Village of Kincaid

115 Central Ave. Kincaid, IL. 62540

Time- 6:00 P.M.

Monday May 11th, 2026

Regular Meeting Minutes

The meeting was brought to order by Mayor Tony Pezze.

Roll call was taken by the Village Clerk- Watson- Here, Paso- Here, Evans – Here, Oller – Here, Dees- Here, Nelson- Here.

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

Approval of April's Meeting Minutes- Trustee Nelson made a motion to approve April meeting minutes, it was seconded by Dees. All ayes.

Special Guest- Daniel Luka (Chastain & Associates) – Pezze- We were supposed to have a special guest; Daniel Luka from Chastain he never called and he didn't show and that is unusual for him. I know some of what he was going to talk about so I will present it. For Phase 2, which would be on the south side of the railroad; we got 2 bids on that E.L. Pruitt for $996,225.00 and one from Petersburg Plumbing for $1,548,486.00 so I am asking for approval from E.L. Pruitt.
Paso made a motion to approve the bid and go with E.L. Pruitt. A second motion was made by Dees. All ayes.

Pezze-Another thing I thought he was going to be here so I don't have the papers up front but our sidewalk project that we had and then we had to stop they have another program set for next year if I am saying this wrong Beverly speak up; but what he told us is if we drop and return the money that we have on this project that we have to use by next year then we could file again next year which would put it out a year further; if we get it but if we get it, it would be up to $500.000 and be total forgiveness, wouldn't cost us a penny. Oller- Does the engineering; that $99,000 that we already spent for the engineering would that still be able to be used? Pezze- Yes. Merano- Yes, but from that point on, after that $91,000 the engineering fees will come out of the grant money and if we send that grant money back to apply for the $500,000 then we have to pay whatever we used out of the grant money. Nelson- Do we also have to match that to match that amount? Merano- That $500,000? Nelson- We do not, correct? Oller- It's forgiveness. Pezze- That's what we were told. Nelson- Okay. Merano- But it's not a guarantee that we will get the $500,000, if we lose the $250,000 to go after the $500,000 and don't get it then we are done. Nelson- Are you recommending that we do return it and reapply? Merano- I don't think there is a deadline on it right now, I think Daniel needs to be here to explain more to the board. Pezze- Yeah, it's not something we have to jump on immediately, but it has to be done in a reasonable time. Nelson- Maybe Jayme could reach out to him and tell him it's a time sensitive thing and we would like to make a decision. We don't want to be sitting here doing this in November. Pezze- That's the thing there is no guarantee we will get it, but he said we would be very high up on the priority list to get it, but that's no guarantee that we will get it. Nelson- Did you hear from the reason why this person is not here tonight? Pezze- No, I'm surprised Nelson- That's another reason why we need to see Pezze- I have

never had him late for a meeting before. Nelson- Yeah well that's the best suggestion on the table right now is to get him here and explain it to us and if we have questions we can ask him. Pezze- We can get ahold of him and find out if there is a time limit on it or whatever and what it needs to be, and we can call a special meeting. Nelson- Yeah, true ok. Pezze- Was there anything else he was going to talk about Beverly? Merano- No, I think that was it. Pezze- We will reach out to him because it's very unusual from him not to be here.

Old Business

Spillway Update- Pezze- We would have had the west side done if the rain would have held off for three more days. Now we are at a standstill, waiting for the water to go down to a trickle before we can do anything. I have calls out.. We can either do one of two things. Either going to contract it to B&R to dig a little and do some work, he did some work last time when Mark was here, from what I read it was really pricey but anyway I reach out to them, and they are going to give us an estimate. The other alternative is we are going to do it ourselves, rent a hi ho, I've looked into it and I think we can rent a big one that can reach from the top all of the way to the bottom for about $3,000. Nelson- What do those normally cost if you do rent them for a week? Pezze- The one I looked at, there was two of them. One is $3,000 and one is $3,500 and they say we will probably need the bigger one to be able to reach 32 foot, so somewhere around $3500 for the week. Plus, we would have to buy the rock and matting and all that. So, we can get that much of it done or that part of it done with the state. I did talk to the state because they called and reached out to me. Nelson- But up to this point now we are EPA Pezze- Not so much EPA but Department of Natural Resources, he's the one that puts the license out for the Dams, and he is still willing to work with me on it. Nelson- Okay, alright Pezze- So that's where we are at there. There is nothing else on that right now.

