Village Of Kincaid

115 Central Ave. Kincaid, IL. 62540

Time- 6:00 p.m.

Monday August 12, 2024

Regular Meeting Minutes

The meeting was brought to order by Mayor Robert Morris. Roll call was taken by the Village Clerk.

Roll Call-Lawrence-here, Paso-here, Gibson-absent, Warren-here, Dees-here, Nelson-here.

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

Approval of minutes from July’s meetings- A motion was made by trustee Nelson to approve the minutes; a second motion was made by trustee Paso. All Ayes.

Attorney Rahar introduced himself and stated that he wasn’t sure how many people have attended a meeting in the past, but he wanted it known that this is a public meeting in the sense that there is business to be conducted so if anyone had anything to say it would be addressed towards the end where they have their allotted time to say something as a visitor. Otherwise, it is the trustees, mayor, treasurer and clerk and himself who need to conduct business. So, if there was something anyone wanted to say there was a spot for them to do so later. He stated he just wanted to give a heads up as he saw some new faces.

Special guest Chastain and associates- No one was present from Chastain and Associates. Mayor Morris said he and Foreman Wolfe met with Chastain and Associates earlier that day. He asked Foreman Wolfe If he had any comments. Wolfe said that the water project for Bulpitt should start in about two weeks. Attorney Rahar asked if they needed anything out of him as far as the ordinance should go, he just wanted to make sure he was good to go. Wolfe said they are waiting on working on the railroad easements.

Andrea Trudeau to discuss ordinance violation- Andrea was present and stated her yard had gotten a little overgrown, her kids had gone out to mow it and their mower broke. It was then fixed, but they have been going through a lot as her kids’ dads passed away and she doesn’t have the money to pay for the fine. Trustee Nelson asked Andrea what exactly it was she was asking for. Andrea stated she was asking for the fine to be dismissed. Trustee Nelson asked Dismissed for needed clarification. Trustee Lawrence asked what the fine was for. Andrea said it was for the tall grass. Trustee Nelson asked if the issue has been taken care of. Andrea responded, yes sir. Trustee Nelson then asked when it was taken care of. Andrea said the day the ticket was written is the same day her lawn mower broke. She contacted a friend of hers to come and fix her mower. Trustee Nelson wanted to clarify with Andrea that moving forward this wasn’t going to become an issue. Andrea said no sir. Trustee Paso made a motion to remove the violation, a second motion was made by Trustee Nelson. All Ayes.

New Business

Discuss Notary for Jayme- Jayme stated her and Mike had spoken a few times about becoming a notary. The convenience alone was beneficial. Jayme wasn’t sure if this was something that the board would approve to pay for or if she needed to pay out of pocket. Mayor Morris said no, she does not have to pay for it because she does have to be a notary. Trustee Lawrence made a motion for the board to pay for the Notary, a second motion was made by Nelson. All ayes.

Discuss Water shut off day- Foreman Wolfe said he put this on the agenda because Jayme was asking, well we were discussing the previous Clerk wasn’t doing the shut offs like she was supposed to be doing. Foreman Wolfe asked for clarification from Jayme that it was on the website. Jayme stated yes that she found it on the website, and it stated that if your water was shut off you had to pay the previous bill, one hundred dollar reconnect fee as well as the current bill in order to get your water turned back on. Wolfe said the previous clerk was just having them pay the bill and sometimes the one hundred dollars. But we didn’t really stick to that. Wolfe did say that when that was really applied the shut off list stayed down, and we didn’t have nearly as many people on it and now we are back up to quite a few people. Foreman Wolfe said Jayme just wanted to make sure that’s how we wanted to proceed with that. He doesn’t think a vote needed to be done she just needed a definite answer. It is also posted on the website. Trustee Lawrence said he agrees that it needs to go back to that and especially if it is posted on the website.

Discuss Zoning officer- Trustee Lawrence stated that he just wanted to go over a few things with everybody, this has changed about four times. Zoning is not a paid position and never has been. Reimbursement of money received is by the taxpayers and not the Village. Reimbursements are not considered wages and is not taxable income. In fact, the Village holds its money and draws interest from it. Zoning money is not allocated by the Village, nor on the salary list. Compensation for the Village zoning officer shall deliver the to Village Clerk all fees received for building permits and otherwise to the village clerk who will deposit the same in the account to the village from time to time. The village zoning officer may request distribution of the fees for his compensation. Upon request, the village clerk in conjunction with the village treasurer shall prepare a check for the village zoning officer for services rendered from the account where the permit fees and others money were deposited. The money that the village zoning officer receives for the village for the permit fees and other income shall be defined as compensation to the zoning officer. And he or she shall receive a 1099 from that time until the end of the year. Trustee Lawrence said this has come up several times first when I became zoning officer, I don’t know how many years ago. I didn’t even know it was a paid position, Billy Hogan called him up that night and had it voted in that he, Trustee Lawrence didn’t want any money from zoning, he wanted to donate it all. It was fine for years. The mayor called him up and said Hey we have a problem. Beverly spoke with the accountant and said that you need to take the money. So, the next meeting they voted in and said that you can still do with it as you wanted, so he has been donating it. It came up a while back about two different positions, that it not through IML. IML basically is just a guideline and guide set, our bible is this right here everybody, not the IML this is the village of Kincaid book. This is our bible here. Again, IML is a guide set. This has been set in stone in precedents for many many years. There is nothing in this book that I could find, and a couple other people looked to and said no one found anything that states that he is doing anything wrong. So, he did want to make that clear that whatever he does with the money is up to him and it is his business. Not someone else’s where it goes, he is tired of people saying it’s going to go here or wherever, it’s not up to anyone. It’s old news, it’s been changed about four- or five-times board and Mr. Mayor and enough is enough with this. That’s where he is with that, Trustee Lawrence asked if anyone had any questions. Treasurer Merano said she needed to verify something though. The Village bought a laptop and a scanner, does she need to take that out of the zoning line item. Trustee Lawrence said you do not, he had that approved by the board to be paid for by the Village of Kincaid. Treasurer Merano said OK because we have taken supplies out or whatever. Trustee Lawrence said again, this was approved by the village of Kincaid, there wasn’t anything that came up, so he isn’t asking for a miracle he asked for a laptop. Some things are starting to change here with the solar panels and Trustee Warren and his son both had helped him download all of his stuff so he could learn the computer and a little bit more so when things are sent to him, he can scan and send stuff out instead of taking a picture on his phone. So no, it was voted on to pay for the laptop and the scanner not to be taken out of the zoning money. Trustee Nelson asked if the zoning money was in the General fund. Treasurer Merano said yes. Trustee Paso asked Trustee Lawrence if you choose to resign your position as zoning officer, do the laptop and scanner stay with the next zoning officer. Trustee Lawrence replied yes, one hundred percent, yes. Trustee Warren said it belonged to the city in which Trustee Lawrence agreed. Trustee Warren said he had Jayme send him the links to the IML training that we are supposed to go through and the sexual harassment and he went through it and watched it in its entirety and the example IML gave it was more of a alderman or a village trustee for the city wanted to go be a zoning officer for the county they could not do that because it was two different entities. It was not for the same entity it was for two different entities. It would be like he would favor a community and county at the same time. That is the actual example they gave of that part of the training, was that. Trustee Warren also stated that they just got the updates for the new book. And what Trustee Lawrence said was exactly what was in the ordinance book. Mayor Morris asked if there were any more questions.

