



SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING COMBINED WITH PUBLIC FORUM MINUTES

June 12, 2024, at 6:00 PM

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

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Chris Voll calls 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 Alex Vedvik

Trustee Chris Eiden

Trustee Kelly Coyle

Trustee Aaron Myszka

Trustee Cindy Buchkowski-Hoffmann

Trustee Ken Charneski

STAFF PRESENT

Administrator; Peter Kampfer

Village Clerk; Bobbi Birk-LaBarge

Finance Director; Lisa Kerstner

Fire Chief; Theresa O'Brien

EMT Coordinator; Alexa Kufalk

2. PUBLIC FORUM QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION

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The fire chief presented information regarding the groundwater ambulance proposal. A comprehensive history of the EMS service, detailed contracts and costs, response capabilities, staffing, and procedural guidelines were discussed. Specifics of the proposal to create an ambulance service within the Kronenwetter Fire Department were provided, which included capital costs, detailed fiscal impacts, EMS scope of practice, benefits of a municipal ambulance service, and expected operational requirements.

A Q&A session followed, where board members, residents, and fire department representatives addressed numerous questions and concerns about response times, costs, staff management, coverage consistency, fiscal projections, current provider negotiations, and the level of care offered compared to existing services. There was debate over exploring this proposal further through a subcommittee before any decisions were made.

3. OLD BUSINESS

D. Discussion and Possible Action: Village of Kronenwetter Ambulance Service

The board members discussed the financial implications and the overall feasibility of launching a new ambulance service for the village. Several board members raised concerns about the accuracy of the

financial projections and suggested forming a subcommittee to thoroughly review the proposal and gather additional input from village residents and possibly experts from other communities. A varied synonym of opinions from board members over approving the service or further discussing it via a subcommittee. Some favored immediate approval due to future risks stemming from contracting external providers, while others advocated a more cautious approach.

Chief O'Brien and members of the fire department reiterated the need to commence the project to meet the 2026 operational start date, outlining potential concerns regarding contract renewals and the effectiveness of the village to control service provision and costs in-house.

1st Motion made by Trustee Coyle, Seconded by Trustee Myszka to approve the ambulance proposal and to direct the fire department to begin the process of starting an ambulance service, and do the necessary things to get that going starting January 1, 2026. (President Chris Voll) to approve the fire department's plan to move forward with the ambulance service and to begin design and implementation to get the ground running on January 01, 2026.

Voting Yea: Village President Voll, Trustee Vedvik, Trustee Coyle, Trustee Myszka

Voting Nay: Trustee Eiden, Trustee Buchkowski-Hoffmann, Trustee Charneski

Motion carried 4:3 by roll call vote.

2nd Motion (2:25:29) by Trustee Vedvik, Seconded by Trustee Myszka to move to amend the 1st motion made by Trustee Coyle to create a special committee made up of board members and citizens to monitor and advise the Kronenwetter Fire Department in implementing an ambulance service (2:25:52).

Trustee Charneski moves to amend the amendment (2:25:55) to include anyone knowledgeable from surrounding communities. (There was not a second request on the amend the amendment). President Voll asks Trustee Vedvik for clarity on the wording (specifics) of his motion for the subcommittee (2:27:08). Trustee Vedvik reiterates just a subcommittee of 7 people.

Trustee Charneski requests to repeat the motion at 2:27:08. Clerk Birk-LaBarge repeats the motion as "Move to amend to create a subcommittee of seven people and to include residents from other communities." Trustee Charneski states, "So we are voting on the amendment" and President Chris Voll states, "Yes, first we are going to vote on the amendment and Trustee Vedvik states, "Yep". President Voll requests the clerk call roll call of the amendment.

Voting Yea: Village President Voll, Trustee Vedvik, Trustee Coyle, Trustee Myszka, Trustee Eiden, Trustee Buchkowski-Hoffmann, Trustee Charneski

The motion for the amendment was carried 7:0 by roll call vote.

(2:28:58) President Chris Voll announced they were back to the original motion to allow the fire department to begin to create an ambulance service.

Village Clerk Bobbi Birk-LaBarge began roll call. Motion carried 4:3

Voting Yea: Village President Voll, Trustee Vedvik, Trustee Coyle, Trustee Myszka

Voting Nay: Trustee Eiden, Trustee Buchkowski-Hoffmann, Trustee Charneski

4. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Trustee Charneski, Seconded by Trustee Vedvik to adjourn.

Voting Yea: Village President Voll, Trustee Vedvik, Trustee Eiden, Trustee Coyle, Trustee Myszka, Trustee Buchkowski-Hoffmann, Trustee Charneski

Motion carries 7:0 by voice vote

Adjourn at 8:31 PM

Minutes by: Clerk Bobbi Birk-LaBarge

Minutes Approved on: July 08, 2024, by the Village Board