Village Of Kincaid

115 Central Ave. Kincaid, IL. 62540

Time- 6:00 p.m.

Monday September 09, 2024

Regular 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.

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

Approval of minutes from August meetings- A motion was made by trustee Nelson to approve the minutes; a second motion was made by trustee Lawrence. All Ayes.

Special guest Chastain and associates- No one was present from Chastain and Associates. Foreman Wolfe stated he gave Beverly the pay requests. Hoerr construction bill was in front of her, a bill from Chastain, and a bill for Burdick plumbing. Treasurer Merano stated the bill from Chastain has already been paid. Wolfe said these are the last of the bills for the sewer project. Beverly stated we have already paid them five hundred and fifty-eight thousand nine hundred and sixty-five dollars and seventy-five cents. Wolfe said this is what Chastain sent over today as far as pay requests they are asking for. Trustee Lawrence made a motion to approve said pay requests. A second motion was made by Trustee Nelson. All Ayes.

Cliff Mansfield to discuss drilling a test well- Cliff was not present.

Gary Sedlock to discuss purchasing the lot. Gary said about three and a half years ago he purchased a lot from Rodney Standfield the same time you purchased the cardinal building and we can’t get a clear deed from him or from anyone. He has been to the courthouse and has talked to a couple different Lawyers and he figured the best thing to do would be to let it go to a tax auction that way you can get a deed on it and he could then bid on it, and him being the highest bidder. Then Kincaid went and bought it. So, he is asking please sell him that lot, lot 17. It’s just right across the street. He stated he didn’t want to bring it to the public, but he got into a situation where we didn’t have a clear deed and unfortunately that does happen, especially with Rodney. Wolfe asked jarred if they have to put it out for bid, they can’t just sell it. Jarred responded that he would look into it. Wolfe and Nelson both said they bought it from a tax auction. We just did it so that an out of state person wouldn't buy it. We don't have any plans for it we don't believe. Lawrence said the lot is twenty-five by one forty-one just a little strip behind the cardinal factory. Trustee nelson said we just need to make sure that the board is on board with selling it period. A motion was made by Trustee Paso to put the lot up for bids. A second motion was made by Trustee Nelson. All Ayes

Gary thanked the board he said he has been working hard to try and make a difference in our community and hopefully by having lot seventeen it will enable us to make a big difference in our town. It’s instrumental in getting back to the dock back there in order to move goods and services. So I hope that we get to that point.

New Business

Passage of Annual Appropriation Ordinance- A motion to approve the ordinance was made by Trustee Nelson, it was seconded by Trustee Paso. All Ayes.

Passage of Annual Tax Levy Ordinance- A motion to approve the ordinance was made by Trustee Paso. A second motion was made by Trustee Nelson. All Ayes.

Passage of Ordinance determining the amount of money estimated to be necessary to be raised by taxation- A motion to approve this ordinance was made by Trustee Nelson. A second motion was made by trustee Lawrence. All Ayes.

Passage of truth in taxation certificate of compliance- A motion to approve the ordinance was made by Trustee Dees, a second motion was made by Trustee Nelson. All Ayes.

Discuss fall garage sales- Trustee Nelson said he had put out little feelers in the life of Southfork asking about having another garage sale and a lot of people said yes, they were interested. He proposed that we at the Village maybe get a list together for residents and put it in the paper but do one the first weekend in June and another at the end of September. If anyone asks, we will always do them the first week in June and the Last weekend in September. His motion is that we have a garage sale, a second one. A second motion was made by Trustee Paso. All Ayes

