

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, 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 Weninger to approve the October 16, 2023 meeting minutes, voice vote, motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING** - none

**APPEARANCE BY CITIZENS** - none

**REPORT OF DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**Administrator Gitter** – reported that the SRC funding for ED/AC has been approved

**Assistant Administrator/Clerk Butz** – no report

**Treasurer Carter** – no report

**Fire Chief Groeschel** – no report

**Police Chief Bishop** – no report

**Public Works Director Aupperle** – no report

**Library Director Kreis** – no report

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Administrative Committee** – no report

**Protection & Public Safety** – no report

**Public Works and Public Services** – Wright reported that the Public Works & Public Services Committee met earlier this evening and recommends approval of the following items:

Motion by Weninger, seconded by Parse to approve the cellular data read plan, voice vote, motion carried.

Motion by Hovland, seconded by Weninger to approve loader purchase with borrowing, voice vote, motion carried.

Motion by Martin, seconded by Parse to approve debt issuance of \$250,000 through Westbury Bank, voice vote, motion carried.

**Plan Commission** – Martin reported that the Plan Commission met on October 24, 2023 and recommended denial of the following item:

Motion by Knoebel, seconded by Hovland to deny Kettle Kountry Estates rezone request, voice vote, motion carried.

**Park & Recreation** – no report

**Library Board** – Next meeting is November 13, 2023

**Mid-Moraine** – no report

**ED/AC** – no report

**EMS** – no report

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Motion by Weninger, seconded by Hovland to approve the Municipal Facility Architect and Engineering agreement, voice vote, motion carried.

No action taken on the 2024 Budget.

Motion by Knoebel, seconded by Wright to go to a binding referendum on ATV/UTV Use in the Village, motion failed by roll call vote: Weninger – nay, Knoebel – aye, Parse – nay, Hovland – aye, Wright – aye, Martin – nay (3-3)

No action taken on winter parking.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by Knoebel, seconded by Weninger to approve Resolution 2023-15 Library Tax Exemption, voice vote, motion carried.

Motion by Knoebel, seconded by Weninger to pull eminent domain on 1225 Fond du Lac Ave. and proceed with original Letter of Intent, voice vote, motion carried.

Motion by Hovland, seconded by Parse to approve the Professional Fee Agreement, voice vote, motion carried.

Motion by Knoebel, seconded by Wright to approve the 2024 Fee Schedule, voice vote, motion carried.

Motion by Knoebel, seconded by Wright to approve the Outstanding Check and Refund Policy, voice vote, motion carried.

Motion by Weninger, seconded by Wright to approve the state championship sign, voice vote, motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – T. Meltz commented on the Municipal Facility plans.

Motion by Martin, seconded by Weninger to convene into Closed Session at 7:47 p.m. pursuant to Wis. Stats. Section 19.85(1)(c) and 19.85(1)(e) to discuss DPW Foreman position, TID #3 development agreement and Village Administrator’s contract, carried by roll call vote: Weninger – aye, Knoebel – aye, Parse – aye, Hovland – aye, Wright – aye, Martin – aye (6-0).

Reconvened into Open Session at 8:12 p.m., voice vote, motion carried.

Motion by Knoebel, seconded by Weninger to advance Stephen “Gus” Karoses to the DPW Foreman position with wage increase discussed, voice vote, motion carried.

Motion by Knoebel, seconded by Parse to accept the TID #3 developer agreement with stipulation that the village as right of refusal on any additional buildings after the first section is completed, voice vote, motion carried with Weninger abstaining.

Motion by Martin, seconded by Hovland to approve the Village Administrator contract, voice vote, motion carried.

Motion by Knoebel, seconded by Wright to adjourn at 8:14 p.m., voice vote, motion carried.

Tammy Butz  
Assistant Administrator/Clerk

Approved: November 20, 2023