

Village of Kaleva
Minutes of Council Meeting
December 16, 2013

Present: D. Holtz, D. Grossnickle, D. Peters , T. Covell, J. Draze, J. McKinley, J. Nyrkkanen, S. Potts , J. Schafer, R. Schafer. **Absent:** J. England

Guests: Karla Kasten, Mary Lakso, Julie Pickel, Martha West, Diane Somsel, Lyle Linsemier, LeeAnn Roback, Kari Franz, Casey Stedman, Kristen Santa, Kim Somsel, Matt Omar, John Ward, and a person representing 9&10 News.

Minutes:

J. McKinley made a motion to approve the minutes of the November Meeting as corrected. **J. Draze** seconded. **Motion Carried.**

Orders:

The Orders were presented. **J. McKinley** made a motion to accept orders. **R. Schafer** seconded. **Motion Carried.**

Reserved Time: The village cat situation was discussed at length. **J. Draze** suggested forming a committee to find a resolution for dealing with the stray and feral cats in the village. Some members attending the meeting agreed that a committee with a council member would be a great way to address the concerns for all on an ongoing basis. A sign-up sheet was passed around for those who wish to be on the committee.

Budget: **J. Draze** made a motion to accept the amendments to the 2013 Budget. **J. McKinley** seconded. **Motion Carried.**

R. Schafer made a motion to adopt the 2014 proposed budget with amendments, **D. Grossnickle** seconded. **Motion Carried.**

Reports:

Fire - One major fire.

Streets – snowy with more on the way. Lot's of plowing!

DPW – nothing to report

Park – closed. **D. Peters** has materials and is working on braces. Has the necessary paperwork and will be submitting his insurance information.

Water – Fire used 20,000 gallons of water. Low temps contributed to hydrants freezing up. Need tax exempt status papers for some vendors.

Zoning – **J. England** absent. M. Omar came in to discuss having stuff in alley. It's the public right-a-way and needs to be left open. He is on notice that if he does it again, he will get a ticket. The Crittenden matter hearing is tomorrow. Will get a report from her next month.

Planning Commission – Karla Kasten submitted a note requesting to be on the planning commission. **J. Draze** recommended the village appoint Karla Kasten as a new member of the

planning commission. **J. McKinley** made a motion to accept Karla Kasten to fill in for Norm Kaskinnen's position. **T. Covell** seconded. **Motion Carried.** No meeting in December. There is still one vacancy to fill on the planning commission.

Old Business:

Alley Abandonment – Majority of members do not want to pursue closing of Kaleva Street. Need to get a general policy regarding alley openings/abandonments, etc. The village needs a policy in place. Need to know what direction they want to go when abandonments are requested. There are a number of alleys that are overgrown. Need to get legal clarification as to liability if alleys are not abandoned. **D. Holtz** will discuss with Richard Wilson.

Island Lights – Still researching types and costs.

Website progress – David Jados came in to answer questions. We will have the opportunity to review before it goes live. Info will be updated within 24-48 hours upon receiving information. \$600 to design and deploy and first year of updates. \$300 annual renewal. \$25 per hour would be if it needs redesigned. **T. Covell** made a motion to accept David Jados' agreement. **D. Grossnickle** seconded.

Brook Street House – Received payment in full from Thompson. Set up closing date.

Schafer property – **D. Holtz** to discuss with Richard Wilson the liability if village still owns property.

Correspondence

None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.



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Village Clerk