



SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING COMBINED WITH PUBLIC FORUM MINUTES

June 12, 2024 at 6:00 PM

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

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Chris Voll calls the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Those in attendance recited the pledge of allegiance.

B. Roll Call

PRESENT

Village President Chris Voll

Trustee Alex Vedvik

Trustee Chris Eiden

Trustee Kelly Coyle

Trustee Aaron Myszka

Trustee Cindy Buchkowski-Hoffmann

Trustee Ken Charneski

STAFF PRESENT

Administrator; Peter Kampfer

Village Clerk; Bobbi Birk-LaBarge

Finance Director; Lisa Kerstner

Fire Chief; Theresa O'Brien

EMT Coordinator; Alexa Kufalk

2. PUBLIC FORUM QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION

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The fire chief presented information regarding the groundwater ambulance proposal. A comprehensive history of the EMS service, detailed contracts and costs, response capabilities, staffing, and procedural guidelines were discussed. Specifics of the proposal to create an ambulance service within the Kronenwetter Fire Department were provided, which included capital costs, detailed fiscal impacts, EMS scope of practice, benefits of a municipal ambulance service, and expected operational requirements.

A Q&A session followed, where board members, residents, and fire department representatives addressed numerous questions and concerns about response times, costs, staff management, coverage consistency, fiscal projections, current provider negotiations, and the level of care offered compared to existing services. There was debate over exploring this proposal further through a subcommittee before any decisions were made.

3. OLD BUSINESS

D. Discussion and Possible Action: Village of Kronenwetter Ambulance Service

The board members discussed the financial implications and the overall feasibility of launching a new ambulance service for the village. Several board members raised concerns about the accuracy of the financial projections and suggested forming a subcommittee to thoroughly review the proposal and gather additional input from village residents and possibly experts from other communities.

A varied synonym of opinions from board members over approving the service or further discussing it via a subcommittee. Some were in favor of immediate approval due to future risks stemming from contracting external providers, while others advocated for a more cautious approach.

Chief O'Brien and members of the fire department reiterated the need to commence the project to meet the 2026 operational start date, outlining potential concerns regarding contract renewals and the effectiveness of the village to control service provision and costs in-house.

Motion made by Trustee Coyle, Seconded by Trustee Myszka to approve the ambulance proposal and allow the fire department to begin the process of establishing an ambulance service, starting January 1, 2026.

Voting Yea: Village President Voll, Trustee Vedvik, Trustee Coyle, Trustee Myszka

Voting Nay: Trustee Eiden, Trustee Buchkowski-Hoffmann, Trustee Charneski

Motion carried 4:3 by roll call vote.

Motion by Trustee Vedvik, Seconded by Trustee Charneski to create a subcommittee of 7 and comprised of board members, citizens, and knowledgeable individuals from surrounding communities to oversee the implementation and address any arising issues of the ambulance service.

Voting Yea: Village President Voll, Trustee Vedvik, Trustee Coyle, Trustee Myszka, Trustee Eiden, Trustee Buchkowski-Hoffmann, Trustee Charneski

Motion carried 7:0 by roll call vote.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Trustee Charneski, Seconded by Trustee Vedvik to adjourn.

Voting Yea: Village President Voll, Trustee Vedvik, Trustee Eiden, Trustee Coyle, Trustee Myszka, Trustee Buchkowski-Hoffmann, Trustee Charneski

Motion carries 7:0 by voice vote

Adjourn at 8:31 PM

Minutes by: Clerk Bobbi Birk-LaBarge

Minutes Approved on: June 24, 2024 by Village Board