

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, Wendelborn, 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 Hovland, seconded by Wright to approve the August 7, 2023 meeting minutes, voice vote, motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING - none

APPEARANCE BY CITIZENS – none

Motion by Weninger, seconded by Wendelborn to suspend rules and hear item 7(e)(ii) and 7(e)(iii), voice vote, motion carried.

Officer Keller and Officer Kost were sworn in by Clerk Butz. Police Chief Bishop presented Life Saving Award to Officer Kost.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT HEADS

Administrator Gitter – reported on Administrator activities including Shared Facilities, IT update, Wildlife/Reigle Drive improvements, 2024 Budget and Downtown Redevelopment

Assistant Administrator/Clerk Butz – reported on utilities and upcoming conference

Treasurer Carter – reported on July Cash on Hand

Fire Chief Groeschel – provided his July report:

Fire Calls	7	Year to date	58
Fire Training	101.50	Year to date	748.25
Other Activities	101.00	Year to date	875.75
Rescue Calls	53	Miles	1278.5

Police Chief Bishop – provided his July report:

Ordinance Citations	8		
Traffic Citations	47	Traffic Stops	144
Traffic Accidents	8	OWI Arrests	2
Felony Charges	2	Misdemeanor Charges	1

DPW Working Foreman Aupperle – reported on DPW activity, including storm water repair at Village Hall, River Hill Park lights, crack filling and Knights Ave. playground removed

Library Director Kreis – provided her Director’s Report, July circulation and programs

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 July Accounts Payable, voice vote, motion carried.

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

No action taken on debt service.

Protection & Public Safety – next meeting on September 12, 2023

Public Works and Public Services – Wright reported that the Public Works Public Services Committee met August 15, 2023 and recommends approval of the following items:

Motion by Wendelborn, seconded by Knoebel to approve Public Works Director job description, voice vote, motion carried.

Motion by Weninger, seconded by Parse to approve Resolution 2023-12 Hauler Fees, voice vote, motion carried.

Motion by Hovland, seconded by Weninger to approve the Family Dairies Agreement, voice vote, motion carried.

Motion by Wright, seconded by Weninger to approve emergency blower repair, voice vote, motion carried.

Motion by Wright, seconded by Wendelborn to approve plow truck purchase, voice vote, motion carried.

Plan Commission – no report

Park & Recreation – Weninger reported that the Park and Recreation Committee met August 15, 2023 and recommend the approval of Knights Ave. playground purchase up to \$5,000. Motion by Knoebel, seconded by Hovland to send back to Park Recreation Committee to select Knights Ave. playground up to \$5,000, voice vote, motion carried.

Library Board – Next meeting is September 11, 2023

Mid-Moraine – Next meeting is September 13, 2023

ED/AC – no report

EMS – Groeschel provided an update on meetings with area volunteer departments

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion by Wendelborn, seconded by Parse to approve the Tower Point Easement Agreement, voice vote, motion carried.

Motion by Wright, seconded by Weninger to approve Resolution 2023-13 Burr Oak Street Vacation contingent an easement agreement, developer agreement or document representing it, Plan Commission and Village Board approvals, voice vote, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

No action taken on Commercial Fire Inspection.

No action taken on Fire Depart Bylaws.

Motion by Wright, seconded by Parse to approve Fire Fighter Association donation for purchase of LUCAS machine, voice vote, motion carried.

Substitute motion by Hovland, seconded by Knoebel for an advisory referendum on ATV/UTV usage in the Village, carried by roll call: Knoebel – aye, Parse – nay, Wright – aye, Wendelborn – aye, Hovland – aye, Martin – aye, Weninger - nay (5-2).

No action taken on COPS Grant.

PUBLIC COMMENT – none

Motion by Martin, seconded by Wendelborn to convene into Closed Session at 8:12 p.m. pursuant to Wis. Stats. Section 19.85(1)(e) and 19.85(1)(c) to discuss shared facilities and employee compensation, carried by roll call vote: Knoebel – aye, Parse – aye, Wright – aye, Wendelborn – aye, Hovland – aye, Martin – aye, Weninger - aye (7-0).

Motion by Knoebel, seconded by Hovland to re-convene into Open Session at 8:39 p.m. pursuant to Wis. Stats. Section 19.85(2), voice vote, motion carried.

Motion by Knoebel, seconded by Wright to change the Public Works Director position to exempt and allow the Administrator to negotiate wage, voice vote, motion carried.

Motion by Knoebel, seconded by Wendelborn to adjourn at 8:40 p.m., voice vote, motion carried.

Tammy Butz
Assistant Administrator/Clerk

Approved: September 5, 2023