Discuss Golf cart stickers- Trustee Warren spoke up and said he was reached out to by someone about the stickers. We have that if a Veteran has a disability that they get their golf cart sticker for free, he wouldn’t like to add onto the verbiage of that , that if that Veteran passed away his surviving spouse who if he was getting disability she is also getting the disability from the Va, that should be added that she be allowed to come up and get a sticker with no cost. That would be his request. Trustee Lawrence made a motion that the verbiage be changed for the spouse of a disabled veteran. A second motion was made by trustee Warren, All ayes.

Old Business

Discuss Park Kitchen equipment- Mayor Morris said he did reach out to Falcon they will buy back the stuff that was the overage, So it’s really kind of up to you guys what you want to do. Trustee Lawrence said he wanted to touch base on this. To start off with there was nothing voted on by the board for spending, there was no money set aside. He doesn’t care if we did have four thousand ninety-five and sixty-two cents in the park fund. We always do research first to determine what we might need, and how much it is and bring it to a vote if we have the funding. But that is not what happened here. The mayor took it on his own to spend thirteen thousand one hundred and eighty-six dollars on new kitchen equipment. Called three board members and told them he was going to go purchase new kitchen equipment but didn’t tell them how much he was going to be spending. That is not how this works. In one phone call the Village Treasurer writes a check knowing on hand this was not voted on. In fact, the mayor and the treasurer have done this in the past on kitchen as far as more kitchen equipment and pizza ovens that were over four thousand dollars. And it gets better yet; 7/15/24 the mayor called three board members to get approval to spend the taxpayer’s money without a vote, the equipment came in on 7/17/2024. Trustee Lawrence went down to the park on 7/18/2024, looked at the kitchen equipment and took some pictures. Once we called the mayor out on illegal spending on taxpayers’ money without approval, he said he would contact Falcon kitchen equipment company the next day to see about returning the equipment. He said he would contact Trustee Lawrence and let him know. Trustee Lawrence tried contacting Mayor Morris with no answer. When Mayor Morris got into contact with Trustee Lawrence, he told him there was no refund, then six minutes later he said as far as the boss was on vacation he would call him back the next week to let us know. Trustee Lawrence called Falcon equipment himself and spoke with a manager Jeff, and asked if we could return this, Jeff looked it up and said no, it is all special order, he told Trustee Lawrence that there was nothing he could do about it. They started talking some more and he did ask for an invoice to be sent and he pulled the invoice up, but what Trustee Lawrence finds ironic is that on 7/11/24 when he pulled the invoice up he said that the Mayor had special ordered all of this, but yet the Mayor called everybody up on 7/15/24 , three board members and said basically he was going up to get this kitchen equipment but it was already pre ordered on 7/11/24 is what Falcon kitchen equipment told me. Trustee Lawrence stated that later on that day he was going to send him the invoice, twelve o clock came no invoice, he said Jeff was in a meeting, but he will send it to you in a bit. Trustee Lawrence called back around close to 5 o clock. The manager got on the phone and said I can’t do it, Lawrence asked what do you mean. Jeff stated he just got off the phone with the owner and I am not allowed to send that to you, this is a large gray area and said that someone just talked to him about all of it and he wasn’t allowed to talk to him about any of it or send him an invoice. Trustee Lawrence said Bottom line is there is some stuff getting covered up here, like he said if he would have gone and spent some money like this, they would be swinging him off the water tower. This stuff must end, this isn’t the first time this has happened. Someone snaps their fingers, someone says I want a check, checks are written. Again, we have a board for a reason, we have a job to do. I try to do the best I can what I was voted in on the job I was in for to do the very best job I can for the Village of Kincaid and for the taxpayers that deserve it. Otherwise, I am just wasting my time up here. So, Mr. Mayor, I leave that in your hands. It wasn’t right what you’ve done, this has happened in the past. Mayor Morris said yeah, I apologized already. And another thing that I want to point out to you is that you don’t have no say so about writing the 20,000 check for that place out there. That wasn’t supposed to be written until September. Lawrence said I came up here to the board. Mayor Morris said no you texted. Lawrence said are we on that subject right now Mr. Mayor. Mayor Morris replied no but I’m telling you right now you don’t have no authority on that. Lawrence then said Well you’re calling the kettle black here or whatever. You’re calling something out that wasn’t even on the agenda here or whatever. That was voted on, I didn’t want the building. I stated that in the past, many many years back, Okay. Then again Mr. Mayor, taxpayers need you to do your job. Mayor Morris Replied yeah, that’s what I’m doing. Lawrence said no you’re not, you haven’t been from the start. Morris replied whatever. Lawrence said end of discussion. Trustee Nelson interrupted and said Stop, stop, stop. Time out I’m going to speak freely. Permission to speak freely, Morris replied yes. Trustee Nelson stated I agree this was not handled correctly, and I agree that there should be some disciplinary measures, I do. Number one, he didn’t act alone. Larence said I Agree. Nelson said He had someone with him that’s on the finance committee that went with him okay. Larence replied uh huh. Nelson said so, all in all this board had already discussed moving forward when we decided that we were going to do the park kitchen. Every member of this board was on board doing the park Kitchen okay. When we decide to do that, bigger picture do you realize how much money that we saved by having Mark and his crew build that kitchen. Larence interrupted and said and that man right there. Nelson continued saying I’m getting there. I bet you anything, minimum $10,000 in labor minimum just saved. I’m just saying labor only, for what Mark and his crew did for the Village of Kincaid and built that park which is beautiful. We all agreed and had we hired Star Electric for probably $2,500 to do what he does, I don’t know I’m just estimating. Lawrence said uh- huh. Nelson said we’re not having this discussion if it was handled in a different fashion. We should not in any way, shape, or form even consider handling our business the Village of Kincaid, to an independent owner of a business and say hey we want to return all this stuff. We should not do that. What we should do is look forward, try to amend it, yes, we need discipline, we do Bob I’m sorry. But from this point on, if it was up to me, you’d be on probation till the end of your term of spending because whether there’s anything. Morris replied I’ll take that. Nelson then said it’s not up to me to decide but that’s what I’d recommend. But in the same token, we need to have something if we don’t already. We need to review it but isn’t there some type of ordinance that we’re going to spend over a thousand dollars or something, isn’t there something like that in our Village ordinance. Rahar replied that if you’re spending municipal funds it needs to be voted on. Nelson said but there must be a limit. If you’re going to spend more than one thousand dollars, I’m sure there has to be. Paso then said that there was an ordinance regarding office materials. Nelson said but listen, my thing is this. I don’t believe that there was any malice or ill intent. I really don’t think that that’s the case, I just wish that it would have been handled better. Lawrence replied me too Kip. Nelson said that as much as I hate to say this Mike you know I’m not attacking you in any way, shape, or form but you know there’s an underlying reason why you’re doing this. Everyone in this room knows that. Lawrence said but it’s not right. Nelson said do it the right way. Do it in April, don’t do it here, put him on probation, he’ll be a good boy. Don’t