



REVISED VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 10, 2025 at 6:00 PM

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

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Village President Chris Voll called the February 10, 2025 Village Board Meeting to order at 6 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

All those in attendance were invited to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll Call

PRESENT: *Village President Chris Voll, Trustee Chris Eiden, Trustee Ken Charneski, Trustee Kelly Coyle, Trustee Alex Vedvik, Trustee Aaron Myszka, Trustee Craig Mortensen*

STAFF: *Police Lt. Chris Smart, Fire Chief Theresa O'Brien, Public Works Director Greg Ulman, Community Development Director Peter Wegner, Interim Finance Director John Jacobs, Village Attorney Lee Turonie, Clerk Jennifer Poyer*

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Faye Buchburger- 824 W. Nelson Road, Kronenwetter, WI 54455 – Clerk Poyer read a submitted comment regarding a Facebook post by Holly Voll. Comment attached to minutes.

Sean Dumais – 839 Oak Road, Kronenwetter, WI 54455 – Clerk Poyer read a submitted comment regarding the “political theatrics” of Kronenwetter. Comment attached to minutes.

Joe Straub – 860 W. Nelson Road, Kronenwetter, WI 54455 – Straub spoke to legal investigations. Comment attached to minutes.

Holly Voll – 1944 Plantation Lane, Kronenwetter, WI 5445 – Clerk Poyer read a submitted comment regarding a Facebook post. Comment attached to minutes.

Bernie Kramer, 2150 Highway 153, Peplin, WI 54455 – Kramer commented on the ambulance service situation in the Village. He said he is happy with the Riverside service. He also spoke to the “crumbling” roads in Kronenwetter.

ITEM 9, 10, 11 CLOSED SESSION, ETC. WAS MOVED TO THIS POINT IN THE MEETING.

4. REPORTS FROM STAFF AND VENDORS

C. Police Chief's Report – Police Lt. Chris Smart presented the annual report. He said the officers were very involved in school events this year.

D. Interim Finance Director Report – Interim Finance Director John Jacobs introduced himself and presented the items he has been working on since he started. He said it has been helpful that he knows the CLA auditors and accounting software.

E. Village Attorney Report – Village Attorney Lee Turonie updated the board on the Straub complaint against Village staff and other legal happenings in the Village.

5. OLD BUSINESS

F. Ambulance Service Request for Proposal (RFP)

Motion by Charneski/Eiden to send this item back to CLIPP for an examination of how to change the current contract. Motion carried by roll call vote. 7:0.

Minutes prepared by Jennifer Poyer.

Approved by Village Board on

Discussed whether the previous motion was addressed by CLIPP; whether the Ambulance Subcommittee should be involved; problems with going out for RFP; billing issues; etc.

G. Kronenwetter 2026-2030 Outdoor Recreation Plan

*Motion by Myszka/Vedvik to continue work with North Central Regional Planning Commission for the Outdoor Recreation Plan for \$6,000 which is budgeted. Motion carried by roll call vote. 7:0.
Discussed the benefit of having a third party prepare the plan versus doing it in-house; possible grants; intended survey; etc.*

6. NEW BUSINESS

H. Attorney Request for Proposal (RFP)

NO ACTION TAKEN.

I. Driveway Access § 419-6. - Variance

*Motion by Charneski/Eiden to approve the Driveway Access § 419-6. - Variance as presented with change to ordinance document from RECORDER to Interim Clerk. Motion carried by roll call vote. 7:0.
Discussed the background and reasoning regarding this ordinance change.*

J. ATV/UTV Operating Hours § 496-7. - Operator and Rider Requirements

*Motion by Charneski/Myszka to approve the ATV/UTV Operating Hours § 496-7 as presented with change to ordinance document from RECORDER to Interim Clerk. Motion carried by roll call vote. 7:0.
Discussed the operating hours of surrounding municipalities; advantages of change; etc.*

7. CONSENT AGENDA

K. Appointment of Agent - Village Crossing

L. Operator "Bartender" License – Nicole M. Goetsch

M. December 2, 2024 CLIPP Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion by Vedvik/Charneski to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried by voice vote. 7:0.

8. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES FROM COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

N. January 13, 2025 Village Board Meeting Minutes

Motion by Mortensen/Eiden to approve the January 13, 2025 Village Board Meeting Minutes. Motion carried by voice vote. 7:0.

O. January 27, 2025 Village Board Meeting Minutes

Motion by Eiden/Myszka to approve the January 27, 2025 Village Board Meeting Minutes. Motion carried by voice vote. 7:0.

9. CLOSED SESSION (Moved to follow Public Comment.)

Consideration of motion to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. State. 19.85 (1) (c) for consideration of employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation date of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility - to wit hiring a village clerk.

Motion by Coyle/Myszka to convene into closed session. Motion carried by roll call vote. 7:0.

10. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

Consideration of motion to reconvene into open session.

Motion by Coyle/Mortensen to reconvene into open session. Motion carried by voice vote. 7:0.

11. ACTION AFTER CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Coyle/Charneski to continue recruiting efforts for Village clerk position. Motion carried by voice vote. 7:0.

12. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

- *Budget amendment to improve financial condition of Village*
- *Chickens in Village*

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Charneski/Voll to adjourn the February 10, 2025 Village Board Meeting. Motion carried by voice vote. 7:0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Jennifer Poyer.

Approved by Village Board on

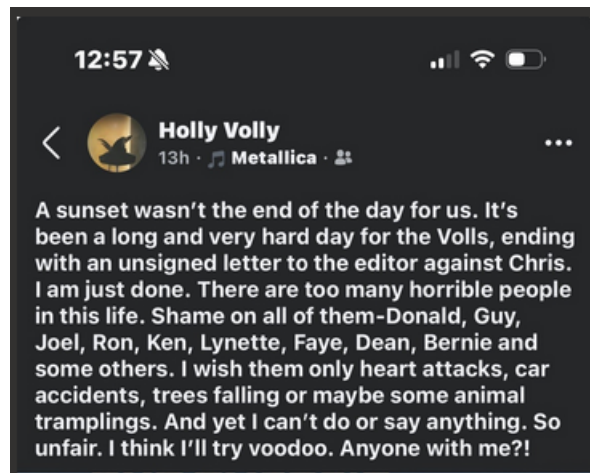
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Mr. President.

Gentlemen of the Village Board

Faye Buchberger
824 W. Nelson Road
Kronenwetter, WI

I ask that this letter be read today because I am very concerned about the temperament of some of our residents.



The FB post printed for you is from the FB account of Holly Volly (Holly Voll's FB name). It has since been deleted. That does not negate its damage.

Apparently Mrs. Voll had a hard day. She was not happy about the opinion letter in the Wausau Pilot & Review. She posted the threat against the 9 of us on her private page. That does not matter. Anyone knows that there is NO such thing as privacy on social media. Your statements can never be retracted.

Then she accused Joel Straub of STALKING her FB page. I assure you that Joel Straub had nothing to do with the release of the post from Mrs. Voll's Facebook page. Rather, only someone that has access can see her posts, and all of the threatened individuals are BLOCKED and cannot see what Mrs. Voll posts. But others can, and it was leaked to a number of us, including Joel Straub.

That does not matter.

The letter to the editor WAS signed. By the Committee for Civil Discourse. It was and is not now, a secret whom is in this group. I'm sorry if somehow Holly Voll missed the post listing our names and our

purpose. We promote civil discourse; to encourage people to seek facts and support their opinions by factual data, not assumptions, and to treat each other with respect when discussing issues of concern regarding Kronenwetter.

This post is the farthest thing from CIVIL that I can imagine. It is no excuse that I had a bad day. It is no excuse that it was a private message.

It is clear that Holly Voll sees opposition to her views as 'horrible'. That Donald, Guy, Joel, Ron, Ken, Lynette, Faye, Dean, Bernie and some others are somehow worthless and therefore it is acceptable to threaten them with heart attacks, car accidents, trees falling, animal trampling, and voodoo!!

Sadly, this hateful attitude was reinforced by other Kronenwetter residents in response to her threats.

