

The Kewaskum Village Board, Washington County, Wisconsin met in regular session in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, 204 First Street.

Board Members Present: Hovland, Wright, Weninger, Knoebel, Parse and Martin

Staff Members Present: Gitter, Butz, Groeschel, Bishop, Aupperle, Carter and Kreis

Martin called the meeting of the Village Board to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by roll call and a reading of the Affidavit of Posting for the meeting. A moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance were observed.

Motion by Wright, seconded by Hovland to approve the December 18, 2023 meeting minutes, voice vote, motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

Martin opened the public hearing on a Reserve Alcohol Beverage License Application commencing on February 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2024 for combination Class “B” Fermented Malt Beverage and “Class B” Intoxicating Liquor License at 109 Main Street, Hot Rods LLC dba Lucky’s, Jennifer Halverson – agent; no comment. Motion by Knoebel, seconded by Weninger to close the public hearing, carried by roll call vote: Weninger – aye, Knoebel – aye, Parse – aye, Hovland – aye, Wright – aye, Martin – aye (6-0).

APPEARANCE BY CITIZENS – No action taken on K. Stange utility request.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT HEADS

Administrator Gitter – reported on municipal facilities, IT update, downtown redevelopment and a TID 4 update

Assistant Administrator/Clerk Butz – reported on delinquent utilities and 2024 elections

Treasurer Carter – reported on December Cash on Hand and Investments

Fire Chief Groeschel – provided his December and 2023 Year End Reports:

	December	2023 Totals
Fire Calls	10	92
Fire Training	115	1214.25
Other Activities	163.5	1732.03
Rescue Calls	51	530
Rescue Call Miles	1544	14160

Police Chief Bishop – provided his December report

Ordinance Citations	11		
Traffic Citations	34	Traffic Stops	99
Traffic Accidents	7	OWI Arrests	1
Felony Charges	0	Misdemeanor Charges	3

Public Works Director Aupperle – reported on DPW activity, including hiring of Chris Wendler, water main break on Bilgo Lane, delivery of new loader, water meter replacement and snow plowing and salting.

Library Director Kreis – provided her Director’s report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative Committee – Hovland reported that the Administrative Committee met earlier this evening and recommends approval of the following items:

Motion by Hovland, seconded by Wright to approve December Accounts Payable, voice vote, motion carried.

Motion by Hovland, seconded by Weninger to approve December Payroll, voice vote, motion carried.

Protection & Public Safety – no report

Public Works and Public Services – no report

Plan Commission – Next meeting is January 23, 2024

Park & Recreation – no report

Library Board – Next meeting is February 12, 2024

Mid-Moraine – Next meeting is January 24, 2024

ED/AC – Public Forum held on for January 3, 2024

EMS – no report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

J. Murray/Ehlers Public Finance Advisors presented on the financing plan for the new Village Hall/Police Department building. Motion by Weninger, seconded by Hovland to approve the Village Hall/Police Department Financing Plan, voice vote, motion carried.

Motion by Wright, seconded by Weninger to approve the Reserve Alcohol Beverage License for Hot Rods LLC dba Lucky's, Jennifer Halverson-agent, voice vote, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT – R. Knoebel stated he is humble and honored to have the new building named after him.

Motion by Martin, seconded by Knoebel to convene into Closed Session at 7:42 p.m. pursuant to Wis. Stats. Section 19.85(1)(e) to discuss 1225 Fond du Lac Avenue and TID #3 Developers Agreement, carried by roll call vote: Weninger – aye, Knoebel – aye, Parse – aye, Hovland – aye, Wright – aye, Martin – aye (6-0).

Motion by Knoebel, seconded by Wright to reconvene in Open Session at 7:58 p.m. pursuant to Wis. Stats. Section 19.85(2), carried by roll call vote: Weninger – aye, Knoebel – aye, Parse – aye, Hovland – aye, Wright – aye, Martin – aye (6-0).

Motion by Knoebel, seconded by Wright to approve Agreement on Sale at 1225 Fond du Lac Avenue, voice vote, motion carried.

Motion by Knoebel, seconded by Wright to adjourn at 7:59 p.m., voice vote, motion carried.

Tammy Butz
Assistant Administrator/Clerk

Approved: February 5, 2024