



VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 13, 2023 at 6:00 PM

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

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Chris Voll called 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 Ken Charneski

Trustee Tim Shaw

Trustee Sean Dumais

Trustee Alex Vedvik

Trustee Chris Eiden

Trustee Kelly Coyle

STAFF PRESENT

Village Clerk; Bobbi Birk-LaBarge

Finance Director; Lisa Kerstner

Police Chief; Terry McHugh

Public Works Director; Leonard Ludi

Fire Chief; Theresa O'Brien

SPECIAL GUEST

Amber Danielski; Clifton Larsen Allen LLP.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Please be advised per State Statute Section 19.84(2), information will be received from the public. It is the policy of this Village that Public Comment will take no longer than 15 minutes with a three-minute time period, per person, with time extension per the Chief Presiding Officer's discretion. Be further advised that there may be limited discussion on the information received, however, no action will be taken under public comments.

Bernie Kramer - 2150 E. State Highway 153; Peplin - Kramer mentions he is impressed with comprehensive plan. Kramer mentioned the Village started off with 3 police officers and one police Chief and had one car, two shifts and no other staff. Kramer explained you go by needs and what you can afford for a police department. Kramer mentions the citizens of Kronenwetter are to thank for the low crime rate and states the citizens of Kronenwetter make the community strong. Kramer believes the citizens are the ones that provide the support and provide the leadership for the community.

Faye Buchberger - 824 W. Nelson Road; Buchberger stated she represents the citizens that live west of the rail line. Buchberger spoke on her concern about having no access if there is an emergency event in her neighborhood. She contacted the Village's Community Development Director Pete Wegner to speak about her concerns and the previous two CLIPP meetings. Buchberger mentions there is a possible limited

proposal to use the pedestrian staff for emergency use only in case the road is closed. Buchberger believes the placement of the path and how far it goes has not been looked into. Buchberger explains 175 people have signed a petition asking the village to assist them and more signatures are being collected daily. Guy Fredel - 2240 Rub Drive; Fredel makes a statement that the village cannot expect other communities to solve the village's problems. Fredel believes the village comprehensive plan recognizes the blockages on the tracks as a problem. Fredel explains the village is only at 17% of his borrowing capacity and is in great financial shape.

3. REPORTS FROM STAFF AND VENDORS

C. Police Chief Report

Police Chief Terry McHugh explains outside of his report he has attached in the packet, his officers worked on as search warrant the previous week from a tip that came in from the school. That search warrant resulted in 11 charges against a resident that included neglect of 3 children ages 8 and under. The drugs inside the home tested positive for fentanyl and were readily accessible to the children inside the home. The school resource officer from Everst Metro sent an email and thanked the Kronenwetter for all of their work on the case and noted the school district thanks them. Everest Metro mentioned the great job the Village of Kronenwetter is doing. President Chris Voll thanked Chief and his staff for the great job they do.

D. Fire Chief Report

Fire Chief Theresa O'Brien explains the department is busy. The numbers match up to what they were last year. O'Brien explains staffing wise they are up to 30 members on the fire department, and they have one interview coming up. Full staff would be 40 people. Trustee Charneski questions a rise in cardiac related emergencies. He questions if this is in older or younger people. O'Brien explains they are seeing this in younger people as well as older.

E. Treasurer's Report

Finance Director Kerstner explains the September report. Kerstner states if residents are looking at the public notice or documents from the 11-09 meeting, changes were made after that meeting. The final Members will be presented during the public hearing. Kerstner explains the interest rates are still around 4% for incredible bank and LGA is just over 5%. Trustee Charneski questions if it is difficult to transfer funds. Kerstner explains eventually she could do it but right now she is working on imperative tasks for the village. President Voll said incredible bank was going to match the LGIP rates. Kerstner states they did for a few months and then ended the match. Trustee Shaw states they should have a conversation with them again to match the rates.

F. Check Register Report 09/20-11/08

Finance Director Kerstner asks if there are questions in regard to the check register. No Questions.

G. Community Development Director's Report

Community Development Director Pete Wegner was not present. No Questions.