Police- Pezze- We are going to pass over this right now.

Kincaid Solar Agreement- Pezze- This guys has been on us forever to get this signed and to him and why I don't know why his bank needs it. Anyway, Alex has went through it and went over it and said no problems and we are ok to sign it and get it back to Alex and he will go from there. So, I just need a motion to sign this agreement.
Trustee Nelson made a motion to sign the Kincaid Solar Agreement based on our Attorney looking at it and saying everything is fine. Paso seconded the motion. All ayes.

New Business

Ordinance Authorizing Expenditures Pending Passage of the Annual Appropriation- Pezze- We need to approve the ordinance authorizing expenditures. Merano- This is done every year, if you are familiar with it. It's the ordinance to continue to spend money until the appropriation and levy is done. Pezze- We do it every year. Nelson- And they know what we are talking about? Merano- Yes, Denise has been here on the board before with this ordinance and I explained it to Gina before the meeting. Nelson- Okay.
Trustee Watson made a motion to approve the ordinance authorizing expenditures. Paso seconded the motion. All ayes.

Lead Testing- Pezze- CJ I will let you talk about the lead. CJ- So we had some interest in people wanting their water tested for lead and according to the State we have to test their water, and I was wondering how you wanted to do it. We can buy test strips off of amazon for $70 for 4 of them or we

can get an electric tester for $595 that does 50, so I don't know how much interest we will have until we are done swapping them out but it's up to you if you want to just buy them by the cheaper test strips and do that. Pezze- How much are the cheaper ones? CJ- The test strips are for 4 of them and its $70. Pezze- How many times do you expect to have to do this? CJ- We already have one lady that wants her water tested and other than that we haven't had anybody interested or we haven't had anybody ask but with the letter going out yearly I imagine that is going to have an increase. Merano- How long do these strips last? CJ- These test strips should last a year that's usually how long they are good for, the reagents should last a lot longer than that though. Nelson- That's the way they are. CJ- Usually. Nelson- It's one year; they expire. CJ- I would say the test strips are going to be less accurate usually because as you have them stored they react to water in the air, so they are a little less accurate the longer you have them the reagents are a little better but it depends on how long we are going to need them because once all of the lines are replaced there won't be any lead in the services. Pezze- Do you think the 4 pack is good? CJ- Honestly, they will work. They will at least tell people if there is lead in the water if they need to worry about it. Pezze- Can we get a couple of them? Nelson- What is the recommendation from the finance committee? What do they think they should spend? Say hey we should spend this and come back to the board and vote on it. What kind of money do we have, do we want to put $500 on it, or $100 on it or whatever and have the finance committee do it, that's how it should be done if we are asking to spend money. Dees- If you get the cheaper ones for $500 you don't even get 28 tests. CJ- I did the math and if you get the cheap ones, you get a 4 pack of the cheap ones and end up using 50 of them you are at like $800. If you think we are going to use 50, I recommend getting the reagents and doing it that way. Pezze- You can test these here to right CJ- With these ones I will just test them here, the other option is to send them to the lab or drive them up to Springfield and have them tested for $25 and that's even more. Dees- What will we take that out of, the water fund? Merano- Yes, and I was just kind of thinking and talking to Jayme. Once people find out we are doing this… CJ_- Yes, with the letters going out I imagine more people are going to want to get their water tested. Dees- I say just get the $500 one for 50 tests, that's $10 a test. Pezze- I am sure they have some type of shelf life on them too. Nelson- In all fairness they should ask to have their water tested. CJ- That's the other thing if we put it off until next month, there is already a lady that is wanting her water tested now. If you want we can get a pack of the cheap ones for now to start out with and next month Pezze- Just buy the bulk one now and get it over with. Evans- How much was the bulk? CJ- $595 Paso- This tests the water going into their house or the water in their house? CJ- I will be sampling the water in their house. Dees- If they have galvanized lines…. Nelson- There are home test kits that people can buy for $12 to test their own tap water in their own home. Evans- They aren't going to do that; they would want the village to do it. Nelson- I don't' blame them, I think we should spend the money. I'll support that, if he makes a motion I'll support it. Dees made a motion to approve lead testing kit for $595; a second motion was made by Nelson. All Ayes.

