Village of Kincaid

115 Central Ave. Kincaid, IL. 62540

Time- 6:00 P.M.

Monday July 28, 2025

Committee Meeting Minutes

The meeting was brought to order by Mayor Tony Pezze.

The Village Treasurer took Roll Call. Watson- here, Paso- here, Jaeger-here, Broccardo- here, Dees- here, Nelson- here.

The pledge of allegiance was recited by all who attended the meeting.

Committee meeting:

Discuss gaming and liquor license fees- Broccardo said he did some research in Taylorville and Edinburg and he knows that people who have slot machines are going to be upset with this but everywhere else charges five hundred dollars a machine, we charge twenty-five. With Pritzker doing his thing where we lost revenue, something has to give. Same with liquor, Taylorville charges one thousand dollars with liquor licenses. He can’t say go to five hundred right away on gambling machines, but he honestly thinks they have to go up a little bit somehow to help offset, I mean we are broke. And Pritzker keeps taxing us, I think he took that two percent away didn’t he Bev. Merano said yes, with the grocery tax, we did do an ordinance on it, so we are going to still get it. Broccardo said Edinburg says they get five hundred dollars a machine and one third of the profit of everything it goes in. Broccardo said the bars will be a little upset, but they are still making money off the machines, a lot more than we are. Pezze asked the finance committee what they thought. Paso said she thinks she doesn’t want to raise our revenue at the cost of say the little businesses we have left in town. Broccardo said he understands that, but you raise the slot machines one hundred dollars, that is three hundred a year in profit off that. Nelson said he isn’t so sure that the other communities get, they don’t get five hundred dollars a machine I can guarantee that, I think that they get. His understanding is you pay the village a license to have each machine, and he thinks that bars can only have six, and then like truck stops can have ten. What we probably need to do is look at it and find out exactly and revisit it because we can’t say on one side of the coin say we want to invite businesses in and then on the other side of the coin, we could offer that as a tiff because we don’t charge as much. But let’s know exactly what it is. Broccardo said he knows because he talked to Carp over in Taylorville, they get one third of all profit and he thought he said he was up two fifty to five hundred, they complain in the first little bit, but he says look at your profit margin. Nelson said you are correct Louis, there is a thirty three percent that’s given to a municipality, and it is posted on Illinois.gov. He isn’t opposed to, Pezze said what you can do is all of these other small towns and see what they are charging. Nelson asked where we are at right now, Merano said five hundred for liquor and twenty-five per machine. Nelson said we also get a coin operated money to if they have pool tables or games too correct? Merano said No. Nelson said his restaurant pays Litchfield a coin operating fee because we have vending machines out front. Broccardo said our discussion months ago was, don’t we get like thirty-six hundred dollars in slot machine money, a year. Merano said no, more. Paso said her only objection is, let’s follow a plan we need to keep this water project going because without our infrastructure no business are going to come to town. We have one tavern, we used to have twenty-seven, we’ve got a couple of gas stations that happened and that’s it, we don’t want to bleed the two or three businesses we have left in town. Broccardo said he believes wholeheartedly, and he doesn’t think going from twenty-five to five hundred is going to bleed. Paso said we will always be guaranteed that one third because that is the gaming law so we can always look at it and review it every year, but we just have some big fish to fry right now. Pezze said we can look into it and see what they charge and go off that. Dees said we don’t need to kill them with price, but we can bring it up a little bit. Broccardo stated the liquor license at five hundred he doesn’t think that needs to go up much or any, but his personal opinion is that the slot machines are way lower than anyone else, even if we get a third of their profit they are still getting a third of their profit, but I mean a third is a lot of money. Paso said we need to check with Tovey and what they are charging because if we go above that they will just drive half a mile down the road to Tovey and gamble. Merano asked what Bulpitt charges, Broccardo said he never checked with that one he forgot to talk to County 5, there is County 5 and Coghlan’s there. Dees said he would find out.