Discuss removing Kincaid police department number from site- Trustee Nelson stated we were all here at the last meeting when Seath was here, what I think is best or what can be up for discussion is that we use the non-emergency Christian County number it is 24/7- 365. The best thing about it is that it is recorded. If you live in Christian County you pay for that service. He says they should call the non-emergency Christian County number, if you’re calling 911- you’re calling that number anyway. We need to put something out that the community needs to call the Christian County Sheriffs Department and if an officer is available and not deployed or on leave,they will dispatch our officers out. Trustee Lawrence asked DJ what type of phone we have now is it a landline or a cell phone. DJ responded it is a cell phone. We don’t have a landline. Chief Mathon said that was fine with him, if someone calls, we know it is recorded and there is a record so in a week from now if we get a second call from the same number we know hey this is the second time from the same number, same place and we can keep record of how many times we have been to this residence. It tells us exactly where and what is happening. We can search it and look up an exact residence, Trustee Nelson said it would just work better, with the number being open twenty-four hours, seven days a week it just makes more sense. Cheif Mathon said he already has it that way with his cell phone, if he is unable to answer the voicemail states to call the non emergency number. Trustee Dees suggested putting the non emergency Christian County number on the webiste so the residents know which number to call.

Old Business

Discuss Argo property- Attorney Rahar said he has spoken with several people about this property. If the Village doesn't want to hand this property over for whatever reason then he will have to get in touch with the courts to have an adverse property to him. Goverment property should be known to the public meaning you can't take property over. Nothing further can be done at this time.

Discuss printer for clerk- Jayme said she gave the board a quote from CDS Printing in the amount of one thousand four hundred and twenty- five dollars to buy out right with a thirty dollar a month service agreement with everything she would need. We do have a contract with Tom Day Printing with the printer we have now but there is no fee to cancel early. Trustee Warren asked if this printer and contract would include everything she would need it to do in which yes was replied. Nelson asked if they supplied the toners and the ink , Jayme said Yes. Trustee Paso wanted the motion to include the disapproval of contract with Tom Day. The contract ends December 14th with Tom Day. A motion to approve the new printer for the clerk was made by Tustee Nelson, a second motion was made by Trustee Dees. All Ayes.

Discuss 7 Committee positions/ 1 chair and 2 members- Mayor Morris stated the committees for Street/Water/ Sewer would be Jason and Mike. The police will be Sue and Jason. Finance/Employee relations will be Sue and Kip. Park/Lakes is Danny and Gary. Zoning will stay with Mike. Liquor will be Myself and Kip. And Ordinance will be Kip and Jason. Nelson spoke up and asked if we could get that printed up and documented in some type of fashion that would be awesome. One thing he wanted to add is that we make sure that everyone eise is on board. The committee meetings are made for the soul purpose for having a committee person is that if they meet with two police or with the street department or they meet with Jayme which is required at least once a month is to provide them with what they need and whatever they are needing to perform their tasks. That is their soul purpose is to help them. Hypothetically if Mark says I need one of these, I really need help with one of these, that's when that chairperson comes to the committee meeting and says I met with the street department and this is what played out so that way we are all on the same page and then if you cap off the spending at one thousand dollars with each department they are allowed to spend up to one thousand dollars which is half of what their credit card is and half of what your budgets are then they are allowed to do that on their own accord. Anything above that then they need to come to the board meeting and get board approval. That way we never have any questions about any of that. Trustee Gibson spoke up and asked where are you gonna get this money from. Nelson said well it depends thats what we discuss about, we have money in the park funds. They have three thousand dollars a month in spending to spend however they choose to do that. And they don't do it, they don't spend it. I don't even think Jayme has come remotely close to her five hundred dollars a month in spending. So it just kind of depends, it's more of an accountability issue. When we come to the committee meetings we have topic and discussions. Attorney Rahar said that may help with some of the internal control that Mr. Buckley was talking about , it's not just one person getting yelled at. It's not just Mark or DJ as examples, the committees will take care of that.

VISITORS:

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John Durbin said he has had several people come to him asking why the campgrounds can’t hire someone to come out and mow instead of having our guys go out there and mow. Trustee Warren said it is city property. John replied, yes but you can hire someone to go out and mow it. People complain about the three mowers running up and down the highway and cutting across the highway. If you’re making that kind of money, why can’t you just hire someone to go out there and take care of it. Hire a mowing guy or whatever or store a mower out there. Mayor Morris said we thought about storing a mower out there we have already talked about that. John said ya that’s the thing though it's just been discussed. Since we have put those meters in it was said that we would do more for the village but since putting in those new water meters we have had a lot more water main breaks and such like that. We have five employees and that’s the most we’ve had. Wolfe said no, we don’t have the other employees they were school to work kids. Mayor Morris said they are starting on the water now.

