



VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 14, 2025 at 6:00 PM

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

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Chris Voll called the April 14, 2025 Village Board Meeting to order at 6 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

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 Chief Terry McHugh, Fire Chief Theresa O'Brien, Interim Finance Director John Jacobs, Public Works Director Greg Ulman, Village Attorney Lee Turonie, Clerk Jennifer Poyer

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Tim Shaw, 1225 Autumn Road, Kronenwetter, WI 54455 – Shaw said it was a “good day” due to the new leadership in Kronenwetter. He said he is concerned about the Village finances. He questioned whether the Administrative Policy Committee reviewed the budget. He also called for new legal counsel.

Kronenwetter Police Chief Terry McHugh – McHugh recognized Chris Voll and Chris Eiden for their service to the Village of Kronenwetter. Voll served for 17 years on the board. Eiden served for 12 years on the board.

3. REPORTS FROM STAFF AND VENDORS

C. Police Chief Report

Police Chief Terry McHugh presented his report to the Village Board.

D. Fire Chief Report

Fire Chief Theresa O'Brien presented her report to the Village Board.

4. OLD BUSINESS

E. Revision of Ordinance 180-3 & Elimination of GEN 009: Village Board Meetings

Motion by Vedvik/Myszka to approve the revision of Ordinance 180-3 with the following recommendations:

- 1) Add verbiage of agenda approval five days before meeting (from GEN-009)
- 2) Removal of duplicate phrase from item L.

Motion carried by roll call vote. 7:0.

Discussed the added verbiage from GEN-009 regarding the agenda approval from Village president five days before meeting; the removal of the duplicate phrasing in L; and action to eliminate GEN-009.

Motion by Vedvik/Coyle to eliminate policy GEN-009. Motion carried by voice vote 7:0.

F. Addition of Decorum Guidelines: Code of Conduct

No action taken.

Discussed the necessity of the proposed guidelines; the misplacement of 7; and the list formation.

G. TDS 2025 Sponsorship Contract

Motion by Charneski/Myszka to approve the TDS 2025 Sponsorship Contract as presented. Motion carried by voice vote. 7:0.

5. NEW BUSINESS

H. Extension of Polling Hours Report

No action taken.

Village Attorney Lee Turonie presented his report and discussed the possible controversy regarding poll time extensions. Negatives and positives of extra hour were discussed, as well as the authority needed for time extensions at polling places. Turonie said the report serves as a good record of the 2025 Spring Election events.

I. Budget Amendment #1: New Fund for EMS Grants

Motion by Vedvik/Mortensen to approve Budget Amendment #1: the creation of Fund 265 for EMS grants. Motion carried by voice vote. 7:0.

Fire Chief Theresa O'Brien discussed the funding assistance program; money that can be used for certain items only; and the program's inability to take the place of the fire department budget.

J. Budget Amendment #2: Adjustment to 2025 Debt Service Fund Budget and Other Fund Budgets

Motion by Vedvik/Coyle to approve Budget Amendment #2: Adjustment of 2025 Debt Service Fund Budget and other Fund Budgets. Motion carried by roll call vote. 6:1. Voting nay – Charneski Interim Finance Director John Jacobs presented Q & A (attached to the minutes) regarding the Village's financial situation. He discussed the proposed budget amendment and movement of money from budget funds to the debt service fund. He said the official 2024 Budget is still not known. He said open staff positions are also allowing for a budget surplus for 2025. Further board discussion included the possibility of the Village surviving without a tax hike until 2028 when the debt goes down; services and the road maintenance budgets should not be cut to fund the debt service; and the tax levy.

K. Purchasing a Replacement Drive Controller for Lift Station #1

Motion by Coyle/Mortensen to approve the purchase of a replacement drive controller for Lift Station #1 for \$6,164. Motion carried by roll call vote. 7:0.

Discussed the need for this back up in case the pump goes down. It will replace the one being utilized after recent pump problems.

