

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: Spenner, Hovland, Wright, Wendelborn, Weninger and Martin

Excused Absent: Knoebel

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

President Spenner 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 Weninger, seconded by Hovland to approve the December 5, 2022 meeting minutes, voice vote, motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING – none

APPEARANCE BY CITIZENS – none

Motion by Martin, seconded by Weninger to suspend rules and hear items V(c)(i) and V(c)(ii), carried by roll call vote: Hovland – aye, Wright – aye, Wendelborn – aye, Weninger – aye, Martin – aye, Spenner – aye (6-0).

Bishop presented Police Chief Awards to Aaron Laatsch and Anne Trautner.

Bishop recognized Officer Kohn for over 20 years of service to the Village.

Motion by Wright, seconded by Wendelborn to suspend rules and hear item VIII(a)(iii), carried by roll call vote: Wright – aye, Wendelborn – aye, Weninger - aye, Martin – aye, Hovland – aye, Spenner – aye (6-0).

Motion by Wendelborn, seconded by Hovland to approve IT update of our server utilizing ARPA funds and update our CIP, voice vote, motion carried.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT HEADS

Administrator Gitter – reported on Administrator activities including Construction Manager RFP, Organization Study assessment, strategic planning and downtown redevelopment

Fire Chief Mark Groeschel – The October and November reports was reviewed:

	October	November		
Fire Calls	12	11	Year to date	80
Fire Training	0	69.00	Year to date	1399.00
Other Activities	245.71	80.75	Year to date	1263.90
Rescue Calls	46	42	Miles	1030.10

Police Chief Tom Bishop – no report

DPW Working Foreman Dennis Aupperle – reported on DPW activity, including the meter reading, snow plow/salt events and loader wing repair

Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Tammy Butz – reported on Clerk/Deputy Treasurer activities including Q4 2022 utility billings, water rate increase and 2023 trustee candidate deadlines.

Treasurer – Amanda Carter was sworn in as Treasurer. November Cash on Hand and Investments report was reviewed.

Library Director Lori Kreis – no 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 Wendelborn to approve November Accounts Payable, voice vote, motion carried.

Motion by Hovland, seconded by Wright to approve November Payroll, voice vote, motion carried.

Protection & Public Safety – no report

Public Works and Public Services – no report

Plan Commission – Hovland reported that the next meeting is in January 2023.

Park & Recreation – no report

Library Board – Martin reported on the December 12, 2022 meeting.

Mid-Moraine – reported on informational meeting for the County Wide Sales Tax Advisory Referendum

Community Investment Committee – no report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Spenner, seconded by Martin to accept nomination of Jim Geiger to the Community Investment Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT – none

Motion by Spenner, seconded by Wendelborn to convene into closed session at 7:28 p.m., pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c) and 19.85(1)(e) Wis. Stats, carried by roll call vote: Wendelborn – aye, Weninger – aye, Martin -aye, Hovland – aye, Wright – aye, Spenner – aye (6-0)

Motion by Weninger, seconded by Hovland to reconvene into open session at 9:04 p.m., pursuant to Section 19.85(2) Wis. Stats., voice vote, motion carried.

Motion by Weninger, seconded by Hovland to approve the new Police Union contract, voice vote, motion carried.

Motion by Weninger, seconded by Hovland to approve up to \$50,000 from fund balance for TID #4 engineering, voice vote, motion carried.

Motion by Wendelborn, seconded by Martin to approve amended vacation schedule for Assistant Administrator crediting with 14 years of service, voice vote, motion carried

Motion by Knoebel, seconded by Wendelborn to adjourn at 9:08 p.m., voice vote, motion carried.

Tammy Butz
Village Clerk/Deputy Treasurer

Approved: January 16, 2023