Village of Kincaid

115 Central Ave. Kincaid, IL. 62540

Time- 6:00 P.M.

Monday April 14, 2025

Regular Meeting Minutes

The meeting was brought to order by Mayor Robert Morris.

Roll Call was taken by the Village Clerk. Lawrence- Here, Paso- Here, Gibson- Here, Warren- Absent, Dees- here, Nelson- Here.

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

Approval of minutes from March meetings - Trustee Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes from March's meetings, it was seconded by Gibson. All ayes.

Special Guest - Chastain & Associates LLC. Mayor Morris stated that Chastain was not here. Christian Vacker said he was supposed to speak on it. He went on to say that all Ron wants is the final bill from Burdick for the sewer project is in, and we just need to pay that. There is loan disbursement paperwork to fill out. Christian stated they all had everything, and they needed to vote to pay Burdick. Nelson asked if this was the final invoice and if we needed a finance meeting first before we passed this? Merano stated no, we are good. Nelson made a motion to pay the invoice from Burdick. It was seconded by Dees. All ayes.

Special Guest - John Berry business agent - Teamsters local union 916. John Berry introduced himself and said he is with teamsters local 916 he is here seeking approval from the board to begin negotiations with our village members, in particular Tommy and Dallas. To start negotiations with the current mayor and mayor to be as well. We hope you can vote for us in to get this going, thank you. Trustee Paso made a motion to begin negotiations; it was seconded by Dees. All ayes.

New Business-

Appointment of new trustee - Mayor Morris said he was not appointing anyone yet until we accept the resignation of Gary and Mark, so that won't be until May.

Discuss changing in-flow meter at sewer plant - Christian Vacker said our inflow meter down at the sewer plant stopped working for about two months, it started randomly working but it's going to need changed. The guy told us with Vandeventer that its thirty years old and they don't make them anymore. So, it is going to need replaced and new wiring. He gave everyone a quote and letter from their supplier about tariffs. Paso asked if it was from Durkin. It is thirty-six hundred and fifty-five dollars. Vacker said that is the quote but if there are tariffs there will also be tariff charges. Paso made a motion to approve a new inflow meter at the sewer plant. A second motion was made by Gibson. All ayes.

Nelson said if he may, Mr. Mayor, if we are going to be discussing, discussing, discussing we should be doing this during committee meetings, do all of these need to be voted on this evening. Morris said yes, they do.

Discuss Dam inspection - Vacker said this is one that could be moved. We got a letter from IDNR saying that the dam needs an inspection this year. Morris asked if it could be tabled. Nelson made a motion to table the dam inspection; it was seconded by Gibson. All ayes.

Discuss Dam repairs - Vacker said this one we had talked about before. Mark and Gary had both looked for quotes. We got one from Cody Davis, it is - it would be out of the lake fund. It is twelve thousand seven hundred and forty-five dollars plus the cost of any concrete blocks. We had set aside some money for it from last year, it needs approved, or we will show a profit. Gibson said he thought it was already approved. Morris stated we had talked about it, but it was never approved - we never made a motion. Merano asked if Christian knew when the project was going to start. He said he has no idea. Nelson asked if this would be coming out of the lake fund and asked if we have enough in there. Merano said no, but we do have to spend the money that is in that lake fund. Nelson made a motion to approve the dam repairs. Gibson seconded the motion. All ayes.

Discuss adding water valve - outside of town. Christian said this would be going past Bulpitt. If it is voted on, it would be in addition to the water project, it would be an as cost. Right now, if there is a large leak out there all of Bulpitt, Broccardo court, Caseys and the township building has to be shut off. This would make it so there would be three houses instead. We don't know where the 8-inch main transitions into the 6 inch, so he got quotes for both. For an 8-inch valve it is twenty-one thousand and that is including materials and labor, for a 6 inch it is nineteen thousand. Morris asked if we have a grant for all of this didn't we, does it include this? Vacker said this is an additional cost to the water project. Nelson said let's do this, this should be discussed. A discussion among a committee, we are going to have some new committee members. He thinks it is important, but he doesn't think that this administration needs to do it. Vacker said we could table it until the next project, the phase 2. EL Pruitt just needed to know if we are going to do it now. Nelson made a motion to table adding the water valve on the outside of town, it was seconded by Gibson. Paso asked how long is it anticipated that we needed to come to a decision on this. Vacker stated Austin needs to know this month. Paso asked if we know if it is going to be an 8 inch or 6 inch, Vacker said no. They could take the pothole machine out and try to get a location for it, find the 6 inch and see where it transitions. Merano asked on Chastain and Associates side, will they be doing a change order form for us. Paso said maybe you can get us a little more information or direction before the next committee meeting meets. Vacker said we can even move it to the next project. The motion continued, all ayes.

Discuss accepting applications for Foreman position- Morris stated he and Tony talked about this, and he is going to let him take care of this when he takes office.

Renewing Mike Lebshier's wastewater operator contract- Christian stated Lebshiers contract ended at the end of March, so he needs to renew it, Lebshier said to leave it the same. Morris asked how much pay him now, Vacker responded 900 a month. Nelson made a motion to renew Mike Lebshier's contract. It was seconded by Lawrence. All ayes. Merano asked how long we were going to renew it for; conversation went back and forth. Vacker thinks it is 2 years, and Lebshier said the last contract was fine.