Discuss aeration system at park- Jason Leefers said what he has proposed for the pond is before doing anything and this is the pond here at the park. So before doing any like chemical intervention on it as of right now in the state that it is in, he proposed a bottom diffused aeration system. It’s an airmax system in the brand, it runs off of 230 power so need to somehow get two thirty volt moved down to the shoreline and then the systems has a metal cabinet that has a lock on it and the compressor would be inside of there and all of the hoses go out, if there is any gap between the cabinet and the water, the hoses will get buried in conduit pipe and will run on the pond bottom to where they need to go and what that does is it is going to circulate water, it is going to push that stagnant water from the bottom up to the top to get oxygen from the atmosphere. Overall, it is going to increase the good bacteria levels in the water which are going to help the weeds and algae for the nutrients in the water. Really it is the best tool available for long-term health. He would like to see that get put in first before we would start any treatments just so we don’t risk having the fish killed. Then also, on the proposal is a three horsepower two thirty-volt fountain, that fountain can have several different types of nozzles on it, he just put a nozzle on the bid just to get something on paper, they are all close in price. It will have a one-hundred-foot cord, we will put it out where it needs to be. Then we have a light set on it, the fountain is programmed with a timer on a control box. That control box is lockable. Basically, everything that we put out there needs to be lockable and keep people out of it, because people are going to want to mess with anything they can. That fountain is also two thirty volt, so typically what we do is we will have power ran down to a sub panel, and then that sub panel will have, the fountain will need a forty-amp breaker and then the aeration system will need a twenty-amp breaker and a twenty-amp plug. Then after that, once you get the aeration system in, you have to do a break in period on it. You can’t just put it all out there, flip it on and let it go or else you are going to flip the pong too fast and then kill most of the fish. So you run it one hour the first day, two hours the next, four, eight then once you hit sixteen you can leave it run and he would say as the shape of the pond right now he would like to see that aeration system run for three hundred sixty five days then after that once you get into the winter months then you can shut it off in the winter time. Once it gets to in there just run it for a full calendar year and then after that you can shut it off in the wintertime. Pezze asked how many aerators there would be. Jason stated there will be six diffusers, one main compressor running air out into six diffusers. Paso said the box where the compressor is at, how close does it have to be to the pond.. The reason she asks is because sometimes kids are kids and vandalize things and she was wondering if it would be better to somehow bring that box into one of the buildings we have down there where we can have a lock on it so they can’t get to the box. Jason said yeah, he can run the compressor box as far as like up to a quarter mile away from the pond and stretch into lines. Obviously it will change the bid a little bit. We put it down there, because there was a light pole that he thought was a straight run to get power down there. He figured if we put, there is a sign there and we could put the control panel and sub panel and aeration box all together. But, to answer her question, yes. Another thing they have done, and they did it in Mt. Vernon is put it where they can’t reach it. Once it gets installed it goes on his schedule because there is regular preventative maintenance that will need done in the future. Just a rebuild kit on the compressor head. Every eighteen to twenty-four months the thing will pop up on his computer saying hey we need a rebuild kit in Kincaid and he will reach out and let us know we are due, that is the only thing maintenance wise on that. The diffuser you don’t need to do maintenance on them they can stay in the water. He would suggest taking the fountain out before freezing every year, your warranty on the fountain is void if the damage is caused by ice. So, typically they pull those out sometime in November, they clean them, store them then reinstall them around April 15th. After the aeration system gets in and gets up to run twenty-four seven he has a treatment schedule he thinks he can get the pond cleaned up with six treatments, he has them every fourteen days he can probably squeeze that to every ten days just to kind of expedite and get it cleaned up faster. That’s about all he has. He is from shoreline aquatics out of Carlinville. Someone asked what happens with the moss that is on it right now because there is a tremendous amount of moss on it right now. Jason said yes, he will treat that. He doesn’t want to do any treatments until he gets that taken care of. Another concern to is that with all that biomass and the moss that is on there already if we don’t put something in and we get a hard freeze or something and all that dies at one time you could have a lot of fish killed too. And if the moss gets too bad and covers most of it, you have too much shade and you don’t allow respiration in there you will have the summertime fish killed. Getting some oxygen in the water is a big deal. Paso asked, if his bid was chosen how soon he would be able to start on this. Jason said it normally takes three days for him to get it in, and then they can come up and he thinks maybe a week to ten days for go time. But the first step is getting power down there. Nelson said there is a one-hundred-amp box in the old kitchen he thinks, he is pretty sure we hooked the water heater up to it. It would be within the closest proximity to the shoreline other than the other storage shed and he doesn’t think there is electric in that. In the old park kitchen, there is a one-hundred-amp box in there he knows that for a fact. Dees asked if he could put the control panel on that pole up higher. Jason said with the fountain a lot of that cost is in the cord he would like to get the power as close as he can, if he can get the power down there and he drives like two-inch pipes yes he will have the power where no one can reach it the control panel. He will build a shelf to put the aeration cabinet on there, bolt everything down. Paso stated we had a bid from Star last year, she handed him a paper and asked if that would cover his needs. He said yes, but he doesn’t know what kind of power they are putting down there. Paso said she will call them and get an updated quote from them with the updated information.