Trash Pick-Up- Pezze- I know all of the board members do but people in the audience might not know. We've had issues especially on the southwest side of town; our sewers are crushed, they are just… they look like a jig saw puzzle through the video just waiting to fall apart. Down farther where they were digging down to the main they found a void caused by the sewer that was 4 ft by 6 ft in diameter. We need to debate it and get people involved and see what they think but I think we need to stop the trash trucks from going down the alley, we need to have front road pick up. I talked to Cleetons who handles at least ¾ of the town and he is 100% on board. So, we just need to get it discussed and get people involved in it and get their opinions. I know there are going to be people with fire cans and what it costs to pick something up like that but I know by law which was passed I know 20 years ago, we had to sign a letter with the EPA that we would not burn garbage in this town,

it had to be signed so it's on record somewhere. We just need to debate it out and decide on if we want to do it. I called Careys twice and never got an answer back. Dees- If we are going to do it just over there, we need to do it throughout the whole town and just be street service. Denise- Didn't we talk about this years ago? I remember talking about the lines being crushed. Pezze- We got the video and it is scary, and we had that issue there on commonwealth and hickory and when that pipe finally fell apart that cost us what $35,000 to fix and if we had to change the entire alley back then it was almost half a million dollars just to do one part. We can't afford that. Nelson- Would all of the trash service companies be you know do the owners still have the choice to use who they want to use? Pezze- Sure they can use whoever they want Nelson- Oh so the homeowner will be responsible for getting the can out front? That's a no brainer. Pezze- You are going to have people say oh I'm old and I can't do this; hell I'm 77 years old with a bad heart. Nelson- Well, that would be the only thing I would be concerned about is their ability to get it out there. Dess- They offer walk-up service for the elderly. Pezze- Ok we will address it again at next months meeting.

Vac Truck Damper- CJ- So I went to that class in April, they have a connector for when you are reducing down on the vac truck, we figured out that we definitely need that because when we were sucking out the dump tank out at the lake and it started to suck the debridement in so we need a damper so it doesn't … Pezze- I was out there when they were doing it and it was sucking it all in. CJ- $594 and Coe has them in stock. Dees made a motion to purchase the connector for the Vac Truck; Paso seconded the motion. All ayes.

Land Lease- Pezze- The land lease out at the lake, we've only got one or two people or really just one who has paid it for this year. Do we want to keep it and leave it the way it is or do away with it? Now that fella that is paying for it; he said he will continue to pay for it as long as he lives here. He doesn't want to do away with it, and he made an offer to buy the ground, but we can't sell the ground because he likes to use it for recreations purposes. I don't see any harm in leaving it the way it is, if people are going to pay they are going to pay and the ones that aren't, aren't and we have no way of policing it. You would have to have a boat to go around the lake. It's up to you guys. Dees- Is that the properties that are backed up to the lake? Nelson- Yeah. Oller- Are they mowing it and stuff like before or not? Pezze- Well this particular guy is yes; he keeps it nice out there and has three or four places cleared out for fishing and camping out there. Cassandra – Tony, he is here Pezze- Oh I'm sorry. Rodney Peck- I wouldn't be opposed to policing it either, I live on the lake, I wouldn't mind looking it over. Nelson- Would you mind standing up and introducing yourself? Rodney- My name is Rodney Peck; I live on Kincaid Lake. I have leased that property and taken care of it and manage it. I have deer coming in and out, all kinds of birds its amazing and beautiful. But if other people come on there it might not be. I have seen trees ripped out; I've seen bushes ripped out. I've seen deer everywhere at that lake. So yeah I would love to keep that piece of property, and I have no mind at all paying that $250 for whatever it goes to, to keep that property. I would even volunteer to run that part of the lake if you decide to do something with everyone else's property. Nelson- What exactly are you asking us to do for you? Rodney- Just keep my lease because that is a piece of my life. Nelson- Yes, the man is here and asking for our help, then yes. Dees- Maybe we need to look into something like policing that and making the others as nice as yours. Oller- They really shouldn't be using it; he is paying his lease. Rodney- You can get boats across that lake; you can do like a $10 or $12 night if the people that are attached to that lease don't want to pay the lease let them go camping down there and pay the $10 or $12 a night and do it. CJ- If you don't get rid of the leases, make a map or something and have his drawn out so that everyone knows not to go on his then they will be able to go to the others. Pezze- I have a county map with his property all marked out on it. Watson- I would say let him keep his leases, but the ones that don't want to pay their