return the equipment. What we need to do, go down there that refrigerator, I guarantee you we could probably sell that thing for fifteen hundred to Two-thousand dollars. We do not need to take that junk to the new brand-new kitchen. Paso replied that’s correct. Nelson and we have the nice stuff, we’ll use it so please don’t make us take that shit back, excuse my language. I’m very adamant about this. Lawrence said that we have a finance committee, and we have a board. Nelson said the Finance committee was there Mike. Lawrence replied that it was not voted on to spend thirteen thousand. Nelson said that no one is saying anything differently. Lawrence said OKAY that was my point, to get that across it wasn’t done properly. Trustee Nelson said it should never be done again. Lawrence said that taxpayers have a right to know what happened and what’s going on. Trustee Nelson said of course they do, we all discussed as a board we were all on the same page. There was nobody that wasn’t on the same page. It should’ve been handled differently. If he would’ve gone down there and spent five thousand dollars. We’re not having this conversation, but we should have because the board has to do it, that’s my take on it. He does not need to give up his seat or be reprimanded. Do it the right way brother. Lawrence replied I’m trying but again it’s repeatedly. Nelson said just so you know if you do win, I will support you just like I do Bob, but leave him alone. If he’s wrong, and he knows he’s wrong, we need to handle it differently. Probation no more spending on his behalf till the end of his term and let’s move on and focus. Paso then replied, I was going to say yes, I was part of it. Did I have a lapse of judgement, or a lapse of common sense, I don’t know. I just thought that we had the building done, I thought we were going to move forward. And I do want to say this. We have a state-of-the-art kitchen down there. We can use it, we can make that money back in no time. We can rent it out for company picnics, or family reunions, we can just start doing fish dinners or whatever else on Friday night. Nelson agreed we can get that money back. Paso then said It’s state of the art and there’s no reason to bring the junk that was in the old cook shack down there. You go first class, and you cry once, so lets move forward and make some money off of what we’ve got down there. Nelson replied, agreed we can auction or sell that stuff and make some money back, I guarantee you we can. Lawrence said bottom line the point is, it was done wrong. It should’ve been looked at; the finance committee should have looked at some numbers used and new and decided as a board. Paso replied that it’s not all brand new some of it is used equipment, but we can’t go back and undo it, it’s done. Yes, it was done wrong, but it’s done. Nelson said that once again the Village Board is closing the door when all the cows have already gotten out. If we’d have bought that equipment next year, then it would be two grand more than what it was this year. Nelson said that we just need to use it to its capacity but Mike you’re right there needs to be something, there really does. Rahar said that there’s two separate issues to the problem and I think that’s what Kip is trying to say, we’ve addressed one issue now we need to address the second issue. If we need to address the second issue it needs to be done in the closed session according to the open meetings act. So, the first one is we’re discussing it, like I told the Mayor beforehand, you guys need to determine what you want to do as a board. Lawrence asked what they said they would take back Mr. Mayor. Mayor Morris said the ice machine, which is not new, it’s used. Lawrence said correct it’s got the dings in it. Morris then said the pizza oven and one fryer. Lawrence said again we have two double deep fryers, one single deep fryer, and then Keith had said that one night one double deep fryer would be all we needed. He asked why we ended up getting four and I said I don’t know. Warren said that I put some numbers together, I got with Beverly what we have bottom line like Jarred is saying is we know things were done wrong okay were not disputing that fact, things were done wrong and I’m not condoning that it was done the right way and I don’t agree how it was done because I’m the one who brought it to light. But I was also taught that if I bring something to light that I should also have a solution for it. So, I put numbers together, and the total cost of the kitchen equipment that was bought it Thirteen thousand one hundred eighty-six dollars. In the kitchen fund which is the rescue money and the golf cart fund, we have eight thousand six hundred ninety-nine dollars in those two accounts right now. That leaves about forty-four hundred and eighty-six dollars. So, I went and checked what the equipment cost. The ice maker is roughly $3250.00. Out of all the equipment purchased that’s probably the one thing we can do without. I don’t think that’s a must have if we decide to take that back. One fryer was one thousand and ninety-two dollars, and one pizza oven was three hundred ninety-nine dollars. We bought two pizza ovens. If again depending on what the board wants to do, if we take those three items back, as they said they would do, that would cover the cost, that was overage. Plus throw a thirty-two hundred fifty-four dollars surplus into the kitchen. I’ve struggled with this, because I’m the one who brought it up. I know it was the right thing to do, but I also struggled with how to correct it. Everyone makes mistakes, we’re all human we make mistakes, but we need to learn from the mistakes we’ve made so we don’t do them again. And I think that’s what this is all about right here. And we’re bringing it all out in the open. Were transparent where everyone knows what went on, everyone knows what we’re trying to do to fix it. My suggestion, and this is just me, I don’t think that the old equipment should go back in there myself. I also don’t think that the community club, in their efforts to put on their Labor Day celebration should suffer because we’re not doing our part to try to help them, and the community, so we have a successful Labor Day. My suggestion is that we take the three items back that I just mentioned. But the board still must approve the money for what was bought, am I correct Jarred. Rahar replied yes sir. And again, that was what was said earlier what’s done is done. Whatever you want to call it either approve x amount of dollars or return x amount of equipment, so on and so forth. That’s what needs to happen. Warren said it’s up to the board either we say okay we’re going to pitch in the other forty four hundred bucks. Dees said I’ll throw my money in. Nelson asked if the ice machine is hooked up, Warren replied no it’s not hooked up, one fryer is not hooked up, the other pizza oven is not hooked up. If the board is going to make a decision I’m just trying to throw out suggestions because I feel that’s my responsibility to come up with some type of solution. Whether we keep it and pitch in the other money to recover, or re send the other items back that we still will have three brand new cookers, a brand-new refrigerator and a pizza oven that we can use down at the park for right now. And as far as I know we have a couple of good cookers if we need a cooker then we’ve got one. But like I’ve said that’s totally up to the people sitting in here. I just wanted to throw my suggestion in, and I agree with you Kip, And Jarred I don’t know where we go from this, because we must go into closed session to talk about it. Bob has apologized but we need to make sure this doesn’t happen again. Nelson said we need to have some ground rules. In my opinion the ice machine would be over kill, if we use it seven times a year then it’s shut off more than it’s on. If it was already hooked up then I’d have a different opinion. But I’d also like to know too, this gentleman that owns Falcon if you’d ever tried to get equipment in this area, they’re hard to find, they really are. And that gentleman would probably come down and purchase some of our used stuff. I don’t think that we need to burn that bridge in my opinion. He has a business that he owns, and the Village of Kincaid is kind of back. If he’s okay doing that if we can measure that somehow and he says hey I’ll still do business with you, and I’ll take the ice machine back. He then asked what else was there, Gary. Warren