

VILLAGE OF KINCAID
115 CENTRAL AVE. KINCAID, IL. 62540
TIME 6:00 P.M.
MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2024
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was brought to order by Mayor Robert Morris.

Roll call was taken by the Village Clerk.

Nelson- here, Dees- here, Warren- here, Lawrence- here, Paso- here, Gibson- here

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all who attended the meeting.

Mayor Robert Morris spoke up before the meeting began and asked everyone if we could have a moment of silence, in remembrance of Roy Durbin, who had just recently passed away.

A moment of silence.

● Golf Cart Prices for Veterans- Trustee Gibson spoke up and stated that he had two different Veterans ask if we could have the price of the golf cart stickers to be \$35 instead of \$50. He also had another guy that wanted to know if they could get it for free. Gibson stated that he is a Veteran and it does not bother him one bit to pay the fee. Trustee Nelson spoke up and stated that if we start singling out them, then we are also looking at the possibility of Senior Citizens wanting a break, as well as people on disability. Foreman Mark Wolfe spoke up and stated that right now we do give a break on the boat stickers for Veterans, but they must be 50% disabled to get the sticker for free. Trustee Warren spoke up and stated that there are quite a few more disabled veterans with golf carts then there are that go out on the lake. Warren stated he definitely feels that we should recognize our veterans and for what they have done and what they are doing. Trustee Paso spoke up and asked how we would know if the person is a veteran who is 50% disabled. Trustee Warren stated that the person would have to come in with proof, stating that they are a disabled veteran. He stated that almost everyone would carry a card with them, or if not, they would have a letter stating otherwise. Trustee Lawrence asked to have this put on the agenda for the next meeting for further discussion. Trustee Warren spoke up and stated that speaking of veterans, he wanted everyone to take a moment of silence for the 3 veterans that lost their lives over in Jordan and the many that were injured. A moment of silence.

● Board to go through the Ordinance book- The village clerk spoke up about this matter and stated that there has been several times that it was brought up at a meeting, that the ordinance book needs to be revised and updated. She stated that there are some things that are not being followed correctly. She also stated in reference to a section with regards to the Military pay and how now we are doing differential pay, where the person sends us their LES paperwork and we figure up the differential, using the calculations. It was not stated this way in the Ordinance book, so this is just one of the things that needs to be changed. She just wanted to know if the board wanted to just go through sections at a time during each meeting, with regards to looking through everything and seeing what needs to be kept, changed or revised. Trustee Nelson spoke up about possibly having a committee to go through sections of the book. Trustee Paso spoke up about maybe having a few board members go through sections and then bringing it up to the board and see what everyone would agree upon. The clerk did say that she has the ordinance book saved to file and that she could just email it to each of the board members to look over. Mayor Robert Morris spoke up and wanted to know who would want to be on this committee, to go over the ordinance book. Trustee

Paso and Trustee Nelson both spoke up and stated that they would be on the committee. Foreman Mark Wolfe spoke up and stated that since there are sections to the book, that certain sections should go to certain board members to look over. Trustee Paso spoke up again and stated that maybe they could come 30 minutes prior to a meeting and go over a few sections at a time. Mark Wolfe asked what happened to having committees for certain things in the village? We have a committee for Police, for finances and for the park, but he feels we should do better with having more committees for different things. There was talk about putting this idea, for more committees, on the agenda for next time. Trustee Warren stated that the chapter in the Ordinance book that really needs to be looked over is Chapter 11. Trustee Paso spoke up and stated that maybe they should just go ahead and start with that chapter first.