H. Director of Public Works Report

Director of Public Works Director Leonard Ludi explains the 2024 53% sewer rate increase that will be coming from Rib Mountain Metropolitan Sewer district. Ludi explains he is coordinating Mr. Donaldson to come here to answer or questions for village residents. Ludi explains he presented a municipal roof bid packet to CLIPP. Ludi states the water and sewer lead, and coper line service requirements need to be completed by October 2024. Ludi explains that is an inventory survey the village needs to have completed. The park site inspection was done with the public works staff. The parks need some good attention.

4. NEW BUSINESS

I. Discussion and Possible Action: Use of Insurance Proceeds to Purchase of 2020 Ford Interceptor SUV for the Village of Kronenwetter Police Department

Discussion was had on page 73 of the agenda packet from the vehicle insurance company. Trustee Charneski asked if the extra money from the insurance payout would go into the equipment fund after the purchase of the 2020 Ford Interceptor.

Motion made by Trustee Charneski, Seconded by Trustee Dumais to approve the purchase of the used 2020 Ford Interceptor Police Vehicle.

Voting Yea: Village President Voll, Trustee Charneski, Trustee Shaw, Trustee Dumais, Trustee Vedvik, Trustee Eiden, Trustee Coyle

Motion carries 7:0 by roll call vote.

J. Discussion: Clifton, Larson and Associates presents 2022 audit

Amber Danielski from Clifton Larson Allen LLP reviews the 2022 audit. Danielski went through the document and asked for questions. In 2022 there was a new accounting standard relating to leases. This was a discussion only. No action taken.

K. Discussion and Possible Approval: Resolution for Inclusion Under the Wisconsin Public Employers' Group Health Insurance Program

Trustee Dumais explains the village is obligated to find the most effective insurance to meet the requirements for the police officers' union contract.

Motion made by Trustee Vedvik, Seconded by Trustee Eiden to approve the resolution for inclusion under the Wisconsin public employers group health insurance for the P.D.

Voting Yea: Village President Voll, Trustee Charneski, Trustee Shaw, Trustee Dumais, Trustee Vedvik, Trustee Eiden, Trustee Coyle.

Motion carried 7:0 by roll call.

L. Discuss and Possible Action: GEN-001 Use of and Access to Village Consultants Policy Review

Motion made by Trustee Dumais, Seconded by Trustee Eiden to take no action on this item.

Voting Yea: Village President Voll, Trustee Charneski, Trustee Shaw, Trustee Dumais, Trustee Vedvik, Trustee Eiden, Trustee Coyle.

Motion carried 7:0 by voice vote.

M. Discuss and Possible Action: Guide to Village Board Meetings Agenda

Motion made by Trustee Vedvik, Seconded by Trustee Coyle to send to APC to be discussed and evaluated.

Voting Yea: Village President Voll, Trustee Charneski, Trustee Shaw, Trustee Dumais, Trustee Vedvik, Trustee Eiden, Trustee Coyle

Motion carried 7:0 by voice vote.

N. Discussion & Possible Action: 3M Class Action Settlement

Director of Public Works Director Leonard Ludi explains the purpose of this item on the agenda was to explain the 3M class action lawsuit that is out there. This lawsuit was given to Ludi the first week he was employed at the village. He suggested legal look at it. Previous Administrator Manley had legal look at it.

Trustee Tim Shaw steps out at 7:47 PM. Shaw returns at 7:48 PM.

Motion made by Trustee Vedvik; Seconded by Trustee Coyle join the class action lawsuit.

Voting Yea: Village President Voll, Trustee Shaw, Trustee Vedvik, Trustee Eiden, Trustee Coyle

Voting Nay: Trustee Charneski, Trustee Dumais.

Motion carried 5:2 by roll call vote.

O. Discussion and Possible Action: Emergency Access Designation of Business 51 Bike and Pedestrian Trail

Public Works Director Leonard Ludi explains this is a handoff from former interim administrator Mahoney and he has been a part of the past CLIPP meetings. Ludi understands from the last CLIPP meeting they should have some path established to make an emergency route. That path is not cleaned at all times, and it should be moved to the top in case an emergency access route needed.