said it was a fryer, and a pizza oven. Nelson said we already voted we didn’t want any of them. We did that, so now we have two, I’m okay with that as long as we don’t burn that bridge. We need to find that out, and then it draws us closer to the amount. Then we’re not playing the guessing game and moving forward we know that we set the parameters. I’m okay with keeping it, I donate money I don’t take money from this job. So, I will continue to do that if it helps, but also I will spearhead some type of event, like the fish dinners or something like that. In my heart I don’t think we should do business that way, I don’t think we should say we need to return it, I think we should suck it up. And it’s nice. Make it nice and use it. I will support the democratic vote, if they want to take it back and we can still do business I will support that. Paso said and I agree with you Kip, and the thing is that I’ve been on this board for two and a half years. And I have seen this we have to hurry up and buy these pipes because they’re going to go up in price next year. And we spent eleven or twelve thousand dollars on pipes that are sitting somewhere. And we’ve got to buy meters because prices are going up next year. We’re always trying to anticipate things, trying to get the water project done, and I’m all for that. That’s a number one priority, but the lake is a priority now. Now we have a building out there we’re trying to take care of and we’re trying to get that cleaned up and looking nice. We’ve got golf carts flying around all over. The park is something we underuse. We could have fishing derby’s out there for kids, you could have a play day, you could sell pizzas. You have got one pizza oven, if you want to send them one back it only cooks one pizza at a time. Are you going to wait ten to twenty minutes till your pizzas done. Just saying. The pizza ovens are four hundred a piece. I’ll buy the dang thing. My gosh it is in the scope of things, yes it was incorrect the way it was handled, but we can’t undo it. We have this equipment I think we could easily make back the four thousand dollars in a few months if we have a few events there. I’m with you and I don’t think we should return it. Nelson replied where do we go from here, what happens now. Mayor Morris asked Jason what do you say. Dees said I’ll donate my money towards it for the year. Paso said and I’ll donate mine. Nelson replied And I already do, and I have since I’ve sat on this board. Mayor Morris said I just need a motion. Nelson wanted to clarify what are we motioning. Morris said asked are we keeping the equipment. Lawrence had a question about the ice maker. What do we do if it needs to be maintained once we use it, then it needs to be shut down and cleaned. Is someone going to be taking care of this and maintaining this. Paso said it’s got an ultraviolet filter on it I believe. Nelson said most of them do have a cycle on them Mike. But that’s if it’s a commercial application and it’s being used all the time. Lawrence replied I don’t know if we plug it in for a couple of events Kip then unplug it. Nelson said you need twenty-four hours before. Lawrence said he was concerned with mold, and mildew. Nelson said it’s the same thing with the fryer, and refrigerator. Paso then said what’s the price of ice when you have an event. Nelson said as long as we have this clear understanding that we are to handle this differently. We know we made a mistake we must set parameters that we cannot spend anything as a board. We need to find out what that number is according to the ordinance. Not return this equipment and again not be in this situation again. Lawrence replied to put it on the agenda for the next meeting or discuss it in the closed session. Nelson said I don’t want to return it. I will donate. Rahar said the Mayor and I already discussed it, I don’t know what the limit is and I don’t know if anyone knows it off the top of their head. Lawrence said I know that Mark had one, the office had one. Nelson replied but when I did the budget for each one of those departments it was five hundred, it was one-thousand. I think at that time the limit was only fifteen hundred for each. They know they can’t make any more purchases after that without talking to the board. We need to be held at the same account. Lawrence said my main thing is this ice maker. It was done wrong, I wanted to make a point there and I think I made it. Someone that cooks there all the time walked outside when Gary was outside and said you guys don’t need that icemaker, you don’t need the pizza oven for the community club. Lawrence then said I know we have Robin sitting over here too, a couple of people from the community club. Icemaker, Keith is the one who said no. Someone in the audience said we won’t use it, only because we pay for the ice. We use a lot of ice down there. I know that that’s going to make ice but also we use it for the beer. Theres just a lot of work, we’ve tried to do it before, American Legion has an ice machine we tried to use. We bagged it up way before the event, then you’ve got to have a place to store all that ice until you need it. We buy the ice, but I’m not saying they’re not going to use it for other stuff. Lawrence Replied, okay thank you. Nelson said that it is overkill. We can still do business with them. I’d be on board with that. It would be shut off more than it would be on. Lawrence stated that that was an expensive move. As Gary had previously said $3250. Nelson replied all day long then, call him tomorrow, tell him to come get it. Lawrence said yeah and it’s got dings in it. Dees said the last time we had the fish fry we went to the Firehouse and emptied their bin out for that. Nelson said yeah for fifty-one dollars for a one-day event. Down the road there’s not enough benefit for it, if we used it two or three times a month. Lawrence Replied I would agree with that. Mayor Morris said the only thing I got, is that you’re giving your money, and you’re giving your money, and you’re giving your money so how much is that. Nelson replied I’ve given my money ever since I started. It was probably over three grand, I’ve never taken money, I’ve always turned it over. Rahar said you guys need to make a specific motion, so you guys know. The discussion is great, so I just want to make sure you guys make a specific motion of what you’re doing. Treasurer Merano said it depends on if there’s special meetings in there. Roughly around eighteen to two thousand a year. Rahar asked per person, Beverly replied yes. Lawrence said Ice maker, I think I’ve made my point there. Nelson said I make a motion that we keep the All the park equipment if we can return the icemaker we should, absolutely knowing that we’re not visiting this again. That’s my motion. Lawrence asked would you add one deep fryer. Treasurer Merano asked Kip would you add this too; this motion reads that this $8,699.15 be taken out of the rescue plan, golf carts which this board voted on to use down at the kitchen. She then asked again can that be in the motion too. Nelson replied you didn’t mention park fund why. Beverly interrupted and clarified park fund is different, that’s park activities. Those were your activities. Nelson replied I got it. Beverly stated this is rescue plan money which came from covid, the board voted to use it down at the kitchen. Warren said that’s correct. Beverly said the board voted to use golf cart stickers down at the kitchen. Lawrence and Warren replied at the park. Beverly said at the park but can this $8699.15 be used towards this purchase. Nelson replied however the verbiage is yes, I’m on board with that. I just want to make the motion. Rahar stated that it’s a good point made by Beverly, that we need to keep some consistency in that. Lawrence then asked Kip can I asked also, we have four brand new deep fryers, ones not hooked up. I mean that’s $1092. Nelson said that if you walk in there and turn one on and it’s broken, we have it, I think it’s okay, it’s alright. Paso responded with anticipate big crowds. Nelson said let’s do it right. Paso responded anticipate big crowds and you’ll have big crowds. Mayor Morris asked if we had another motion. Paso replied I’ll second you Kip. Lawrence said so this is to take the ice maker back. Nelson responded yes, and to keep all the other equipment and give the money from where we decided on. Paso replied Rescue plan and golf cart stickers. Nelson said yes that’s the motion on the table.