- Discuss utilizing more services with ACS- Trustee Warren spoke up and stated that he got with the clerk and had her get some pricing with regards to using more of the services with ACS but he stated that there were some discrepancies with the pricing and what they are actually charging us. He stated that we needed to get with ACS and figure out where the disconnect is. He stated that right now we are just using the Utility billing part of it and the payroll. He stated that the general ledger and the checkbook are the ones that he was really looking into implementing. He stated that he must do more research into this before making a decision. He stated that he would like to table this till a little further down the road after doing more research. Treasurer Beverly Merano spoke up and asked Trustee Warren if he could get with her as well on this matter, because she had called up several other places that use ACS. She stated that only one person uses more of the services with ACS and it cost them \$2,000 per year. Beverly stated that there are other programs out there. Trustee Warren reiterated that ACS was specifically designed for municipalities. Beverly stated that she spoke to the auditors, who did tell her that we could use whatever we wanted, but with her using QuickBooks right now, this is something that the auditors are more familiar with. She stated that they can help her out better with using QuickBooks. She also stated that this is what she uses and what the clerk uses, so she just wanted to keep using this for now. Trustee Warren just wanted to look into this and wanted us to get into the 21st century and make things easier for Beverly and for everyone else.

- Property next to the Sewer plant- Mayor Robert Morris stated that this was discussed previously. Foreman Mark Wolfe stated that this could have been taken off the agenda, but the clerk had already posted it before he got his phone call from the owner, stating that he listed the property with a realtor. It was stated that the owner was asking \$26,000 for the property. Wolfe stated that we can just sit and wait on this and see what happens. He did state that they are going to have to move the road over by the sewer plant. He also stated that he needs to get the place surveyed as well. Wolfe is going to look into this and have a price on getting it surveyed.

Mark Wolfe spoke back up and just wanted to let the board know that contractors would be coming in, in the next week to start work down at the sewer plant. He stated that all the parts came in and that they would be able to start getting to the construction on the sewer project. Mark also stated that they have been looking into buying a potholder. He stated that is a trailer mounted vac and has a hose to go with it. He stated they were looking into purchasing something like this since we had the \$30,000 grant for lead and copper. He stated these trucks are usually around \$50 to \$60,000. Wolfe stated that Co. Equipment has a truck with the potholder and they are asking \$90,000 for it. He stated that Taylorville bought a new one, but theirs was around \$550,000. Wolfe stated they could probably get around \$15,000 for their truck. Wolfe asked the Treasurer to go ahead and take over from here. The Treasurer stated that she called up the bank in regards to a loan and they are at

8.5% right now. The treasurer stated that the bank told her we could use the CD that we have. She stated that the CD's are going to be up here around March or April. Trustee Warren spoke up and wanted to know what we get right now for the CD's. The treasurer stated that she was not exactly sure, without getting into the safe, but she thought it was 3.8 % or 4%. The treasure reiterated that the CD is a security. The CD will be coming into maturity within the next couple of months. Trustee Warren wanted to know if we could use the CD for the money that was needed for the truck and that what was left out of the CD put it into another CD at a higher rate. The treasurer spoke up and stated that the general fund needs to stay healthy. She stated that we have two projects going on with the water and sewer. Trustee Nelson spoke up and wanted to know if there was anything wrong with the truck that we have now and if it needs to be upgraded to maybe spend less money to have it upgraded. Wolfe stated that the truck they have does not have the attachment needed and it is a 1985 truck. Wolfe stated that the truck still works but it is getting a little worn out. Wolfe stated he thinks he could get \$20,000 or just \$15,000. Trustee Paso spoke up and wanted to know how often they would need to use this truck for. Wolfe spoke up and stated that they do use it quite a bit in the spring and summer, but not very much in the winter. Wolfe stated that when they start doing the research for lead and copper, that they will be exposing some of the main lines to tell the EPA what we have. He stated that this research is in regards to obtaining another grant. The treasurer spoke back up and stated that she already did the appropriation and only appropriated \$50,000 for equipment expenses and that if they go over this amount, she would have to amend the appropriation and go into the courthouse to do so. Wolfe stated that Co. Equipment does rent out their products and that he could look into maybe renting to own the equipment. Wolfe stated that he would look into this and get back with the board on this.

There were no visitors at this meeting to speak.

There was also no need to go into a closed session at this particular meeting

Mayor Robert Morris spoke up and asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Trustee Nelson. A second motion was made by Trustee Dees. All Ayes. The time was 6:28 p.m.

The minutes were typed up by the Village Clerk

Stephanie Brown