lease there is a chance someone might be out on a boat and jump off on their land and fish off the land or something. Pezze- I think the first 25 foot of It is our land anyway. Merano- I know for Sangchris it is 40, from the property line to the water it's 40 and they can't do anything with it, they can't even put in a dock. They can fish but they aren't even supposed to mow there or take trees down. Department of Natural Resources won't let them do it. Rodney- For tent camping though; you can take a 10x10 space and just clean it up a little bit and let someone rent that out for $12 a night. Pezze- Yeah they would have to have a boat to get to it though. Rodney- Yeah, that's on them. Sink or swim. Pezze- I will leave it the way it is it's not hurting anyone and if people are going to pay the will and by standing on shore it doesn't look like very many people have done the upkeep on it.

VISITORS:
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CJ- This is just something for the street committee, here before too long we need to have a decision on what color we want our street signs. Motor fuel only pays for the green signs. So, I don't know if you just want to go straight to green or if you want to have like orange around schools or pay for all of them out of the general fund? Merano- Do you know how much a sign cost? CJ- Too much Merano- Then we stick with the green so motor fuel tax will pay for them. Richard Keafer- The only reason they went with the orange is because the Community Club made a sizeable donation for them. CJ- Yeah, I think it was because someone donated but yeah we are running out of signs, so I didn't know if you wanted to order them out of motor fuel tax or not. Merano- We have allocated money in the motor fuel tax to do it so.

Approval of Bills-Trustee Paso made a motion to pay the bills; Dees seconded the motion. All Ayes.

Approval of Treasurer's Report- Merano- Any questions? Dees made a motion to approve the treasurer's report; it was seconded by Watson. All ayes.

Clerks Report- Jayme stated she gave everyone a copy of her report.

Trustee's Report and Comments- Nelson- All I did was take some notes and I just wanted to follow through. The first thing I just kind of want it to be on the record is that I was told that we had interviewed over 18 people up until this time and we had a lot of people get denied just so everyone knows that. There were a lot of interviews going on. Also, I was curious whether or not if I put together some numbers by quite possibly, I call it the gun club down by the campgrounds, maybe possibly roughing that in as far as a shower house? Could that be something, because I'm pretty sure we had some astronomical numbers coming back as far as renting it down at the campgrounds. Pezze- I don't know if I showed it to you or not, but I looked into getting like a 12x26 building you know portable buildings they bring out and set it up here. We can divide it into two bathrooms and set it where the septic tank is and that way it is drainable with 2 bathrooms. Nelson- Well I was just curious if it was even something that was worth talking and discussing or if the board members felt the same way, that's the only reason I even brought it up. I do like that idea. Dees- I think we mentioned something like that after the spillway was fixed. Nelson- Yeah, because of the money? Yeah. Pezze- I came up with a rough figure around $18,000 on the shed and putting in 2 shower houses. That would be a ballpark. I never talked to any of the shed builders or the Amish, but they may build something cheaper. Nelson- yeah I just was curious if the other board members thought it would be worth even taking a look into. Pezze- We looked at the bathrooms out

there at that building and the biggest obstacle is going to be cutting that concrete floor out because the sewer is in the floor and it isn't going to match up. But we are down the line going to do something with that building. Nelson- Well I know we had discussed it and didn't have anything solid and that is the only reason I take these notes too because Sue had mentioned at a meeting before about the kitchen and fourth of July weekend and we don't have anything about that on this agenda tonight and fourth of July weekend isn't too far away if you are going to start planning those things so I just kind of wanted to put that out there that we had discussed it and I would be more than happy to help out in the kitchen if you want to put something together about that and then at our next meeting we have June and July. Also too, has the Village of Kincaid ever given out any scholarships? I think maybe as a village we should in Jacks name or something. I know businesses give thousand-dollar scholarships at graduations Pezze- We are dealing with taxpayer money, and I don't think we can do it. I may be wrong, but I know we couldn't on certain things. Nelson- Well if that is the case and people would agree to a fundraiser or bottom line I will pay for it myself. But I just wanted to invite the Village of Kincaid to take into consideration. That's all I have but thank you for your time.