Lawrence-abstain, Paso-yes, Warren-abstain, Dees-yes, Nelson-yes. Nelson said thank you.

Discuss printer agreement for the clerks- Jayme said I spoke with Angela Kirby from CDS she came down and gave me a couple of quotes. But she really gave me quotes for what she thought we needed and wanted, and not what I really wanted. So, we’re going to disregard this. I just need a printer for the water bills. It keeps getting jammed and throwing codes. So, I don’t need to replace the Ricoh which is the big one, we just need a printer for the water bills. I’ll get new quotes for those. Lawrence replied okay. Nelson said one of the reasons why we looked at CDS is because you can get all of the maintenance. That’s key. Jayme replied yes, and I can probably just get a printer with them. She wasn’t listening to me. Lawrence said I make we table the printer and Jayme will get some prices and we’ll put it on the next agenda. Nelson seconded the motion. All Ayes.

Discuss K-9- Officer Hubbs stated we donated the k-9 to White Hall police department by Jacksonville. Spoke with DJ, they took the kennel down they came and picked up the dog, last week, a couple weeks ago. The dogs gone, we’re going to leave all the equipment, we’re just going to leave the squad how it is. We have one side still for the kennel. We can still train for it if we need to, there’s no point in turning that back. The dog is gone, they got everything with that. They were very thankful for that. They’re going to send her back to the academy. Nelson replied good job, thank you Seath.