I am ashamed to say that I am a Kronenwetter resident. I am ashamed that 'Holly Voll' is our president's wife. I am ashamed that someone like Bernie Kraemer has had his life threatened!! I am disgusted. This threatening behavior from Holly, threats by Curt Cieslek and letters by 'Concerned Citizens of Kronenwetter' who a couple of years ago attacked people on the basis of their disabilities, is disgusting!!

You, Holly Voll, have crossed the line. God will hold you and your hateful supporters accountable. In the interim, I make this my mission to see that your term as our 'First Lady' ends.

Actions have consequences...

To: Village of Kronenwetter Board Members
From: Sean Dumais
839 oak road

Board Members,

As you all know I do not think very highly of showboating and political theatrics and I always try to approach situations with the least amount of public pomp and circumstance as humanly possible. Unfortunately I have learned that the internal corruption and negligent disregard for both the law, and the citizens of Kronenwetter, proves this is not the way to get action with this current Board. The time has come for the citizens to start to stand up and expose the nonsense that has become our village government. Last weeks board meeting was yet another disgusting display of individual trustees personal vendetta against other trustees that went completely unchecked by the presiding officer. The continued barrage of hateful disrespectful and absolutely off topic attacks directed at Trustee Charneski that consumed the meeting is unacceptable. For over two years the same group of disenfranchised self centered childish trustees who can think of nothing other than twisting every single conversation, no matter how off topic it may be, into some form of imaginary wrong that Trustee Charneski has done to hurt their feelings is sickening. The vilification of those you don't agree with and the deceitful venomous rhetoric spewed by those individuals for hours upon hours of board and committee meetings has paralyzed the village government to the point that we have once again lost employees and have millions, yes, I said millions, of missing dollars that this board doesn't even know is missing. When intern administrator Manley was here her report to the board on finances showed we had close to 3 million dollars in our undesignated funds and she even stated "this village is financially healthier than any village I have ever worked with". Here we are 2 years later and we don't even have enough money in our accounts to meet our minimum reserves? Where did the money go? I can tell you a whole lot of it was used on frivolous reports from law firms that were contracted against the boards direct vote not too. That's ok though, some board members are fine with spending whatever it takes to smear a board member they don't like. Just to clarify, Trustee Charneski has my respect as a board member and as someone who stands up for his community and doesn't buckle under the public propaganda generated by those that want their way. We may not agree on everything but he conducts himself like an adult which is far more than we can say for other trustees. Next we have all of the wasted tax payer dollars on adhoc committees that yielded zero results? There was a "committee on committees" a year ago that spent tax payer dollars to go where? Nowhere, the recommendations never even made it on a board agenda. There is a committee on the ambulance situation that seems to not be able to follow its directive and has delved into all sorts of random things and has yielded absolutely nothing. Now we end up with tonight's agenda, RFP for ambulance service. Last week the board made it very clear that CLIPP would look at the concerns that our fire chief, whom has also taken a beating because once again this board handled the entire ambulance situation incorrectly from day 1, had with the terms of our current contract being met. Somehow that committee was allowed to stray off of its board directed task into talks of RFPs for service and not address what it was tasked to do. Then, after the committee failed to perform its directed task, this issue somehow made it on to the board agenda for discussion. How did the committee chair allow the committee to stray away and how did the President of the village whom has been in that position for many years then allow it to make it onto the board agenda? Another example of not following the statutes, ordinances, and proper procedures by our board. Enough is enough. I for one am sick of it and I am going to start publicly posting every email I sent that was ignored, every email I received from staff members asking for help that I brought up that was ignored, and every other piece of evidence I have to show the village that the vilification of the singular trustee that has stood up for the citizens time and time again no matter how much hate and lies were hurled at

him is what has brought us to this breaking point, not him. I respectfully request that this board, even the lame duck members, take their oaths to the citizens seriously and stop generating this toxic nonsense and focus on doing what is right for the Village, not your ego or your FB popularity. We have enough venomous rhetoric being spewed by the citizens, do better.

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Public Input

Why has the Dempsey Law Firm not announced its conflict of interest in matters concerning certain village staff members and myself? I contacted Dempsey Law about a month or so before they accepted the offer by Kronenwetter to serve as Kronenwetter's new Village Attorney. When a paralegal from Dempsey Law asked for details of my issues with the village, she was wowed by what I was telling her.

