

VILLAGE OF KALKASKA

MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024 AT THE VILLAGE OFFICE, 200 HYDE STREET, KALKASKA, MICHIGAN 49646.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

President Larsen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: President Larsen and Trustees Bishop, Dunham, Miller, Moses, Needham and Yanz (arrived at 6:04 p.m.).

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Aaron Popa, Village Manager; Angie Koon, Village Clerk.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Al Parker, Jeff Sieting, Scott Yost and Ryan Oakley

President Larsen led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Motion by Bishop, second by Miller, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Needham, second by Dunham, to approve as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

PRESENTATIONS – None

BILLS/FINANCE COMMITTEE

Trustee Needham stated the committee reviewed current invoices, payroll reconciliations, monthly payroll, journal entries and bank reconciliations.

Motion by Needham, second by Dunham, to pay bills as presented in the amount of \$90,731.41. A roll call vote was then taken: Ayes – President Larsen and Trustees Bishop, Dunham, Miller, Moses and Needham; Nays – None; Absent – Trustee Yanz. Motion carried.

Needham stated the committee also reviewed DSMI proposals. Manager Popa explained this process of residential pipe inspections in the Village, which is required by Michigan EGLE.

Motion by Needham, second by Dunham, to accept the proposal from IAI not to exceed \$9,000.00. A roll call vote was then taken: Ayes – President Larsen and Trustees Bishop, Dunham, Miller, Moses, Needham and Yanz; Nays – None; Absent – None. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

Public Works Committee – Trustee Bishop stated the committee discussed the sewer lift station, with no recommendation at this time.

Training Committee – Trustee Dunham stated the committee met on December 19, 2023 to discuss possible training topics. Dunham advised the committee recommends scheduling a 3-hour training session with the MML (Michigan Municipal League), to be held in collaboration with the FOIA training being provided to Village staff, with a focus on the following topics: roles and responsibilities; overview of basic government; and the Open Meetings Act. Dunham requested that the training be held at Railroad Square if available.

Dunham stated the committee also recommends inviting surrounding Villages to participate for a fee of \$200.00; and requested that Village staff generate invitations. Discussion took place on possible training dates. Manager Popa will communicate with MML for further details and cost involved.

REPORTS FROM VILLAGE OFFICERS

POLICE REPORT

Chief Popa announced that a new police officer will start employment with the Department of Public Safety on January 16, 2024. Popa added the officer was an excellent candidate.

MANAGER'S REPORT

No report.

Trustee Dunham asked for a timeline for budget review. Popa stated he plans to have a working draft tomorrow. Discussion took place on the Public Hearing for budget adoption. A special Village Council meeting was scheduled for Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Larsen stated a Public Works Committee meeting needs to be scheduled.

Larsen reported the Taco Bell has opened, and seems to be doing well. Larsen also stated the timeline for the new hotel is currently unknown, but he believes construction is still planned.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Adoption of Ordinance 2024-001 Amending Village Council Pay – Trustee Dunham stated the Finance Committee previously reviewed the Council pay structure, and recommends that changes take effect after the November 2024 election. Dunham reviewed proposed changes to Council pay, based on research of similar-sized communities.

Motion by Yanz, second by Dunham, to adopt Ordinance 2024-001. A roll call vote was then taken: Ayes – Trustees Bishop, Dunham, Miller, Moses, Needham and Yanz; Nays – President Larsen; Absent – None. Motion carried.

Consider Adoption of Resolution 2024-001 Sewer Deficit Elimination Plan – Manager Popa explained changes from the plan previously adopted, and stated the current plan will take the Village out of debt in this fund within five years.

Motion by Needham, second by Miller, to adopt Resolution 2024-001. A roll call vote was then taken: Ayes – President Larsen and Trustees Bishop, Miller, Moses, Needham and Yanz; Nays – Trustee Dunham; Absent – None. Motion carried.

Consider Adoption of Resolution 2024-002 National Trout Festival Fireworks Display – Motion by Miller, second by Bishop, to adopt Resolution 2024-002. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Authorize Funds for Member(s) to Attend MAP Training Opportunities – Motion by Dunham, second by Miller, to authorize up to \$180.00 per member. A roll call vote was then taken: Ayes – President Larsen and Trustees Bishop, Dunham, Miller, Moses, Needham and Yanz; Nays – None; Absent – None. Motion carried.

Authorize Publication of Delinquent Utility Accounts to be Transferred to Tax Rolls – Motion by Miller, second by Needham, to authorize publication. A roll call vote was then taken: Ayes – President Larsen and Trustees Bishop, Dunham, Miller, Moses, Needham and Yanz; Nays – None; Absent – None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ryan Oakley thanked Trustee Dunham for meeting with him to discuss the proposed lift station near his property. Oakley invited any other interested members to meet with him as well.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business coming before this Council, President Larsen adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Recorded By: Angie Koon, Village Clerk