Discuss Committees- Watson stated at the lake there are a couple of places she doesn’t understand like 25 A,B, and C. Jaeger said we don’t really know what’s going on out there. Christian Vacker stated 25 A,B and C were added later, it is considered three lots. Watson said there are a couple spots where it looks like they have permanent fixtures/structures, down and around, it’s not down where you would go down to the lake. Pezze asked if it was down around the loop, Watson said yes, like in the corner there. It looks like it has two campers on it, it looks like it has a deck. CJ said it’s not permanent last time he knew they just have it sitting here. Watson said some of the lots look like they have three campers on it, they are all bunched up. It is supposed to be one camper per lot. Pezze said he would take a drive out and see what they got.

Discuss Maras and Argo properties- Pezze stated we tabled the Argos but the other one I thought we decided we do not want the Maras. Broccardo said it looks like Maras put a for sale sign out there. Rahar said just so everyone is aware he represents the Maras estate, it caught me off guard when you mentioned it at the first meeting but based upon the decision he didn’t’ bring it up, so just an fyi. It’s not a big deal or anything he just wanted everyone to know. Dees said Argo, he knows we don’t have any money right now, but it would be ideal for a yard for the guys to put their rock, to burn leaves and all of that, but right now we don’t have the funds for it. Pezze said there are a lot of neighbors down there. Watson stated she thinks it would cost a lot to clean that up, she doesn’t think it is something we need to consider. Broccardo asked about an agreement with Tovey, Tony said we are supposed to, he tried getting ahold of him the other day, we are going to trade our vac truck services in exchange for using their burn pile. Which keeps us off the highway. Pezze asked if they all wanted him to tell Argo we aren’t interested. Everyone responded, yes.