Discuss inspections for the park kitchen- Warren stated okay, we started this last meeting. I gave Jayme all of the paperwork. Jayme, Mark and I went down to the kitchen earlier this week and we filled out all the paperwork in accordance to the health department. Jayme took it over there today. I will let her talk about what she found out from them about what we need to do. Jayme responded yes, I took it today, Joe was not in. The application will go to him tomorrow. Once it’s approved, they are contracted with plumbers, so they’ll send their plumbers out here asap to do the inspection. Mark I know called, I don’t know if he got ahold of the fire department. Mark replied yes, I did. Jayme said okay, and they’re supposed to go check it out and tell us how many fire extinguishers we need and where to place them. Theres supposed to be weather stripping at the bottom of the doors and then they said that we needed a bodily fluid kit which we found. We have that. Other than that there is an annual fee of $170.00. Since we’re starting so late they’ll probably prorate it and charge us half of that to get started. Nelson replied that’s all standard. Warren asked did they give any indication on what they’re going to charge or what the plumbers cost was. Jayme replied no they didn’t. Warren stated that’s something we need to think about for the next meeting. September is coming up really quick, we’re going to have to get that inspected and finalized. I have no idea what plumbing costs, I don’t know if Johns got an idea. $100 an hour maybe, it shouldn’t take an hour to inspect fifty foot. Warren then asked do we need to preapprove the amount that we want to spend so when he comes, we can pay it. I’m asking a question I don’t know. Or I don’t know where we can take that out of. Can that come out of one of the monthly allotments, we have with the park or something, or with Mark. Nelson said that once we get the kitchen passed by the health department at that point in time, that’s plumbing, electrical. The health department will have to come through and turn the refrigeration on. I’ve done a number of these. Normally I think it’s $25.00 temporary permit that they would have to pay to operate as long as they have a management license. Warren said that we’re trying to get initial inspections. Nelson replied right, but those fees are standard. Yeah, one hundred percent, they’re going to charge you. Probably about three hundred bucks, to get it to say we can serve out of it. Warren replied, that’s what I’m saying we need to approve an amount to not go over it now for this inspection. Nelson said that they’ll be able to tell us what their fees are. I’m sure they can. They would be able to give us that. John from the audience asked if it was done by a licensed plumber, Nelson said to be honest with you I’m not one hundred percent sure. John said they’ll be asking that. Mark replied I think they’re sending a guy from Mike Williams. Nelson replied I don’t think they ask you who installed it, I think they grade the work and make sure it passes. The Christian County Health Department decides who’s going to do that. Nelson then said let’s move on. We’ll get the money out of the park fund and find out how much it is first. Lawrence asked are we going to end that right there. Mayor Morris said we were going to ask how much money to spend. Nelson said we don’t know how much money it is. Lawrence said that they have their event coming up. Paso said it’s got to get done. Mark asked if he meant the deposit on the building. Lawrence replied you had talked about that I don’t know if that’s on here or if its part of what to discuss. Mark replied yeah if you want too. We had in the last year or so it was $250 for deposit, and $250 to rent. Lawrence stated that someone said last time if we go with the kitchen equipment or whatever is that going to stay the same, and I said that’s up to the board. Mark responded everything’s brand new. Nelson said that we voted on it, it stayed the same, we shouldn’t change it. Lawrence replied I didn’t say I was Kip, I said it came up again. Nelson replied no but we’re talking about two different things. We’re talking about getting the kitchen to where we can let them use it. Lawrence said I just want to get it inspected and make sure we’re good to go. Nelson replied yeah that’s got nothing to do with them. Rahar said if you want to change the amount you’re going to charge people, make a specific line item at either a special meeting or general board meeting. Lawrence responded well I don’t want to change it. Nelson Said well I don’t either. Rahar said then you’re good. Nelson said let’s move on.

Discuss ordinances- Lawrence said I just wanted to check and see where we’re at as far as the ordinances. If we’ve been doing them number one, and if they’ve been coordinating with the clerk and the attorney on getting court dates, from the warning to the ticket and stuff getting turned in for court dates. I know that there’s a lot of them here with the weeds grass and the trash. Officer Hubbs said I’ve got three or four today. Mayor Morris stated Franklin paid his I think. Rahar said I’ve got it in my report here I’ll get to it. Mayor Morris said Coghlan would pay his buy the end of the week, Jayme confirmed he said he’d be in by the end of the week to pay off his water balance. Hubbs said I sent in three or four citations an hour ago. Lawrence said I just wanted to check on where we were with that. Nelson said that’s better than what we had, thank you.

Discuss buying Argo’s property-Wolfe stated Alan Argo contacted me, our yard waste dump is behind there, we talked about expanding it and cleaning the trailers up. So, he wanted $30,000 for the property, it’s four lots. WE offered him $14,000. He turned that down. But now, he came to me the other day with $21,000 thats what he wanted. Do we want to go up without an offer or do we want to stay the same, or do nothing. Lawrence said it’s in the flood plain. Wolfe stated we want it more accessible. Lawrence said we talked about how it’ll be at least ten to clean up the trailers. They’re still full of stuff apparently from what I was told. He then asked Mark what did you say he wants, Wolf Replied $21,000, after we offered him $14,000. Lawrence said that’s one I thought he’d have a hard time selling to begin with. Mayor Morris said Well he hasn’t sold it yet. Warren said I don’t think we’re in the position right now too. Lawrence replied no, I agree. Lawrence then made a motion that for right now we pass on this, it was seconded by Warren. All Ayes.