In April 2018, a neighbor got an area variance that went against the purpose and intent of our zoning ordinances. There has never been a legal explanation given by any law firm explaining how the neighbor is able to be exempted from complying with the law.

An open records request seeking a copy of the Wonsil Roadway Access Permit Application came back missing the second page. The village gave Mr. Wonsil their approval to put his roadway access 20' too close to ours. When this was pointed out to Mr. Fifrick, he quickly crafted a second page and applied a variance to an expired application from two years earlier.

At this point, the abuses and damages to our property warranted a criminal complaint to be reported to our local law enforcement.

I sat down with Chief McHugh and Lieutenant Smart in a conference room in the police station and showed them documentation of the various laws that were believed to have been violated. I provided my complaint in verbal form. My complaint was for an alleged violation of forgery, a Class H felony, against Mr. Fifrick and former Village Administrator/Interim Public Works Director Richard Downey.

When brought to Chief McHugh, he told me that he had a conflict of interest to pursue a criminal investigation into Mr. Fifrick and Mr. Downey's actions, and purportedly he crafted and delivered his written version of my complaint to the Marathon County Sheriff's Office instead. The Sheriff's Department claimed they had a conflict of interest, and they sent the investigation down to Det. Lepak of

the Stevens Point Police Department.

Chief McHugh opened up his own complaint against me and my behavior while I was serving as a Village Trustee. I was looking out for the people's best interest and providing insight into why was select "Cronyism" happening in our community. The complaint by Chief McHugh is referred to by Det. Lepak as a "United Concern". Those other names associated with the term "United Concern" are not known. Chief McHugh's report initiated an investigation into Misconduct in Office against me. Why Chief McHugh had a conflict of interest with staffers Randy Fifrick and Richard Downey, but no conflict of interest with Trustee Joel Straub still remains a mystery.

Det. Lepak made it known that he was investigating two complaints at the same time...my forgery complaint and Chief McHugh's "united concern" complaint. Det. Lepak's final report went through the Marathon County DA's Office first before finally ending up in the Lincoln County DA's Office. DA Kristopher Ellis recently wrote a memo saying that he saw nothing wrong with the action of Fifrick and Downey. In a text message I sent Det. Lepak that asked if the forgery complaint was ever conducted, he answered, "no it wasn't".

DA Ellis has drawn a conclusion based only on the complaint from a group of "united concern" unknowns, and he is totally unaware of my complaint. The criminal complaint by me that was ignored will need to be reopened by either Det. Lepak or someone else to finish the investigation. The case is not closed until the DA can review the updated investigative reports of all the facts in the matter, or from a judge who steps in to make a final ruling.

This is what happens in Kronenwetter. You go to the police with an honest complaint, and they start an investigation into you instead.

Joe Straub

To the people of Kronenwetter:

This letter is in response to the incredibly unbelievable attention that my Facebook post has gotten, with the overreaction that I want to kill people and have threatened their lives. That is such a ridiculous overreaction, that I have to speak out.

Yes, I was angry and being facetious on Facebook. I never said I was going to kill anyone or that I would harm anyone. I did not name last names and indeed, I know more than one Joe, Donald, Faye, and others. I dare anyone to put last names with every single of the 9 names listed. It is amazing that some people want to make such mountains out of molehills. No one was threatened with bodily harm. A police officer and lawyer have reviewed the post in question and there is no credible threat. And voodoo? How can anyone read that and believe I'm going to try voodoo on people or cause car accidents?!

Joel/Joe Straub isn't telling the truth either about most of the posts he continues to feed. It's a shame he's such an angry person. But I am not going to continue feeding his negativity. As my grandmother always said, consider the source.

I really am disgusted with some Kronenwetter residents too but I will not kill any of them. You have my solemn promise that I won't.

The letter to the editor in question is full to the brim of falsehoods and inaccurate information.

I'm proud of being a native of Kronenwetter and have done so many things to help make it better. I wonder, have all the others who are being so nasty and negative? Have you planted flowers in the parks? Picked up garbage? Created community events? If not, then do that and do better. As the First Lady of the United States Melania Trump says, Be Better!

Holly Voll