state that we need to figure out how much to charge for the spots. Right now, state parks charge \$20/a night, then with electric and water, it is \$50/night. There was talk about daily, weekly and monthly pricing. April 1st is when they will be opening, so we need to get the things updated as soon as possible. An agreement was made to table this till the next meeting.

- Upcoming events for this year:

Trustee Nelson spoke about the upcoming events planned for this year. He spoke about the event for April 8th which will be with the Dueling Piano at the Legion. Information will be posted for this on the business website. June 11th will be Sunday-Funday again out at the park. There will be a lot of the same things as before. Face painting, Dunk Tank, Pony Rides, and more. Possibly another K-9 training as well as, the blow-up games that we had last year. Nelson does not want to have to hire food truck like last year but to utilize the kitchen for cooking the food. July 22nd will be Brushville at the Park Pavilion. Then in September will be the Labor Day Picnic. There was discussion again in regards of what to charge to rent the kitchen. This idea was something still tabled till the next meeting. Then he spoke about the idea of every Friday in October having haunted hayrides and getting the community involved. Nelson stated that he did like the idea of having the pepsi truck on Sunday Funday but since it is an extra charge, there was talk about maybe having the drinks served from the kitchen instead. Trustee Paso spoke about possibly using a horse tank with ice in it to store the drinks in for people to purchase. There was also talk about fixing up the restrooms for the Sunday Funday as well. Treasurer Beverly spoke about a bill that we received for the porta-potties back in August-October but it was possibly from the community club at that time.

- Water Increase:

Foreman Mark Wolfe spoke about issues for the water. We started at 3.5% per gallon in 2019, in 2020 Taylorville will start raising their rates 2% per year. They have already raised it 8% and

we have not raised ours here in Kincaid. So, possibly raising to 5% this year and 5% next year. So, if Taylorville is raising their percentage, then we will need to increase the percentages here at some point. He spoke about not hitting everyone all at once with the fees. We are not in the hole yet, stated Wolfe, but if we do not do anything to increase the water, we could be in the hole. An agreement was made to table this till the next meeting.

- New software/account to enable payments with debit/credit cards:

The Village Clerk, Stephanie Brown stated that as of now we are using a program called Paystar for the water bill payments which are on line. She stated that she spoke with their tech guy who stated that as of now, we do not pay for the first account with them, but the consumer is getting charged a fee to use the software on line. PayStar collects this fee when the consumer pays their bill on our website. PayStar would be able to set us up with another account to be able to take other payments with regards to Ordinance Violation's, Lake Lot payments, Boat Stickers, and Golf cart stickers. There would be a charge of \$35/mo for the extra account set up, which comes out to be around \$420 per year out of our pocket. Consumers would be able to pay for these other payments on the website and there would be a drop down menu to choose which account you are needing to pay for. Consumers will still be able to come into the office and make the payments as well. This is just another option for us, because we are no longer accepting cash currently. Trustee Nelson stated that he agrees with the fact that we need to have other options for people to make their payments. Stephanie is still looking into other options to help the community with saving money in the long run. An Agreement was made to table this until the next meeting.

- Robin Beloit (a citizen of the community) to speak in regards to an ordinance violation she received:

Robin spoke about the fact that her dad passed away back in 2021. He had three properties and he also had a camper and van, which are in probate right now along with the property at 310 Edison. She has received an Ordinance Violation in regards to these vehicles not being registered but she has given all this information to her lawyer and is waiting for everything to go through. She stated that she is also the executor of the estate. The stickers expired after her father passed away and the Ordinance Violations are in regards to the vehicles being unregistered. They are not in working condition but they are not tagged either. She stated that she is just waiting for the vehicles to be distributed accordingly. Chief Mathon stated that the ordinances have been since 2021 and that he was wondering why the vehicles have never been moved. In his opinion, we do have ordinances in place for a reason. The vehicles are in probate right now, so Robin is unable to move them at this point. The Camper and the Van are under probate but there were multiple vehicles on the property that were not registered. Chief Mathon stated that since they have been there for quite some time that they need to be moved off the property. Chief Mathon stated that it is the boards decision as to what needs to be done with regards to the vehicles. The Ordinance is passed due at this point. Robin spoke up and stated that she is just waiting for all the bills to be reconciled and she is waiting for her lawyer to have everything done. She was thinking that he should have everything done around when the taxes get filed. Trustee Paso asked if the vehicles would need to be tagged to be moved. Chief Mathon stated that we would need some documentation stating that all the

unregistered vehicles are in probate right now. Paso stated that Robin should bring in a letter from the lawyer with an itemized list of what vehicles are in probate and possibly when things will be reconciled or distributed.

Trustee Paso spoke about the placement for the Narcan Box and that it would be behind the building and that it should be placed sometime this weekend. She also stated that she would let the Clerk know about possible training times for people in the community and that once we find out, we could post the information on Facebook and on the village website.

In regards to the ordinance with Robin Beloit, Trustee Nelson spoke up and stated that if she complies with getting us the information from the Attorney that we are needing, then we should allow her a little more time to get things in place with regards to the unregistered vehicles. If she fails to comply, then at that point, we would have to follow through with shutting off the water. She would need to have this information to us by March 13th, which is the next meeting.

- 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) 5ILCS 120/2.06g

Mark Bingham with Bingham Professional Services spoke in regards to going off on his own from Chastain & Associates. He is a Municipal Engineer, who wants to get his name out and he wanted to let us know that his services are available if we would ever need to use him.

A citizen of the community spoke up in regards to the chickens, and see if maybe the city could post something up to where people could sign whether they agree or disagree with having chickens in the community.

Motion to go into closed session: Motion made by Trustee Lawrence, 2nd by Trustee Nelson All Ayes. 6:50 p.m.

- Closed Session:

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

Motion to come out of closed session: Motion made by Trustee Lawrence, 2nd by Trustee Keafer. All Ayes. 7:40 p.m.

- Adjournment- Motion made by Trustee Nelson, 2nd made by Keafer.

Roll call- Gibson-here, Paso- here, Lawrence-here, Keafer-here, Dees-here, Nelson-here.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45p.m.

