

VILLAGE OF KINCAID
115 CENTRAL AVE, KINCAID, IL. 62540
TIME- 6:00 P.M.
MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2023
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was brought to order by Mayor Robert Morris.

Roll call was taken by Clerk- Gibson-here, Paso-here, Lawrence-here, Keafer-here, Dees-here, Nelson-here.

Pledge of Allegiance

- Visitors:

VISITORS- A PERSON SHALL BE PERMITTED AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS OFFICIALS UNDER THE RULES ESTABLISHED BY THE VILLAGE OF KINCAID (2 MINUTES PER PERSON) 5ILCS 120/2.06g

Citizen Harold Livingston spoke up about the issue with regards to chickens and about self-sustainability. He urged the board to listen to what he had to say. He was not on the agenda for this week but would like to be on the agenda for April 10th to speak about the issue of chickens. He spoke about his constitutional right and wanted the board to see where he was coming from and wanted to address his concerns. He stated it took the board 6 weeks to shut him down and he wanted to know why they let him go six weeks without doing anything.

- Water increase- The board members thought that this had already been taken care of at the last meeting but according to the minutes from then, it was tabled till this meeting. It was stated that we were waiting on the EPA. Mark Wolfe stated that we should hear something by around May or June regarding the EPA. The board decided it would be best to wait till the end of the physical year to discuss about water increase.

- Buying and Selling property in town- Trustee Lawrence stated that we have discussed this several times with regard to the property beside the methodist church, so hopefully the people have paid the back taxes and that the church will come to an agreement for us to sell it to them. There has been some clean up to this property and we have put in some money in regards to cleaning it up. The roof has been falling in and Lawrence stated that maybe the church would like to just tear it down and build a parking lot. The time line on the back taxes owed on the property is around the first week of June, according to the clerk. Lawrence has been in contact with several people in regard to the property and just waiting to hear back. Attorney Rahar just wants to make sure that he knows something ahead of time before going to court or anything with regards to the tax case on the property itself.

- Discuss how much time to give a person to get rid of their chickens- Trustee Gibson stated that at the last board meeting it was voted upon to not having any chickens in town, which is what is stated

in the ordinance. He stated that they are going to have to get rid of them because if we let one person have them, then we must let everyone else too. Gibson stated that we do need to figure out how much to give the person to get rid of them, like possibly 30 days or so. Unfortunately, the board cannot vote upon this matter at this time. Harold Livingston's wife decided to speak up regarding this issue and stated that with the acts between China and Russia, she is scared to death that World War III is going to happen. She just wants to be self-sustained. She stated that this is a serious matter. She wants to have chickens so they can have food eat with regards to prices increasing with everything. She stated that chickens are not hurting anybody in town. She also stated that dogs are worse than chickens. She is just wanting to be able to eat and survive. She stated that we do not have any stores in town now. Harold Livingston agreed along with his wife and he stated that he will be prepared to go to court over this issue if it happens to come to that. He stated that it is a constitutional right of morals and values. Mayor Robert Morris stopped him and stated that the ordinance is already in place and was it voted upon at the last meeting. Harold Livingston stated the board is not doing their job regarding helping the community, but Ordinances are in place for a reason. Harold Livingston stated that he is not hurting anyone by having chickens in town and he believes it is his human right to have chickens.

- Waiver agreement for Rental of Kitchen at the park- The board stated that they thought this was already agreed upon but it was tabled to speak about getting a contract together stating how much to charge for deposit and rent and then to have insurance in place as well. Attorney Rahar stated he can have something drafted up for the next meeting that stated \$250 for rent and \$250 for deposit and then to have proof of insurance.
- Discuss about lien on property behind the methodist church- This was previously discussed with buying and selling of property in town.
- Railroad contract- Trustee Lawrence spoke about the contract with the railroad in regards to the property through the center of Kincaid. Since 2018. He has been working on this since June of last year and has made several phone calls. He was hoping to get everything worked out with them, but right now it's a no go. The agreement right now is they will pay us \$2,184.09 to make the cuts. This is what they evaluated right now. This will be put on the agenda for next time to have a contract ready in place to be voted upon.
- CTI and all Franchise Fees- Foreman mark Wolfe stated that this came up because since CTI is coming into town, we just wanted to make sure that we would get a portion of the franchise fee. There is a state law in place right now that states we will get 5% of the franchise fee. He spoke about the Town hall meeting that was to take place on Wednesday night the 29th @ 6pm, when a representative from CTI was going to come and speak to our residents about the packages they offer and to answer any questions that the resident's might have. Beverly stated that there will have to be an ordinance in place for the franchise fee that we will receive. Attorney Rahar stated that we can prepare an Ordinance for the franchise agreement with CTI, then he can look it over.

- Electric Bills with Ameren- Clerk ,Stephanie Brown spoke about when Will Moran and his colleague were here to speaking to the board about saving the village and resident's money on their electric bills. She stated to the board that if this is something that they want to go with, then let them give us a free estimate to see how much they can save us. Trustee Nelson stated that this was something that they had stated at the last meeting when they were here. He stated we should just probably give them the opportunity to give us the free estimate. All they would need is to give them some statistics from Ameren. Nelson spoke about the fact that solar panels and a good thing to invest in too because in the future everything will go to electric.

- Date for town wide garage sales- Trustee Nelson stated that he has had several people contact him in regards to selecting a date for the garage sales here in town and he said he thought the standard would be the first week of June. He stated the date would be June 2nd and 3rd. Beverly stated that sometimes the methodist church likes to help and offer lunch too, so she stated that Nelson would need to reach out to the methodist church to see if those dates are available for them.

Trustee Lawrence spoke up in regards to the easter egg hunt and stated that normally we help with donating to the event. It is with the Midland Community Club and we usually donate money to help but this must be voted upon. Trustee Nelson spoke up and stated he would go ahead and donate. Trustee Lawrence spoke up again and stated that we need to put on the agenda about internship with local kids that are in school who could do some part time work around the community. He stated that Wes Amer is head over the CACC and they used to do this through the high school. He stated that Wes would help us out as far as getting us the forms for the students to fill out. Lawrence stated that maybe these students could help in the field with Mark and the workers here at the village, as well as maybe some help in the office too.

Motion to go into closed session- Motion was made by Trustee Lawrence, second by Nelson, all Ayes. Time 6:30 p.m.

Closed Session:

Meeting to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1)

Motion to come out of closed session- Motion was made by Trustee Keafer, second was made by Gibson. All Ayes. Time- 7:30 p.m.

Adjournment:

Motion was made to Adjourn by Trustee Nelson, second by Keafer. Roll call- Gibson-yes, Paso-yes, Lawrence-yes, Keafer- yes, Dees- yes, Nelson- yes. Time 7:45 p.m.

Minutes done by Village Clerk
Stephanie Brown