Steve Brown spoke up and said that he is going to go back to the Committee meeting and what Kip was going on as far as each committee being able to spend up. He would disagree with that he doesn’t think that that is a good idea. First of all, he isn’t very faithful with the board and the way they spend money anyway and leaving it up to two people in a committee to decide to spend up to one thousand dollars he thinks is kind of foolish and he would be much happier if the committee brought it to the board and got a full approval on any money being spent, that’s just his view on that. Nelson said he would like to give Steve a reason why it was done this way. Steve responded he didn’t care. Nelson said if he didn’t care then we appreciate your comments then. My comment is what happens if there is an emergency basis when we don't have all of the board present and accounted for. What happens when the police car gets stranded down the road and its an emergency and we can't call and get the board members together, thats the reason why. Steve said well that's my opinion. Nelson stated well that was his opinion and maybe now he can understand it better.

Dawn Barton spoke up and asked about the spending that went on down at the park and she wanted to know when we will see the three board members Jason, Sue and Kip who are going to cover some of that spending and I wanted to know if the Mayor was going to donate some of his salary also. Is there any disciplinary action being taken against the Mayor to be put on suspension or probation or anything like that. Trustee nelson said we are going into closed session for this, it can't be done in an open meeting and we have to follow the law. This is a municipality. Nelson asked Dawn if that answered her question though, in which she replied No. She also had a question about how many new events are being scheduled and who is marketing those events because supposedly there is so much money that can be made. Mayor Morris siad there aren't any new events as of now that he knows of. Nelson said we really basically just got the kitchen up and running. Steve Brown asked if we had a plan on how we were going to get the money back up on the kitchen spending. Morris said he sent the ice machine back and the cost of that was thirty seven hundred dollars, and there was four thousand dollars over spent. Dawn said honestly she does not believe that people donating their salaries for inapporiate spending makes it appropriate or right. Nelson said I think what we are talking about there is that Sue made the comment that before she would send it back she would pay four hundred dollars for a pizza oven on her own. Nelson said he didn't donate his money just for this, he as always donated his money for he doesn't know how long , not for this specifically at all. He asked Dawn if she thought that is why he donated his salary, she replied No, but Jason Dees said he would donate his salary. Dees said that he would have donated his money to help cover the costs. Dawn said that she didn't think it was appropriate the way the board handled it and it was her three minutes to talk and she was going to talk, she didn't think it was handled right and donating salaries is inapproriate. Mayor Morris agreed and said yes, let her speak.

A woman from the audience spoke up and said she is new here she has never been to a meeting before but she has lived in Kincaid about three years now. She isn't trying to step on anyones toes but regarding the police phone number, I am not quite understanding the concept of that. If it is a non-emergency we call Christian County, if it is an emergency we call 911 it goes to Christian County. Mayor Morris said all calls go to Christian County. She asked what do the police do? Trustee Nelson said they dispatch them, Just as they would if it was in Kincaid or Tovey. The woman said what if her husband was having a heart attack and I call 911, Taylorville is going to get the call ..ok now we are going on seconds as my husband is dying. Now they have to dispatch Kincaid now we are more time lapsed. Trustee Nelson said that but when they call 911 like last year it always goes straight to Christian County. Chief Mathon said ma'am I can explain this to you really easy. In which she responded would you please. Mathon said you call kincaid PD, how does the ambulance show up at your house, she said she wasn't sure. DJ went on to say during a 911 call they dispatch ambulances, the fire department, the police if we are needed. She said so if I call you, you would just sit there and wait until an ambulance shows up at my house. DJ said maam I am just saying that if you call me for an emergency call I am going to have to get off the phone with you to relay the message to 911 so they are able to get an ambulance headed your way. Trustee Dees said they dispatch everybody , you call 911 everyone comes. If a cop is on duty they will come, an ambulance will come and the fire department will come. The function is always the same. Mathon said they teach you that in kindergartne if you hvae an emergency you call 911. Trustee Paso said if you husband ws having a heartaqttqack and you call DJ he will then have to get in touch with everyone else and youre wasting time doing that. So we have told people for a long time to call 911 if its an emergency and they will dispatch everyone to you. Not saying DJ cant jump in and do cpr and try until emergency shows up. If you are calling 911 you will get expedited service.

