



REVISED: SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 09, 2023 at 6:00 PM

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

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Chris Voll called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Those in attendance recited the pledge of allegiance.

B. Roll Call

PRESENT

Village President Chris Voll

Trustee Ken Charneski

Trustee Sean Dumais

Trustee Alex Vedvik

Trustee Chris Eiden

Trustee Kelly Coyle

Trustee Tim Shaw entered the meeting at 6:03 PM

STAFF PRESENT

Community Development Director; Pete Wegner

Village Clerk Bobbi Birk-LaBarge

Finance Director Lisa Kerstner

Director of Public Works Leonard Ludi

Chief of Police Terry McHugh

Fire Chief Theresa O'Brien

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Please be advised per State Statute Section 19.84(2), information will be received from the public. It is the policy of this Village that Public Comment will take no longer than 15 minutes with a three-minute time period, per person, with time extension per the Chief Presiding Officer's discretion. Be further advised that there may be limited discussion on the information received, however, no action will be taken under public comments.

Bernie Kramer - 2150 State Highway 153 Peplin, Kramer articulated thoughts on the village's tax collection and the careful utilization of the community's financial resources. Dialogue included a focus on budgetary considerations, community growth, and municipal services, reflecting the villagers' commitment to efficient and accountable governance.

Kim Tapper - 2293 Courtland Drive Kronenwetter, Tapper questioned the board about the attorney list on the agenda.

Guy Fredel - 2240 Ruby Drive Kronenwetter, Fredel questioned the Revenue Bond Payment and the loan the village took out from CoVantage Credit Union to pay for the remainder of the ladder truck for the fire department.

3. NEW BUSINESS

C. Discussion and Action: Dan Mahoney's Contract

Conversation focused on Dan Mahoney's contract and the staff considerations for making decisions in his absence. Trustee Charneski stated Mahoney's contract is cheap but believes this is a good opportunity to let staff go on their own for a few weeks and see how they do without an Administrator. President Voll stated he believed staff is not going to be comfortable making all calls and believes utilizing Mahoney to answer questions staff cannot answer. After a thorough discussion, the board decided it was important to extend the contract through the end of December, giving the staff a point of contact for assistance during the interim period.

Motion made by Trustee Shaw, Seconded by Trustee Coyle to approve the contract for Dan Mahoney through the end of December.

Voting Yea: Village President Voll, Trustee Charneski, Trustee Shaw, Trustee Dumais, Trustee Vedvik, Trustee Eiden, Trustee Coyle. Motion carried 7:0 by roll call vote.

D. Discussion and Possible Action: Attorney List

Discussion on the attorney list emphasized careful consideration and review. The board dialogued about the function and purpose of attorneys in village affairs and if certain expenditures were necessary. It was decided to reassess which projects required legal consultation. Trustee Charneski questioned the need for the village attorney. Trustee Charneski stated our village attorney is in breach of his contract right now due to not following his contingency.

Discussion only. No action taken.

E. Discussion and Possible Action: Proposed 2024 Village Budget

Finance Director Lisa Kerstner explains the proposed 2024 budget. There was a considerable debate over the proposed 2024 Village Budget. Aspects such as fund allocation, levy limits, and public safety were evaluated in detail. In particular, the village's expenditure on public safety, road maintenance, and parks was scrutinized. Additional comments were made related to taxation, employee wages, and the community's quality of life. The board members weighed different perspectives, seeking to arrive at a balanced and practical approach for the village's fiscal pursuits.

Discussion only. Recommend staff to continue working on the budget.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Village President Voll, Seconded by Trustee Vedvik to adjourn.

Voting Yea: Village President Voll, Trustee Charneski, Trustee Shaw, Trustee Dumais, Trustee Vedvik, Trustee Eiden, Trustee Coyle

Motion carried 7:0 by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 PM.