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

Mayor Morris asked who wants to start it out. John who attended the meeting said Kudos to the park and the campground and all that, you guys are doing a good job. I’ve had a lot of complaints about streets, alleys like mine have big ruts in it. Sidewalks next to next to Steve is sticking up like three inches, people are tripping. The tree Next to Steve Brown’s house when it came down it cost $400.00 for my nephew to put a windshield in his car. We’ve called you guys about it, it needs to come down. Mayor Morris asked what tree. John said it’s right across the street from my house. John then went on to say he talked to Mark about street tiles a year ago. We still need that done. Several people still have them on that street. Mayor Morris asked do you know what he’s talking about. John said all the way down the street they have their tiles but ours are taken out and I talked to Mark about a year ago. Someone from the audience said the ditch at the end of the block is terrible. John said our alley at the end of the street is pretty bad too. Nelson replied we appreciate that, and we’ll take all that into consideration. We’ll use that in the committee meeting to discuss openly. Thank you for your comments and we appreciate you, we just need to put it in the committee meeting so we can discuss it as a board. Mayor Morris asked is there anybody else, Ryan did you want to talk. Ryan Barton from the audience stated the one thing I have to say is I moved to the Village a couple months ago. I’ve lived here three months and still have never got a water bill. The board and audience laughed. Nelson asked, are you complaining sir. Ryan Replied no I’m just saying I don’t want to get a water bill next month blown through the roof. Nelson asked treasurer Merano, can you help with that please. Treasurer Merano asked what’s his name. Mayor Morris replied it’s Ryan Barton. Ryan said I talked to the other girl; the girl was sitting next to her about a month ago. Merano asked for his address. Ryan gave it to her. Ryan said when I talked to her a month ago, my meter wasn’t reading, I got a new meter reading out there but still haven’t gotten my water bill. Lawrence said lucky you at least for now, thank you though. Ryan then asked if the bill is a very high amount when I get it, can I have a month or so to get it paid. Nelson replied yes one hundred percent we’ll get you rounded out. Lawrence said I would support that, but it has to go through the board. Nelson Agreed I would support that too Ryan, we just need to find out what’s going on. Ryan said I have another thing to bring up. Seath was at the house a week ago. People fly up and down the street and don’t ever slow down. They come through the alley a hundred miles an hour, and I mean I don’t know maybe we need to have a cop patrol that road a little more. Seath said come on Ryan. Ryan replied to Seath, you’ve seen it yourself. Seath replied I’m a one-man shop. Ryan replied like I’ve said there’s kids across the street coming outside all the time. Nelson replied thank you Ryan. Ryan stated I wasn’t trying to start anything about the water bill or nothing. Warren replied you need to bring stuff like this up. Someone in the audience asked if there are rules in this Village about excessive junk in people’s yards. Warren replied yes sir. The person in the audience asked and excessive cars. Warren replied oh yes. Seath replied the cars must be registered, and operable. Someone else in the audience stated I want to thank Mike for bringing up the misappropriations of funds. This is serious stuff here and I feel like we tried to smooth everything over here and I’m not really okay with that because that’s my money too. I feel like everything was done wrong, and the board probably should have asked for your resignation. If I’d have been on the board that would’ve been the first thing I would’ve done is ask for the Mayors resignation because you have to have faith in the person leading you and I have absolutely no faith in you. Second, when you spend money on something like that you need to make the money first then upgrade your equipment. You must make a certain amount of profit for it, then you take that money and turn around and buy better equipment. You do it slowly and in a matter like that. That wasn’t done. What do we do, we take a bunch of funds and go ahead and buy all this stuff to make things right, and ya I understand that. But it was completely wrong, completely wrong in my eyes and it should be in everyone else’s up here because that’s your damn money too. Just the way I feel, I would have asked for resignation, and it wasn’t done. I am kind of disappointed in the board and I am going to leave on that. Trustee Nelson and Trustee Lawrence thanked Steve. CJ Vacker asked if we had any updates on the ordinance book. Trustee nelson said what we need to do is at our Committee meeting we need to have a sub committee that needs to go through, I wish that I had more times because I would volunteer to do it but we have significant changes that need to be made in that book and we have an estimate from a guy that is going to do it and he may change it. We need to get on the ball. We should have a committee to do it. Trustee Lawrence said we have discussed it for years, again. Nelson said so we are still not moving forward, someone needs to go through it line by line and change the verbiage on what we talked about as far as adding the dates. Treasurer Merano said it’s all in the minutes. Nelson said Well yes but we need to go over it and get it done, we should have done that in July. Mayor Morris said we started to and then we stopped. Nelson said, of course we did. My suggestion is that we get a sub-committee; they go through it piece by piece, go through it bring it back to the committee meeting, we go over it, vote on it and be done with it. Be done with it, we already have the verbiage for the PTO and the other days but, there is many other things that need to be changed. And don’t spend the money to do it if nothing is correct. We don’t want to throw money away, its not fair to the Village. So put it on the committee meeting, get a sub-committee together, get it done, set a deadline Sept. 30 must be done, turn it over and be done. Quit sitting on our hands. Trustee Warren to CJ - to answer part of your question we have some that have changed. Beverly and I sat down a couple weeks ago and did go over some, but we need to get them over to the other board members and get things squared away. We do need to finish going through the book and get all the changes together and get it all updated and hopefully get it in digital format. Mayor Morris asked if anyone else had any other questions.

Approval of Bills- Trustee Nelson made a motion to approve, a second motion was made by Trustee Lawrence. All Ayes.

Zoning Report- Zoning officer Lawrence said that six building permits were issued.

Approval of Treasures report- Treasurer Merano stated they all have her report and asked if there were any questions. Trustee Nelson motioned to approve the Treasures report. A second motion was made by Dees. All Ayes.

Clerks report- Jayme said she did hand out a copy but did have a question. Someone had made an RV reservation a couple months ago and paid in full. She called today to cancel her reservation as something came up. Was reserved from August 29th- September 12th. The total was four hundred and ninety dollars. She wasn’t sure if she could give a full refund since she cancelled in advance. Trustee Nelson said we do not have anything in place saying otherwise but this is probably something we need to discuss later but we do have to give her back her full refund. We don’t have anything different. Trustee Lawrence made a motion to approve the clerk’s report. A second motion was made by nelson. All ayes. Trustee Nelson said he did have a question and asked if anyone had rented any spots with the Mud Fest going on. Trustee Warren said yes, three spots. One gentleman actually got there and once he noticed he couldn’t unload his side by side there and drive it all down the road he packed up and went and got a spot at Southfork dirt riders, which he had already paid for also. Trustee Nelson said he didn’t mean to get off subject, but he was just curious to see if we had rented any more spots. Warren replied with yes, we did. Jayme also asked about the liquor license for the Community Club, she was asking if we can waive the fee for me. Trustee nelson made a motion to waive the liquor license fee, a second motion was made by Lawrence. All Ayes.

Police report- Officer Hubbs said they had 45 calls last month. He asked Treasurer Merano if she got the bill from Dunn’s. Hubbs told Attorney Rahar this would be a question for him, So Dunn’s is trying to charge us five hundred and fifty-eight dollars from March 16th, we had a patient in our care he was going to jail, he had jailitis meaning he didn’t want to go to jail he was having a heart attack or something so they sent us a bill saying that he was in our care so we need to pay the bill. We pulled the statute up and the statute says that we are responsible but does not include care or treatment provided to a patient with a preexisting condition that does not occur during a stop or arrest meaning the health condition occurred. Attorney Rahar asked if he could email that to him and he will send them a letter stating that we are not goin to pay for it. If nothing else County will have to be responsible to pay for it because he was going to go to jail. Seath replied that’s correct. Long story short he’s a convicted felon, and he ended up going to county anyways. Rahar said I’ll take a look at it. Seath replied yeah, I can send that to you. There should be another one coming from last month, sort of the same deal, we kind of got onto him he has asthma attacks, three heart surgeries and he ended up going to Dunns as well. Nelson stated I’m going to ask you this because I don’t know. Did you say that we have forty- five calls. Seath replied forty-five calls, and that includes traffic stops. Nelson wanted to clarify from when to when. Seath replied I just pulled it from the last month, so that’s 7/12- 8/12 to today. Nelson then asked so when you say, and I’m only asking because I don’t know, are those forty-five calls individuals from Kincaid dialed the police number and we answered. Or is everything you printed to us and bring to us because Christian County dispatched or answered that phone. Seath replied so, that’s all through dispatch. Traffic stops that could be self-initiated, or that’s me assisting. It’s anything that me or DJ were on. Nelson asked so could you, how difficult would it be, could you do me a favor. Could we substantiate the difference between the forty-five calls that got made to the Christian County dispatch, and calls that were made by our Kincaid Police not separate those. So, in those forty-five your best judgment would be how many did the Kincaid Village Police Officers answer those phone calls. Seath answered I have no idea to be honest with you. Nelson said take a guess five, ten, fifteen, thirty, none, seriously. Seath replied I don’t use our phone to be honest with you. Nelson said it’s a concern. Seath replied okay so here’s my thing, here’s what I tell everyone else, if I’m on call then if someone needs KPD or if you need me call dispatch. Because if I’m on a call I’m not going to answer that phone. Nelson stated I understand. Seath said so, that’s why if you call Taylorville you’re not talking to a cop you’re talking directly to their dispatch. Taylorville has their own dispatch. If you call county, you’re not talking to them you’re talking to dispatch. That phone is more of a way to leave a message with us verses to get a message to us. Nelson said Okay. Seath went on to say call dispatch, they will dispatch us if we’re on it. Dees clarified so if it’s an emergency. Nelson Said no I understand. Seath said honestly that phone is more of an inconvenience because people think we should answer that phone. We’re not a 24-hour department. So, call Christian County dispatch and they will dispatch us. I get numerous emails, and I take the call the next day. Or a lot of people will call the Village and Jayme will email it to me or text or call me and I’ll try to handle that call. That phone is more of an inconvenience, I hate to say it but. Nelson replied no I’m glad you’re being upfront, that’s why I was asking. So my understanding is, if I’m understanding this correctly if someone is to dial the Kincaid Police number right now would we answer it. Seath replied no. Nelson said no, okay. Seath said that’s why I relay to everyone call dispatch they will dispatch me. Warren replied maybe we need to change that number to the dispatch number then. Nelson agreed. Nelson said you saw how many times I’ve got messaged where are we at. Seath replied to be honest with you I have people messaging me on Facebook hey are you on. Nelson said I’m sorry about that. Seath said no it’s not a big deal. Nelson said so with the forty-five calls, they were basically made to the Christian County dispatch. Seath answered a lot of these aren’t calls they are traffic stops, this could be hey I see a call pop up so I want to take the call. This could be a deputy taking a call and I’m assisting the deputy, anything. Nelson said thank you for the understanding, thank you for the work you do, I appreciate you.