Oller- On the stumps; I just wanted to check; the one that is on your street 202 cedar; he isn't done with all of the stumps yet is he? CJ- The corner of Cedar and Commonwealth; that trailer. Oller- its right on the corner; right where Brian Smith lives…. The tree has been gone for a long time, but the stump is still there. CJ- Oh yeah, that is when Mark was here, we cut it ourselves because it was a small one. It was really short, so we did it with the bucket truck. Oller- I thought that one was on there and we had it added and should be on our approval list too, I could be wrong though.

Pezze- Once Mark gets final approval of doing it because right now there is a block on it because Julie wouldn't approve it they approved the small stump but not the big stump something about a gas line, they are going to take that out. Oller- Are we going to do the ones at the park? There are two at the park. CJ- Yeah there is one down towards the lake that we had a big storm, and it cracked so it is a little bit taller and there is one that is a normal stump right next to the road. Pezze- Well we will probably get that the next go around, and we have a bunch of dead trees, and I know we won't get all of them this year. Oller- The one at the park you can finish cutting down can't you, because it's only like 10 ft tall; you can finish cutting that one down to the stump can't you? CJ- Possibly yeah, we will have to get new saw blades but yeah we can.

Watson- I think a lot of the lake lots got re rented out so that's good down there. Pezze- 38 got rented of course we did away with some so that cut it down. There is one left which is 19 and on the water but a little steep. And I had a guy approach me today about renting one of our – I call it transit spots but about converting it to a full-time spot and renting it out. Watson- That would be nice, we should be making money. Pezze- We will have to sit down and talk, but what would you want to rent it for? Because that's what he asked me and I told him I didn't know for sure. If we rent it out we are going to be paying for the water and electricity so that has to be figured in. I asked Linda Burchi because she stayed out there, I asked her what she was paying and she said she couldn't say it for everyone but her highest bill where she was at was about $160 a month for electricity. Dees- We will have to figure out a spot and just tell them they have to pay for water and electricity. Oller- We can't they don't have separate meters. Dees- Oh boy, alright we will have to do some math. Pezze- If you charge them $450 a month and it cost $200 for utilities you're still making $250 a month and that's better than nothing. And from what I understand Dirt Riders has cut back on what they do so the chances of having overflow. Watson- I honestly think that if we could get $400 we would be doing good because over there it's not like they have access down into the lake unless they go around. Pezze- I stayed down at lazy days 3 years ago and back then they charged $293 a month, now they charge $454 a month for 7 months and you pay for your own electricity. But then on the flip side Taylorville charges $1000 a year for water and sewer and you have to pay for your