Approval of Bills- Trustee Nelson made a motion to pay the bills. A second motion was made by Trustee Dees. All Ayes.

Zoning Report- Zoning officer Lawrence stated eight building permits were issued in August

Approval of treasurer’s report- Treasurer Merano said everyone has a copy of her report. We received our first installment on the property taxes. If you look on the second page of the report you will see the OMW CD is matured on 9/19 she did call Midland today and they will offer six months at 4.6. Nelson asked if we were able to go to AG Edwards or a money market in which Beverly replied, No. A motion to approve the treasurer’s report was made by Trustee Nelson, it was seconded by Trustee Dees. All Ayes.

Clerk’s report- Jayme stated she gave everyone a copy of her report and asked if there were any questions.

Police report- Chief Mathon said he provided everyone with a copy of his report for last month.

Foreman’s report- Foreman Wolfe said everyone also has a copy of his report. The first phase of the sewer project is wrapped up. The water project started today in Bulpitt.

Attorney’s report- Attorney Rahar said he talked to Kevin Buckley about the auditors response letter so that was sent in and we are wrapping up litigations with a lot of folks. Theo nly other thing is the ordinace vioaltiions that will take place in court on the 18th and hopefully there will be an update on the next meeting in October for those. The last thing is the eviction with the Browns, they will be notified today and the eviction will take place tomorrow. We will need the mayor or a trustee or some type of authoritative member of the baord to be there to enforce the eviction with the chief so other than that not a ton of update. We approved everything last meeting. Trustee Lawrence said they were served today, they left a notice on the door. There is a 24 hour notice. He stated it did look like they were throwing stuff out of their window. Rahar did say they missed their court date and the judge said since they didn't show to go ahead with the eviction.

Trustee’s report and comments - Trustee Nelson asked about the required courses that we were all supposed to do and asked what the deadline was, Jayme confirmed the deadline was September 30th. The codification was also the 30th. Mayor Morris said thats what he said so yes. Trustee Gibson said he must be the only person in town who goes to the post office and the gas station and people ask me if we still have a police force because no one ever sees them. Morris said well he was down your street today. But still, have people ask if we still have a police force. Mayor Morris said we have two cops and that is all we have.

President’s report and comments-No comments.

Closed Session: Closed session- Meeting to discuss litigation when an action, affecting, 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 dismal of specific employees. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1)

Trustee lawrence made a motion to go into closed session, it was seconded by Trustee Nelson. All Ayes. The time was 6:38 PM.

Motion to come out of closed was made by Trustee Nelson, a second motion was made by Lawrence. All Ayes. The time was 7:10 PM.

Trustee Lawrence made a motion resume open session, the motion was seconded by Trustee Nelson. All Ayes. The time was 7:11 PM.

Cliff Mansfield to discuss drillling a test well. Cliff said he wanted to give a heads up on what he would like to do. There are 140 acrs in town. He was approached by the largest oil producer in Illinois to drill a test well. He would like to drill it across the street from phillips 66, it is a confined location. He is proposing to be able to drill it, plug it just to see if it's there. I would re do whatever I messed up. The project would probably take three or four days. He isn't sure if he can get a drill rig in the tight space but he would like to try. Cliff was told to get ahold of the railroad as they own that piece of property.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Nelson, a second motion was made by Trustee Dees. All Ayes. The time was 7:20 PM