Discuss vendor fair at park with opening kitchen- Nelson said he added this on, he wanted to get a date where we can open the kitchen and here is what he was thinking and he knows that we had a discussion maybe last year that we were going to do the first week of June as a garage sale and then we said another weekend and he doesn’t remember what weekend it was. But, he was thinking the first weekend in September 5th and 6th if we did make that our yard sale weekend and then also what he was thinking we can do is if he can find eight or ten vendors and have them come to the pavilion and set up so people can be out and about doing yard sales starting at like eight and then we can open the kitchen and serve pizza and nachos or something and it gives us an opportunity to open up the kitchen and he thinks it would be good for the mere fact that with the yard sales and the vendor fair people will be out and about and we would charge fifty bucks to provide power to the space and if we get eight or ten of them we will take that four or five hundred dollars and spend it on the food and serve it until we run out and not cost us anything. Merano asked what dates he was talking about? Nelson stated the garage sale weekend maybe make it the 4th, 5th, and 6th we can do it Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Do it Saturday the 6th of September. Dees asked if we are still doing the clean up on the twentieth, Yes and then we are doing the garage sales the weekend of the thirteenth. Paso asked for the dates again. Nelson said the clean up day is Saturday the twentieth. The garage sales will be the 12th, 13th, and 14th and we will have the vendor fair down at the pavilion. The vendor fair will be one day only. Clare Duran said she doesn’t Forsee a lot of people going to a vendor fair the same weekend at the garage sales because people are going to be busy with the garage sales. When they garage sale, they are going to garage sale and that is where they are going to spend their money they aren’t going to go to a vendor fair too. It will have to be either or. Nelson said he is up for whatever discussion, and he doesn’t want to do it all by himself, but this was an opportunity to open up the kitchen. Clare said mid-October would be the perfect time to have a fall vendor fair, a lot of people are looking for those fall vendor fairs because Christmas is right around the corner. Nelson said the only thing in October vs September is inclement weather. Paso said she would like to throw her two cents into the discussion. She thinks when late September or October, even depending on the weather heck, we still might be wearing bathing suits in November, but she thinks we should reimplement the fish dinners, where people can drive through and pick up their fish or whatever, keeping our menu very tailored and very simple. We can also now since we have the pizza ovens the availability for a pizza. So, she thinks that would be a good thing for the board to do. Nelson said he is on board for getting the kitchen open and he has the license to do it. We will continue and get this set up.

Discuss terms for emergency spending- Pezze said we all know what that is about, the sewer line. Right now, we aren’t having much luck on getting any emergency grants. Paso said no, she called IML and Beverly has been on the phone more than she has. Pezze said he spoke with Chastain as well, he said before we can really do anything with grants we need to have the mapping that was done on that sewer last to know whether it’s worth it to fix one block or the street or whatever. Basically, what he said was if you fix going down the alley, but you go across the street and it is still crushed… Nelson said he understands the scope of work, but he is having a problem with only having one bid for this amount of money and not anybody else, Merano stated Tommy was getting them he just didn’t get them today. Christian said you guys don’t need multiple bids for this because it is an emergency, he did find the ordinance for that. Paso asked if we ever got the mapping from Hoerr. Pezze said he got ahold of him today and he was supposed to email that over today, they are supposed to send a flash drive of the entire project. Watson asked how long it has been since this area has had problems, she knows she heard them talking about it. Dees said they have had sewer problems over there for forever, years. Paso stated the pipe caved in. Pezze said it’s never been found where a good place would be to dig in. Watson said this is something where it should have been done years ago, Nelson stated there have been band aids along the way if that is what you are saying, money hasn’t been spent and that is why we are in the situation we are in. Paso said Beverly has spoken with Chastain. Beverly said she called a company where we used to get loans and grants and they are out of business, Rural water said no, she did talk to Miss. Clark from Chastain she gave her the field office with IEPA name and number, and Tony is going to call tomorrow. She also asked if we did the project later can we throw it in with Phase 2 because it’s not going to be able to be lined, she said no. We can put it in phase two now but wait until everything is done with phase two like the bidding and everything which could be a year. Nelson said that is the only way feasible that we could fathom, we aren’t writing a check for that. That is ridiculous, there is just no way it is going to be tied in. We are going to have to put halt on some of the projects, we are going to have to stop. This is giving the message. Paso stated this is a systematic project. One chunk follows another chunk and the problem we have now is that we don’t have any televised indicators what else in that line is broken so if we spend a chunk of money on just one block we don’t know if it is going to cave in somewhere else along the way. First thing we need to do is get Hoerr to give us the televised scoping that they did of the pipes over there. That is the first thing, and the other thing is we just have to weigh it out because this is a critical thing. We are talking about health and safety of a community and with the sewer line that is broken you can’t just let it go. Tommy said E.L. Pruitt did try to get a camera down there on the East side on railroad, they went in so far and there was a new piece of pipe, and it went to something else, and it went to concrete so they could only get the camera in about one hundred feet so that sewer is pretty rough. Every time they try to dig and even touch it with a shovel it crumbles. Tommy said we are talking manhole to manhole. Paso asked tommy how much more pipe he anticipates needs like ballpark figure. Tommy said he is pretty much thinking manhole to manhole, the entire block- that is what they bid was for then fourteen feet to everyone’s tap and fix the lines. Christian said there should be a manhole in the middle of all that, they aren’t supposed to be any further than four hundred feet and it’s about six fifty or something like that. So, there should be one in the middle. Paso said we could add on to phase two if we say it now, but we have the immediate problem with the one that is already caved. Merano said Tommy knows more about that than she does. Tommy said they have gotten about thirty feet, and it just keeps going. Dees said we will keep trying to get bids and go from there.