electricity there. So, there are two extremes with one being really high and one lower. Watson- As long as we can get the electricity out of it and the water that we don't have to pay because we have to pay like $400 a month Merano- That is our lake agreement and the RV spots we pay $47 a month whether we have somebody out there or not. Watson- I think as long as we can get our electricity and water paid for we would be doing good because like I said right now we aren't doing anything, it's just sitting out there costing us money. Pezze- They are not set up. You have 2 spots and a fire pit and barely have enough room for a fire pit and the guys campers, poor design. So, what have we come up with $400 or $450 if someone wants to rent it? Watson- I would be ok with it. Dees- For a month, per month? I say $500. Peezze- I mean they don't have any lake access or anything. Merano- We charged Linda Burchi $700. Nelson- You guys have to compare apples to apples, we don't have the amenities. Pezze- Yeah, but what she is saying is that Linda paid $700 a month while she was there. Paso- So you set precedence at $700. Nelson- I think so too. Paso – You charge one person that you can't go down in price. Watson- The thing though whenever Burchis was out there, they weren't out there to camp; they were out there because they couldn't have their camper over here and needed a place to live in out there. But there isn't anybody who is going to pay $700 to camp there for a month and not have access to the lake or nothing, at least the lake lot people have access down to the lake. Those other areas there don't have access and you would have to drive down to the boat dock in order to fish. Nelson- Dave, what do you think? You think $500 is too much? Oller- I mean they have sewer and water then right? And electric. Pezze- They are full hook up. Oller- Which the other people don't, they have electric. Watson- I'm just saying $700 I think is too much. Nelson- It is, it is, it is because we don't have the amenities but $500 is not too much. I would support that. Pezze- I will just tell him $500 and if they want to rent it fine and if not that's fine too. Oller- And you would do that by month like a monthly rental right? Pezze- Yeah, we would have them pay $1500 then come back in July or August and pay the other $1500 so they don't have to pay for it all at one time. Pezze- Is that all you have Gina? Watson- Yeah that's all I got. Nelson- You good with that Gina? Watson- With the $500 no personally I'm not but that's, I think that they are going to say no and we are going to lose out because if we got the $450 that would pay our monthly bill for the Ameren agreement. Oller- No. Watson- Well then how much is it? Merano- Its $400 and some dollars a month but then you got the RV lot that you are going to have to pay for and Linda Burchi used Umm Tony and I went back and $160 a month in electricity and that was just electricity alone. Watson- Yeah but I'm saying if we rented 4 of them out at $450 a month, because we are going to have to make them into bigger lots. If you make them like 50 ft lots Nelson- Gina if people can afford $450 a month can afford $500 a month. Watson- Well then do it, I'm just saying. Merano- There is no way for us to monitor how much water they use, there is only one meter out there, we don't even know if the people out there that rent the lake lots are using our water because last year when the auditors were here if you remember they told us that we had lost so many gallons of water, did they not CJ? CJ- Our loss was like 37% overall Merano- But that is including the lake too CJ-That won't include that because I think since that is a meter it should come out of that calculation, that's just what we are losing in town in the roads. Merano- Ok, so if we are going to do this and start renting these RV spots for a month I think you, is the meter read every month? CJ- It has a new meter so it should. Jayme- It should be, but it wouldn't pop up on any bills, you would have to create an account on ACS. Merano- I would really like to see how much water we are using out there. Oller- Yeah because right now there shouldn't be any water being used, right? CJ- it's off, I think we turned it off over the winter. Pezze- Yeah, its' still off now. But there isn't anyone hooked up to it so if no one has been on that center lot there shouldn't be any usage unless an RV pulls up and needs to clean the tank. All I can do is ask and see if he is interested and see what he says.

President's Report and Comments- Pezze- Ok, Linda Burchi is wanting an extension. She has given me a paper. Nelson- So soon? CJ- Her thing is up in June I believe, she had until June to pour the concrete. Pezze- She has an estimate from Tullis, but it's not a signed estimate for $27,000 but Tullis can't get to it until between 4-6 weeks. So, it will put her until the end of this month or middle of the next. I think if we extend anything. Nelson- Jason I think in all fairness, and we can go back and look but I think you said we will do June 1st and if she needed an extension then she needed to come up here and ask for it, that's what my numbers are. CJ- She was supposed to come in March and you guys went ahead and said June because construction would take a while. Pezze- She was going to be here tonight, but she couldn't she had something come up. Dees- Let's see by the end of this month if there is even dirt pushed and we just need to contact her and she just needs to come up here and come up here and give us something else. Pezze- If it was a signed contract it would work but its not. Dees- It's getting to be ridiculous. Watson- Has she already had 2 extensions? CJ- This would be the 4th one. Nelson- Officially from here that we agreed to. Dees- I would understand if we would see some digging or something. Oller- Well if the contract hasn't even been signed yet, he doesn't even have it on the books yet. Pezze- Well apparently not because he wouldn't do it without a retainer. Oller- No, I think if she wants an extension we need a signed contract with a down payment to Tullis and then that would make it more concrete. Nelson- Yeah I agree with that one, I think the only statement on there is that it will be 4-6 weeks before it could get started. Paso- The last time she came in is when we gave her one last extension and we told her we wouldn't give her anymore unless she provided proof of when it was going to start. Nelson - I think that's what that is. Oller- She can go rent a lake lot. Evans- I thought years ago when you started the lots out there that people couldn't live out there. CJ- There was a traveling nurse who needed a 3-month place to stay so they ended up doing monthly leases, but I think they had a cut off at like 3 or 6 months it wasn't a whole year. Evans- Well how long have they been out there? CJ- she was only there for 3 months then she left. Pezze- She was out October 31st. Oller- She is on Walnut Street on her lot.