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Louie Broccardo said he wanted to thank all the outgoing people for their thankless job whether we agree with them or not. New people, I see you all here to good luck and congratulations with that. Now this is just his opinion, he knows that we paid Careys disposal for down at the browns trash house or whatever, everyone says they were cheaper. His opinion it was it really cheaper, was they fifteen thousand dollars cheaper than cleeton? The reason I say that is Cleetons donated a dog, he does all of our Labor Day for probably cheaper than anywhere else, he does all of the football games for cheaper than anyone else, he does all of it. Now are we burning a bridge over a few hundred bucks, he put a sign at the school, he has done a lot and this is just my opinion and he hopes that no one has any bad feelings with Cleeton and went somewhere else but he is just saying hell of a bridge to burn when we don’t even have a dog or anything anymore. Pezze said he donated a freezer and something else to the food pantry too.

Dale Adomitis said he wants to know what is wrong with the dam, everyone says there is something wrong with it, what is wrong with it. Vacker said right now its leaking, there is constant flow going down and there shouldn't be. Adomitis asked if it was at the spillway. Vacker said yes, the spillway. Morris stated it has been leaking underneath it. Dale said the spillway and the dam are two different things. It's part of the dam. The spillway is a completely different thing.

Kerry Vacker said a couple meetings ago when DJ resigned we were told that we didn't have any cops and then the next meeting Seath showed up in uniform, so do we or do we not have any cops. Morris stated we have him as a part time person. Vacker asked why he is not working; she hasn't seen him doing anything in at least two months. Morris said he is part time. Vacker said if we are paying him, he needs to work. Morris stated we aren't paying him anything because he hasn't worked.

Clare Duran said it has been brought to everyone’s attention that Mark resigned. She asked if the laptop has been returned. Morris said yes everything got returned.

Approval of bills- Trustee Nelson made a motion to pay the bills. Paso seconded the motion. All ayes.

Zoning report- Lawrence stated he had two building permits.

Approval of treasurer's report- Merano said everyone had her report and asked if anyone had any questions on it. Trustee Dees made a motion to approve the treasurers report. Nelson seconded it. All ayes.

Clerk's report- Jayme stated she gave everyone a copy of her report.

Police report- No police report.

Foreman's report- Christian said they have done some patching and what not. No official foreman’s report.

Attorney's report- Attorney Rahar said just ordinance violations for the previous month, we had some mix up on dates because the courthouse moved a couple things. Other than that, May is going to be the big month where actual contestant hearings are going to happen. So, he will have an update after that.

Trustee's report and comments- Trustee Lawrence said he would like to say a couple things. First, we lost Mark Wolfe, he believes as far as some other people too, he has been with us for a long time, and he has done a lot for the town, the village, and community. The hours he has put in, the time he has put in. We should not have lost him, and I think most people here know that. Mark was a hell of a worker; a hell of a man and he would have done anything for the Village. It was the infrastructure that he put his heart and soul into this, and he doesn't think people realize this. Again, he just wanted to comment here it was a loss to the Village of Kincaid, he knows this place like the back of his own hand. We shouldn’t' have lost him, but we did, and I want to thank him. We lost a hell of a man, and my hat is off to him for all his accomplishments and everything he got done here for the Village of Kincaid. The second thing, Gary Warren is here tonight he has spent some time here with us on the board, another amazing person that did speak up. Did a hell of a job as a trustee here, He gave his heart and soul into the village of Kincaid. Gave his time and reading in, the manpower from the lake projects to down here at the park. The wiring, he saved us a ton of money, he kind of took over and did it himself. So, Gary Warren, my hats off to you, you’re an amazing person, an amazing man and you worked your ass off here for the Village of Kincaid, and he appreciates everything he has done here. Everyone Thanked Gary. Lawrence also stated he is concerned about what direction we are going. The newly elected mayor has already made an offer to our deputy to be our new chief of police for eighty thousand dollars a year starting salary without even being sworn in yet, by passing the finance committee and the board. We just went through this and now as the election results are still unofficial, we have an unsworn in mayor not following rules and procedures. This is the path we are headed for the next four years, reckless spending, he sure hopes not. Anthony Pezze responded and said that he met with Seath in the office and asked him what it would take for him to come here. Lawrence said he was told up here at Village Hall on Wednesday with a witness. Morris and Nelson said we aren't going there. Lawrence said he is just concerned with what direction we are going already. Nelson stated it is he said/she said, and that he feels differently than Lawrence. He is looking forward to the fact that we are going to have some people that are going to be in this room so that we are going to be able to collectively get together and communicate and have discussions. If we follow the path of using the committee meetings, and he likes the fact that we are going to appoint people, we are going to discuss direction so we can all be on the same page, so we aren’t in seven different directions at any given point. He thinks that he is looking forward to it, it’s a challenge but the Village of Kincaid voted for these people, and he thinks we give them all fair chance. Paso said she took it upon herself and contacted the Illinois Municipal League, they have a whole set of online courses we can take and she thinks when the new members come on we all need to start with the open meetings act, FOIA requests, we need to get our ducks in a row and get ourselves trained as far as what is within law for us to do and what we can’t do and what we can do, and maybe how we conduct ourselves at a meeting. That is her recommendation, and she had given all the information to Jayme, and she is going to take care of it for us.

President's report and comments- None

Adjournment- Nelson made a motion to adjourn, it was seconded by Dees. All ayes. The time was 6:22 P.M.