Discuss hiring part time in street department- Pezze said it is too late to hire just for mowing, but we could use them in general for everything and maybe work into a full-time job. Nelson asked if we had a candidate. Dees said from he was told, getting CDL requirements is super expensive and all the paperwork. Tommy stated Mark Wolfe does the training in Taylorville and if someone needed training he is sure Mark would do it. Watson asked if we actually need another part time person on the street department. Pezze said he asked the guys, and they said yes, they could put someone down at the sewer plant right now. Tommy said eventually they are going to need someone anyway, he is going to be sixty-two and he will work a bit and he will stay as long as he can but if he can retire he would like to do so. Someone needs to get in here and start learning. Pezze said in hiring part time as long as we keep them under one thousand hours we are good, and if they work out to be a good employee we can keep them. He isn’t knocking the union contract because he thinks the guys got a good contract but one thing that they changed on there that he doesn’t like is after sixty days they automatically make what you guys make. Broccardo confirmed yes, any new hire after sixty days goes to twenty-four dollars an hour. Dees asked what the wage would be on a part time job. Pezze said same thing we start any other part time, at seventeen an hour. Nelson said so it would be helpful for them if they can’t work more than the one thousand and twenty hours maximum a week at seventeen dollars an hour. We should probably post something if everyone agrees. Broccardo asked if we go back to the guy who applied the first time and say hey this Is what we got, he said he can call them up and say hey this is what we can offer if you’re willing to do this and we will accept your interview. Broccardo asked; come plow season if they work overtime over their eight hours are they entitled to their time and a half or no, just you get seventeen fifty and hour no matter how many hours you work. Pezze said yes, we just need to keep them under their hours. Merano said there is nothing you can do about it tonight, because you can’t’ take a vote on it tonight so you can put it on the next regular agenda. Watson asked they were still discussing if they were going to hire somebody because personally, herself she doesn’t’ think that we should right now, we are broke. Nelson said Well they need help and if you think about it for the last three months we haven’t paid for commissioners salary or chief of police it’s not like we are breaking the bank you know we are navigating, he said they wouldn’t be asking for help if they didn’t need it and they are asking for it. Pezze asked if they wanted to table it until the next agenda, yes was responded.

VISITORS: A PERSON SHALL BE PERMITTED AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS OFFICIALS UNDER THE RULES ESTABLISHED BY THE VILLAGE OF KINCAID (3 MINUTES PER PERSON) 5 ILCS 120.2.06g

