



VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 13, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Kronenwetter Municipal Center - 1582 Kronenwetter Drive Board Room (Lower Level)

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Trustee Chris Eiden called the January 13, 2025 Village Board Meeting to order at 6 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

All those in attendance were invited to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll Call

PRESENT: *Trustee Chris Eiden, Trustee Ken Charneski, Trustee Kelly Coyle, Trustee Aaron Myszka, Trustee Craig Mortensen*

ABSENT: *Village President Chris Voll, Trustee Alex Vedvik*

STAFF: *Public Works Director Greg Ulman, Police Chief Terry McHugh, Fire Chief Theresa O'Brien, Clerk Jennifer Poyer*

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Judi Akey, 1507 Spatz Drive, Kronenwetter, WI 54455 – *Email read by Clerk Jennifer Poyer, attached to minutes.*

Bernie Kramer, 2150 Highway 153, Peplin, WI 54455 – *Kramer questioned why there was no financial report in the meeting packet. He said the residents need to see the Village's financials.*

Holly Hettinga, 1426 Maple Ridge Road, Kronenwetter, WI 54455 – *Hettinga commented on agenda item 4F. Maple Ridge Road and Martin Ridge Road Engineering Reports. Hettinga said the speed limit reduction from 55 mph to 45 mph should remain due to safety concerns.*

Brian Sasman, 1417 Ropel Road, Kronenwetter, WI 54455 – *Email read by Clerk Jennifer Poyer, attached to minutes.*

Andrea Sasman, 1417 Ropel Road, Kronenwetter, WI 54455 – *Email read by Clerk Jennifer Poyer, attached to minutes.*

Trudy Hittner, 2233 Bryce Lane, Kronenwetter, WI 54455 – *Hittner commented on agenda item 4F. Maple Ridge Road and Martin Ridge Road Engineering Reports. She said the speed limit of 55 mph is too high and the board should push for interest of safety to lower it to 45 mph.*

3. REPORTS FROM STAFF AND VENDORS

C. Police Chief Report

Police Chief Terry McHugh presented his January 2025 report.

D. Fire Chief Report

Fire Chief Theresa O'Brien presented the 2024 Kronenwetter Fire Department year-end report.

4. NEW BUSINESS

E. Fee Schedule Update

Motion by Charneski/Myszka to approve the fee schedule update. Motion carried by roll call vote. 5:0. Discussed the possible error of shed size being over 200 sq ft.

F. Maple Ridge Rd. and Martin Ridge Rd. Engineering Reports

Minutes prepared by Jennifer Poyer.

Approved by the Village Board on February 10, 2025.

Motion by Coyle/Myszka to approve the Maple Ridge Road and Martin Ridge Road Engineering Reports and keep the speed limit at 45 mph. Motion carried by roll call vote. 3:1. Voting yea- Trustee Eiden, Trustee Coyle, Trustee Myszka; Voting nay- Trustee Charneski; Trustee Mortensen abstained. Public Works Director presented his engineering reports for Martin and Maple Ridge Roads. Board members discussed the safety issues and resident concerns regarding lowering the speed limit. Discussed whether the change was necessary and legal.

G. Hiring a Special Prosecutor for Municipal Court Case

Motion by Charneski/Coyle to not hire a special prosecutor and instructions to drop the case. Motion carried by roll call vote. 5:0.

Discussed the use of one of the current two Village attorneys; possibility of high attorney fees for 2025; and merit of the lawsuit.

H. Appointment of Dan Raczkowski to the Utility Committee (UC)

Motion by Charneski/Mortensen to appoint Dan Raczkowski to the Utility Committee. Motion carried by voice vote. 5:0

I. Appointment of Garrett Lysne to the Redevelopment Authority (RDA)

Motion by Coyle/Myszka to appoint Garrent Lysne to the Redevelopment Authority. Motion carried by voice vote. 5:0.

Lysne attended the meeting and introduced himself to the Village Board members.

J. 2025 Animal Impound Agreement with the Humane Society of Marathon County, Inc.

Motion by Charneski/Coyle to approve the 2025 Animal Impound Agreement with the Humane Society of Marathon County, Inc. Motion carried by roll call vote. 5:0.