Pezze- Ok I have a letter here from the science Teacher here at the school and he is having a program called STEAM at the school it is educational. Anyway, what they are wanting is they are building cardboard boats, and they are asking permission to use our pond to put them on and test them and guarantee they will clean up and everything they use is biodegradable and it won't hurt the lake anything. He just wants a formal approval saying yeah they can use it. Nelson- Is it a boat that floats, do they try to ride in it? CJ- Yeah, it's a cardboard boat race. Pezze- It's like they had a couple years ago. Nelson- Now will the school be liable if anything happens? Pezze- They said it would be covered with their insurance. CJ- You might want to contact your water guys because they had sprayed pesticides in there, so you'll need to get ahold of them and make sure it is safe. Nelson- I would recommend Sangchris. Paso- Sangchris is too big, even the lake out that way at the curve is too big you really have to have like a pond, it's for the students and their building. Dees- I have no problem with it as long as the water guys say it is cool and as long as they don't mess with the irrigation or anything. Pezze- We will get in contact with them and make sure and they won't' be that far off the shoreline. Merano- There was just chemicals put it in last week. CJ- I think they just dyed it and I think the dye is safe but before that they were spraying an algaecide Pezze- And they haven't really by this set a date yet on when they are going to do it and surely they would wait for warmer weather. Paso- It seems as if they've tried to have a fire truck out there and have people on board that you know I'd assume they would take the ladder truck out in case they have to get out and pull somebody out, but the pond down there is not that deep. Nelson- The only reason I even said that and I don't know if any of you remember this or not but its been some years ago they had some athlete marathon or something at Lake Springfield and invited people and they all got some type of sickness, and the City of Springfield wrote a check for that. Watson- They sign waivers

though. I say we let them do it as long as the chemical people say it is safe. Paso- I think it would be a good idea, and I think we should let them do it. Pezze- Do we need a formal vote on this? Jayme- I just need an agreement that yes they can use the pond. Everyone agreed.

Pezze- Tom Noreuil got in touch with me about this for Jim Fassero because he is in the softball hall of fame about getting a couple of signs. I have gotten permission and places to put the banner and got the estimate from Lilly signs to do it; it's not going to be any taxpayers money, in fact half of it has already been paid for by a private party. The only thing we need is permission for our guys to put them up when they come in. Evans- Where are these going to go? Pezze- One will be just west of Philips 66, and the other one will be about a couple hundred yards from the welcome to Kincaid sign. Once they are installed I have to get a hold of the guy from the state so they can satellite it and mark it and all of the things. Those signs by state standard have to be 2ft by 4 ft.

Pezze- Ok we need to go into closed session.

Closed Session:
-Meeting to discuss litigations when an action affecting, or on behalf of the particular body has been filed and is pending in a court. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)
-Meeting to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)

Trustee Dees made a motion to go into closed session. A second motion was made by Nelson. All ayes. The time was 6:57 P.M.

Trustee Dees made a motion to go back into an open session, seconded by Nelson. All ayes. The time was 7:11 P.M.

Watson- I make a motion to hire Michael Brown as our Chief of Police; it was seconded by Dees. All ayes.

Michael Brown took Oath of Office and was sworn in as the new Chief of Police

Dees- When is your official start date? Chief Brown- I have not been told yet. Paso- Tony when is his official start date? Pezze- Do you have to give a 2 weeks' notice? Chief Brown- Yes sir, actually that would be great and perfect. I won't be signed into anything before then. Pezze- You aren't full-time in any other department are you? Chief Brown- No sir. Pezze- First of June, I can give you a set of keys and combinations if you want to come down and piddle and go through that mess of stuff. Chief Brown- Ok, whatever you need. After Memorial Day for those few things absolutely I am free. I have an obligation to attend on Thursday but other than that I am completely free. Pezze- Ok, just whenever you want to come down because you still have to go get your uniforms and stuff like that. Chief Brown- Yes, I will definitely make time and Thank You everyone.

Trustee Dees made a motion to adjourn the meeting; a second motion was made by Nelson. All ayes. The time was 7:16 P.M.