Foreman’s report-Mark Wolfe stated you guys have a copy of that, the only thing I wanted to add is that we did get the lining project on the East end of town done. That was better than expected, we would usually have an in terrain, would flood that lift station out and right after we got done had to drain a terrain and it ran like a normal flow day. We stopped like ninety-nine percent of the infiltration. Warren replied that’s awesome. Mark said that keeps people’s basements from backing up. And the wear and tear on the pumps and the electric bill, when that would run out the pump would just run nonstop for three days trying to get caught up. Now they’re just running about three hours a night. Someone in the audience had a question about the water. My water still once a week is still brown once a week for a couple of days. She stated we had a plumber come to our house as Mark knows, it’s not in our lines but our waters dark a lot of times. Nelson asked Kincaid or Bulpitt. Lawrence replied Kincaid Prairie Street. Mark said there’s steel lines all over the place and we’re working on it that’s all we can do. You know what I mean, we’re spending four million dollars here in the next year or so. Nelson added you’re going to get all new. Wolf said the cast iron mains are causing a rust issue, it sits in the dead ends and it gets flushed out. And we had some main breaks here and there and that doesn’t help anything. The last main break almost drained the towers before we got it fixed so we’re working on it we want to replace every main in town but just Bulpitt’s costing us two million dollars. We’re getting a lot of those grants. Nelson. Said we’ve got things on the radar we’ve got things headed in the right direction. We’ve got the grant money, we’ve got the program, we’ve got things in the works. Unfortunately, it’s a process, sorry that you’re dealing with that I really really am I’m sorry. Mark said it’s cause you’re at the top of the hill, it is a dead end towards the school. The dead-end lines are really the problem here. We’re working on it that’s all I can tell you. Lawrence said I’m sorry you’re going through that hopefully this is fixed. The woman in the audience said I’d just like to take a bath every now and then. Wolfe said also Simple Ray was back on site, that’s the solar panels for the sewer plant. Nelson said what’d that cost us. Mark replied nothing. Mark replied changing some stuff and it’s going to work this time they said. Mayor Morris replied is that what they said. Nelson asked is that company legit. Mark asked is it even called Simple Ray now. The guy that owns it is still in the picture for this thing. Mayor Morris added because he disappeared for a while. Mark answered yeah, he’s back. They’re trying to schedule a witness test now, of course weather permitting we’ll get one soon. Lawrence said Tuesday they’ll be back. Mark said that Ameren’s been trying to tell them how to fix the problem and they’re trying to do other things, cheaper things. Finally, they’re trying to do what Ameren is telling them to do and it should work this time. Lawrence said did you get it in writing. Nelson said maybe do that. Lawrence replied thirty-two phone calls and one hundred and fifty text messages. Mark said I want to point out that we really don’t have money involved in that accept that we put a twenty-five-hundred-dollar deposit down in 2020 to say we wouldn’t back out of this deal with them. So, we’ve got twenty-five hundred into this project. It’s not costing us money all this time, it’s not saving us money. Nelson replied hopefully it heads in a better direction, thank you Mark.

Attorneys report- Rahar stated most of mine will be in the closed session, but we’ve got the Brown issue which I’ve talked to the mayor and Mike about. We’re still trying to track down Velma Jost. We’ve got the Heikes ordinance violation and Coghlan ordinance violation. Like I said I’ll go into more detail in the closed session. I think we’re caught up on everything other than that.

Trustee’s report and comments- Warren stated I’d like to thank everyone for showing up tonight, and for your comments to the board. Nelson agreed yes, we’ll get a bigger rook if we have too for real. Mayor Morris asked if there was anyone else. Lawrence stated I’ve said enough.

President’s report and comments- Mayor Morris said I don’t have anything. Is there a motion to go into closed session. Trustee Lawrence made a motion to go into closed session. A second motion was made by trustee Nelson. All ayes. The time was 7:22 P.M.

 Closed session- Meeting to discuss litigation when an action, affecting, or on behalf of the particular body has been filed and is pending in a court. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(11) Meeting to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismal of specific employees. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1)

A motion to come out of closed session was made by trustee Nelson and seconded by trustee Lawrence. All Ayes. The time was 7:58 P.M.

Adjournment- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by trustee Lawrence and seconded by trustee Nelson. All Ayes. The time was 7:59 P.M.