

VILLAGE OF KALEVA

COUNCIL MEETING 15 AUGUST, 2022

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: K. Somsel, E. Dufresne, D. Nye, D. Grossnickle, K. Weaver(treasurer), J. McKinley, D. Howes, R. Schafer, K. Dufresne(Clerk)

Visitors: J. Schafer, D. Cummings(Zoning), K. Mleck, D. Holts, A. McKinley, M. Smith, C. Gonyer

Review and approval of previous Minutes - motion made to accept by E. Dufresne, seconded by R. Schafer. Motion carried.

Review and approval of financial reports - Motion made by J. McKinley, seconded by D. Howes. Motion carried.

Reserved - K. Mleck reported good progress on water project. Tentatively water shut offs start Friday and will take 5 days to complete hook up. This will start on the west side of town first. The hydrants on industrial will not be affected. The reason it will take so long is that lines must be disinfected and bacteria level checked. Well house is still waiting for inspector before further construction can continue.

Draw information provided. E. Dufresne motioned to approve draw, seconded by J. McKinley. Motion carried.

Change order presented to rebuild Tap. Motion made by J. McKinley to approve, E. Dufresne seconded. Motion carried.

Bids presented for water hydroexcavation. 3 were presented. K. Mleck admitted that he had worked with CSB before. Council discussed each and while CSB was not the lowest bid, they were local and many knew their reputation. Question was raised if a policy was in place that mandated accepting lowest bid. E. Dufresne had access to ordinances and policy on computer but was unable to find anything related. Motion made by D. Grossnickle to accept CSB bid subjected to EGLE approval, seconded by J. McKinley. Motion carried.

Unreserved- none

Reports: Fire - quiet

Streets - backhoe has been repaired

DPW- nothing at this time

Water - Bacteria test has started on west end of Metsola. If all is good, Friday the water change over should start. The pipes on 9 mile to Osmo are starting to be placed. Requested a detour at Osmo and Industrial so construction can be left open. Only on Osmo to 9Mile Rd would be closed. Motion made by J. McKinley to use detour, seconded by E. Dufresne. Motion carried.

Park - M. Hamilton(DPW) concerned the grills. Many are not in good shape. Okay to remove.

E. Dufresne brought up fire rings in park. Quotes need to be provided. Trees on centennial walkway need to be trimmed or cut down.

Zoning - There are several dogs who have been running loose around town. There have been 3 dog bite situation in past 2 weeks. Mr. Kapps dog has been taken by police. There needs to be a dog ordinance added. Council requests a letter be sent to animal control to patrol more often in village.

We have several individuals within village limits who are living in travel trailers without waster, septic, or electricity. Need clarification on what is and is not allowed. At this point family staying in the trailers must have Dr. Order to so. This needs to be addressed in master plan. Motion made by J. McKinley to change ordinance for storage only of trailers, seconded by R. Schafer. E. Dufresne abstained. Motion carried.

Kapps property is getting worse. It is suggested that the truck be towed first then trailer. Sheriffs state, they don't have manpower to be there while towing goes on. Suggested asking Little River Police for assistance.

Planning Committee - During the Historical/Bottle house craft fair on 3 December they will try to encourage people to "buy" trees to replace trees that need to be replaced on Centennial walkway.

The committee was talking about previous years that the trees were decorated with lights for Christmas. Council agreed to buy new led lights and turn on lights on December 3 when the Bottle House open house is going on. J. McKinley offered to put in covered cable and box to keep from anyone stealing extension cords.

Council asked if Hopwoods could come service furnaces at Art Gallery and DPW. Council agreed.

Suggested that no further sidewalks be put in. Many that are already in need maintenance. Quotes needed to see if more cost effective for hiring someone to do edging on sidewalks that are severely overgrown or buying a side cutter for DPW.

The historical society will soon be putting together a new brochure and have invited the roadside park to be added to help split the cost of the brochure. Historical Society will provide cost. Council was very happy to be included.

C. Gonyer brought to committee the Masons in Manistee have a grant and will help build playground in park. The council was very interested and asked possible cost to village. At this point it looks like approximately \$5000. Ok to peruse.

A letter of intent was presented by C. Goyer to take M. Smith position on Planning Committee since her health is poorly. And to take E. Dufresne place once Master plan is in place on Joint Planning Committee. Motion made by J. McKinley, seconded by D. Grossnickle. Motion carried.

Correspondence - Letter of intent from A. McKinley to apply for Zoning position. Letter will be kept on file for future.

Old Business - Security cameras are being moved and hooked up. Still missing monitor from old office.

DNR won't police trails but will provide some signs that no motorized vehicles allowed on trails. Gates are needed.

New Business - VPN is needed on computers. Township has been hacked. Website might provide. E. Dufresne will reseach with council permission. Council approved.

M. Hamilton (DPW) should be recognized for hard work on clearing a shutoff/ curb stop that took 3 days. It was obvious that the curb stop had been deliberately tampered with.

Group text must be more appropriate. The texts can be used against the village.

Adjourn motion made by D. Grossnickle, seconded by J. McKinley. Motion carried.


Karen Dufresne
Village Clerk