K. Closure of Municipal Center Offices for Administrative Work Days

Motion by Myszka/Coyle to approve the closure of the Municipal Center offices for administrative work days. Motion carried by roll call vote. 5:0.

Discussed the advantages and disadvantages of the closures.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

L. Operator “Bartender” License – Haley G. Schjoth

M. December 9, 2024 Village Board Meeting Minutes

Motion by Charneski/Coyle to approve operator “bartender” license for Hayley G. Schjoth and accept the December 9, 2025 Village Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

Motion carried by voice vote. 5:0.

6. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES FROM COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

N. October 21, 2024 Plan Commission Meeting Minutes

Committee was thanked for their minutes.

7. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

- *Kennel Permit for Crossroads K9 Rescue*
- *Staff compensation*
- *Role of Village President with absence of administrator, etc*

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Charneski/Coyle to adjourn the January 13, 2025 Village Board Meeting. Motion carried by voice vote. 5:0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Jennifer Poyer.

Approved by the Village Board on February 10, 2025.

Jennifer Poyer

From: Christopher Eiden
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2025 5:47 PM
To: Jennifer Poyer
Subject: Fwd: [External] STAFF ISSUES

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: judi.akey@tds.net
Date: January 13, 2025 at 2:47:33 PM CST
To: Chris Voll <cvoll@kronenwetter.org>, Christopher Eiden <ceiden@kronenwetter.org>, Ken Charneski <kcharneski@kronenwetter.org>, Kelly Coyle <kellycoyle@kronenwetter.org>, Alex Vedvik <avedvik@kronenwetter.org>, Aaron Myszka <amyszka@kronenwetter.org>, craigm@futureproductscorp.net, Craig Mortensen <cmortensen@kronenwetter.org>
Subject: [External] STAFF ISSUES

Village of Kronenwetter Board Members,

I know this is last-minute but I've been wondering if the Staff members who have taken up some huge additional duties and responsibilities have gotten at least a temporary bump in pay (plus some gigantic thank-you's from the Board members). I received a notice from Jennifer that she's starting the recruitment process for election workers which made me think of this. And, I know that Sarah has taken on a big job for many months as well. I'm not sure about other implications on current staff as a result of the long-standing open positions but their roles should also be reviewed as additional compensation may also be appropriate.

I, as a taxpayer, would be more than happy for my tax dollars to help provide additional compensation to all Staff members who have taken on such substantial additional work in a way that properly acknowledges the value of their work.

NOTE: You may present this as "Public Input" (I am unable to attend the meeting this evening).

Judi

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Holly Hettinga <holly@thesolomongroupwi.com>

Maple Ridge Road

1 message

Andrea Sasman <asasman@nicoletbank.com>
To: Holly Hettinga <holly@thesolomongroupwi.com>

Tue, Dec 3, 2024 at 2:05 PM

Good afternoon, Holly, We live at 1417 Ropel Rd and drive Maple Ridge every day. People drive too fast on that road, people have passed myself and my husband numerous times because they are driving so fast. This is not a highway; it is a short road from X to the interstate. 55 is too fast of a speed limit. Especially when I drive by and see the homeowners out trying to get their mail or doing their lawn work or snow shoveling and they must watch closely for the fast drivers. I am in full support to lower the speed limit on Maple Ridge to 45.

Thank you!

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Holly Hettinga <holly@thesolomongroupwi.com>

Maple Ridge Rd Speed Limit

2 messages

Brian Sasman <bsasman@qct-usa.com>

Tue, Dec 3, 2024 at 3:07 PM

To: "holly@thesolomongroupwi.com" <holly@thesolomongroupwi.com>

Holly,

I drive Maple Ridge road daily and routinely get passed by vehicles while maintaining the current speed limit of 55 mph.

These conditions are unsafe taking into account the residences along the road and the hill(s) creating short visibility in areas.

I feel that reducing the speed limit to 45 mph will help create a safer environment with minimal disruption to commuters considering it is only a 2 mile (approximate) stretch of road.

Brian Sasman

1417 Ropel Rd.

Holly Hettinga <holly@thesolomongroupwi.com>

Tue, Dec 3, 2024 at 3:15 PM

To: Brian Sasman <bsasman@qct-usa.com>

Thank you Brian! The meeting last night went really well, so this feedback will hopefully help next meeting when it's voted into effect or not

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