Ludi wants to bring this item to the board to understand that something needs to be done. Ludi suggests a discussion needs to be done to form new ideas. Ludi states the trail needs to meet engineering specifications. Ludi is open for further discussion from citizens and based on that come back to CLIPP for discussion and a decision. Anything having to do with emergency vehicles is cleaned first. If the village designates it as an emergency use, then DPW knows it needs to be remained clear for access. Fire Chief Theresa O'Brien explains it can be used for vehicular traffic and previous

Administrator Manley reached out to the state of Wisconsin and was given permission for emergency usage. O'Brien has walked it and measured it and there will not be a problem with getting emergency vehicles through there. Citizen Faye Buchberger states she discussed it with Manley and mentioned grant money that was given to the village to construct the path. Voll states it was made with grant monies, so it falls under VIA the state of WI emergency vehicles is given the authorization to use land as they need. As part of the path emergency signage should be put up to designate it as an emergency path.

Motion made by Trustee Dumais, Seconded by Trustee Coyle to send this agenda item back to CLIPP for a permanent solution.

Voting Yea: Village President Voll, Trustee Charneski, Trustee Shaw, Trustee Dumais, Trustee Vedvik, Trustee Eiden, Trustee Coyle

Motion passes 7:0 by voice vote.

P. Discussion & Possible Action: Budget Overages - GEN-001

Trustee Charneski wanted an explanation on how the village went beyond the budget as far as they went without the board being notified. Trustee Charneski stated former Administrator Kim Manley had said there was not a requirement to give written permission to contact the village attorney. President Voll mentioned to Trustee Charneski the comment he made about former Administrator Kim Manley was false in regard to him accusing her of misconduct.

Kelly Coyle left the meeting at 7:58 PM. Kelly Coyle returned at 8:00 PM.

Motion made by Trustee Coyle; Seconded by Trustee Dumais to take no action on this item.

Voting Yea: Village President Voll, Trustee Charneski, Trustee Shaw, Trustee Dumais, Trustee Vedvik, Trustee Eiden, Trustee Coyle

Motion carried 7:0 by voice vote.

Q. Discussion and Possible Action: Municipal Center Roof Repair & Replacement Project

Public Works Director Leonard Ludi stated this discussion item has gone through CLIPP. Staff directs Ludi to gather quotes for metal roofing.

R. Update: 2024 Rib Mountain Metropolitan Sewerage District Budget Rate

Trustee Vedvik explains the Rib Mountain Metropolitan Sewer District has performed upgrades to their plant which will result in a 53% permanent rate hike that will pass through all communities that are hooked up to Rib Mountain. Vedvik explains the Utility Committee will have a public forum and has invited the chair from the Rib Mountain Metropolitan Sewer District to answer questions.

5. OLD BUSINESS

S. Discussion & Possible Action: Resolution; Northcentral Wisconsin Storm Water Coalition

Lenard Ludi explains it was pushed back to the Utility Committee and pushed back to Village Board again. We have been part of this group for a number of years. The village benefits from the agreement. It is a networking tool that establishes stormwater maps and works with our neighbors with grant funding and cooperating agreements.

Motion made by Trustee Eiden, Seconded by Trustee Coyle to approve Resolution 2023-012.

Voting Yea: Village President Voll, Trustee Charneski, Trustee Shaw, Trustee Dumais, Trustee Vedvik, Trustee Eiden, Trustee Coyle

Motion carried 7:0 by roll call vote.

6. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES FROM COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

T. October 2, 2023 CLIPP Committee Minutes

U. September 05, 2023, Utility Commission Minutes

V. October 10, 2023, Utility Commission Minutes

President Voll thanked the committees for their minutes.

7. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

None

8. ADJOURNMENT

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

Voting Yea: Village President Voll, Trustee Charneski, Trustee Shaw, Trustee Dumais, Trustee Vedvik, Trustee Eiden, Trustee Coyle

Motion carried 7:0 by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Minutes Prepared by: Clerk Bobbi Birk-LaBarge

Minutes Approved by Village Board on November 27, 2023