L. Approval of 2021, 2022, and 2023 Village of Kronenwetter CMAR Annual Reports

Motion by Coyle/Eiden to approve Resolution No.; 2025-005 A Resolution Approving the Village's 2021, 2022, and 2023 CMAR Annual Report. Motion carried by roll call vote. 7:0.

M. 2025 Farmers Market Manager Contract

Motion by Charneski/Vedvik to approve the 2025 Farmers Market Manager Contract. Motion carried by roll call vote. 7:0.

N. Community Room Rentals to Non-profit Organizations

Motion by Coyle/Myszka to approve the adoption of the verbiage taken from Rib Mountain's Doepke Park Shelter Agreement regarding renting to non-profit organizations and revising the Community Room Rental Agreement with said verbiage. Motion carried by voice vote. 7:0.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

O. March 24, 2025 Village Board Meeting Minutes

Clerk given directions to revise Item O. to include purpose.

7. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES FROM COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

P. February 11, 2025 Utility Committee meeting minutes

Q. March 3, 2025 CLIPP Committee Meeting Minutes

R. March 4, 2025 Utility Committee Meeting Minutes

S. March 20, 2025 APC Meeting Minutes

T. March 27, 2025 APC Meeting Minutes

Committees thanked for their minutes and clerks reminded to include who is present at the meeting in minutes.

8. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Voll/Eident to adjourn the April 14, 2025 Village Board Meeting. Motion carried by voice vote. 7:0.

Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Village Debt, Village Budget, and Village Tax Rate Questions

Q:	What is the total outstanding debt of the Village?
A:	<p>The total outstanding debt of the Village at 12/31/2025 will be \$16,700,585.</p> <p>Of this amount, the breakdown is the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$3,841,498 – General Fund (tax levy) \$2,965,000 – TID #1 \$5,700,000 – TID #2 \$0 – TID #3 \$945,000 – TID #4 \$3,249,087 – Water Utility \$0 – Sewer Utility

Q:	What is the total general obligation debt of the Village, paid with property taxes?
A:	<p>The total outstanding General Obligation Debt of the Village at 12/31/2025 will be \$11,881,498.</p> <p>Of this amount, the breakdown is the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$3,841,498 – General Fund (tax levy) \$1,395,000 – TID #1 \$5,700,000 – TID #2 \$945,000 – TID #4

Q:	What is the maximum amount of General Obligation Debt (G.O.) for the Village?
A:	<p>For 2024, the maximum amount of General Obligation Debt for the Village is \$48,226,630.</p> <p>The number for 2025 will be available in August 2025.</p>

Q:	What is the Village's present G.O. Debt limit?
A:	An estimate for 2025, is the Village if using 24.6% of the Village's G.O. debt capacity.

Q:	What was the Village's 2025 budget tax levy?
A:	The 2025 budget tax levy was \$2,602,752.

Q:	What was the Village's maximum tax levy limit allowable for the 2025 budget?
A:	\$1,839,640 Base Tax Levy from Wis Dept of Revenue + \$2,191,646 Additional adjustment for 2025 G.O. Debt Service (Principal + Interest) \$4,031,296 Maximum Available Tax Levy Allowable for 2025 budget year

Q:	Did the Village utilize the maximum tax levy available for 2025?
A:	No, the Village actually set the tax levy \$1,428,544 below the allowable tax levy limit.

Q:	What was the Village's 2024 assessed tax rate for the 2025 budget?
A:	\$3.86 per \$1,000 valuation

Q:	What was the Village's 2024 tax bill for a \$200,000 home?
A:	$\$3.86 \text{ :-} \$1,000 \times \$200,000 = \772.00 Village taxes portion only

Q:	If the Village had set the Tax Levy at the maximum allowable for 2025 budget, what would have been the maximum tax rate?
A:	\$5.98 per \$1,000 valuation

Q:	What would have been the Village's 2024 tax bill for a \$200,000 home if the maximum tax levy had been used?
A:	$\$5.98 \text{ :-} \$1,000 \times \$200,000 = \$1,196$ Village taxes portion only This would have been a \$424 annual difference in Village taxes, if the maximum tax levy and tax rate would have occurred.