Christian Vacker said he knows we are talking about not having a lot of money, are we going to charge the storage fee out at the lake. He knows we are talking about everyone leaving at the end of October. In the lease, there is a two-hundred-and-fifty-dollar storage fee if they want to leave anything on the lots. Pezze said that’s the way it should be, they all know it and they singed the contract. So, on November 1st every lot with something on it, including docks is two hundred and fifty dollars. Is the list getting re done every year? Every year on July 23rd the wait list is supposed to restart. From July 1st – July 22nd everyone that wants to stay on the list is supposed to write in to stay on the list. That will at least give everyone who wants a lake lot the chance. He has all the sections and stuff. Are we prioritizing Midland residents, Pezze said Yes. Christian stated this next one isn’t about the lake lots. The closed meetings, twice a year you guys are just supposed to have something on the agenda to vote on whether or not you are going to open the closed meetings, or the previous closed meeting minutes at some point you need to throw that on there. If Jayme wants to know where it’s at I can tell her. Every March, the zoning map is supposed to be gone over by the zoning officer, or plant commission. If you don’t’ have a zoning officer by next March then you guys probably must do that. He knows we had a lady come up here and ask if she could have her culvert replaced, he found in the ordinance book that if someone wants their culvert replaced they have to pay for it, the only time the village pays for it is if its in your driveway, he knows there was some confusion there. The last thing, there is standing committees in the administration chapter, some of them: streetlights is supposed to be a standing committee, trees is a standing committee, sewer, water, and streets is all separate. There are eight standing committees in the ordinance book, but any extra ones are special committees. Tony stated he has committees passed down from the last administration. Christian said he would just at some point change the committees in the ordinance book to what we have now.

Adjournment: Trustee Dees made a motion to adjourn, it was seconded by Nelson. All ayes. The time was 7:00 p.m.

Special Meeting Agenda

Roll Call – Watson- here, Paso- here, Jaeger- here, Broccardo- here, Dees- here, Nelson- here.

Special Guest- (Clare Duran)- Clare said after listening to all the sewer issues she kind of feels bad for asking this, but you all know she is having her event on August 16th and we are going to be using the kitchen and she knows that there is a two hundred and fifty dollar deposit that needs to be put down but is returned once the kitchen is cleaned, and then there is a charge of two hundred and fifty dollars for the kitchen. She is asking the board and administration to waive or donate the usage of the kitchen for her event because she did get some company sponsors but need to keep the rest of that money, she used some for crafts and things for the kids to do. She would like to use what’s left for food and the things that are necessary for that. That would help her out tremendously to have that fee waived and she solemnly swears to clean the kitchen spic and span. Nelson said he will support waiving the fee and if not he will pay it. Clare said Kips wife offered to cook the food and is helping a lot. She will pay two hundred and fifty dollars for the deposit and as long as the kitchen is clean the deposit will be refunded. Nelson made a motion to waive the rental fee; it was seconded by Jaeger. All ayes.

Generator Maintenance- Merano said this is the maintenance on the generator outside here. The light is on. Broccardo said you can check the code and look it up and it could just be a loose cable. Beverly stated Jayme gave her some information. The email states: your generator is not covered under the units warranty. Routine maintenance is four hundred and twenty-eight dollars a year. This covers materials, labor, and travel. We have a ten-year warranty, the maintenance doesn’t fall under the warranty so for them to come out and maintain it would be four hundred and twenty-eight dollars a year. Paso asked so if they maintain it, the warranty is good correct, yes! Paso made a motion to approve the yearly maintenance fee for the generator. Dees seconded the motion. All ayes.

Sewer Line- Pezze stated we pretty well took care of this sewer line until we get more information on it.

Bulpitt storm drain- Tommy said they paved it they wanted five grand to raise the grate. We can do and take care of this ourselves. Tommy said this week maybe next week we can get on it.

Hiring police chief- Pezze said this was going into closed session.

Closed Session- Trustee Nelson made a motion to go into closed session, Dees seconded the motion. All ayes. The time was 7:10 p.m.

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

Motion to come out of Closed Session was made by Nelson. Dees seconded the motion. The time was 7:40 p.m.

Motion to go back into open session was made by Nelson, seconded by Dees. The time was 7:41 p.m.

Trustee Nelson made a motion to hire Mike Allsup as the police chief for the Village of Kincaid. The motion was seconded by Dees. All ayes.

Adjournment:

Trustee Dees made a motion to adjourn; it was seconded by Nelson. All ayes. The time was 7:45 p.m.