

VILLAGE OF KALEVA

MEETING MINUTES 20 SEPTEMBER, 2021

at 7:00 P.M.

Call to order

Pledge of allegiance

Present: E. Dufresne, R. Schafer, J. Schafer, D. Howes, K. Somsel, D. Grossnickle, J. Frizzell

Absent: J. McKinley

Visitors: K. Mlcek, JoAnne Wood, Rebecca Durant, Laura Turos

Minutes for August 2021: Motion made by E. Dufresne, seconded by D. Howes to accept council meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Minutes for August 2021 budget meeting: Motion made by E. Dufresne, seconded by R. Schafer to accept budget meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Motion by D. Grossnickle, seconded by J. Frizzell to accept financial report. Motion carried.

Reserved time: J. Wood to discuss Launi Ave. It is not used so she asks that the land be deeded back to surrounding property owners. There are 5 Property owners that this would affect. Mr Wilson will be approached to add 33 feet to each property owner. Board thanks Ms. Woods bringing this to their attention.

K. Mlcek brought 2 bonds to the board for their discussion and approval in regard to water project. Motion made by E. Dufresne to accept bond for Revolving Fund Bond, seconded by R. Schafer. Questions were asked and resolved.

Revolving Fund: D. Howes - aye
E. Dufresne - aye. R. Schafer - aye
D. Grossnickle - aye J. Frizzell - aye
K. Somsel - aye. Motion carried

Absent - J. McKinley

Motion made by E. Dufresne to accept USDA bond, seconded by R. Schafer. Questions were asked and resolved.

USDA: D. Howes - aye
R. Schafer - aye.
J. Frizzell - aye.

E. Dufresne - aye
D. Grossnickle - aye
K. Somsel - aye

Absent: J. McKinley.

Motion carried.

Unreserved: R. Durant, representing the Kaleva Art Gallery asked about the snow shields they had requested. The village has them and are scheduled to be put up next week. She asked that one panel be placed on west side to protect the quilt. This request will be passed on to DPW.

She also stated that a new critter was making a home under the deck now. The chicken wire previously used was not effective and it needs to be replaced, buy hardware cloth, which is available at Somsel's lumber. DPW will look into issue.

L. Tuross asked what village is going to do about banking issue. MBank was recently purchased by Nicolet Bank and recently announced they will be closing the Kaleva Branch. Closest branch will be in Traverse City. The board was able to reassure her that they were actively looking into the situation. E. Dufresne asked board permission to write letter to CEO/CFO regarding the economic impact this will have on surrounding area and on property values. Also the board has been in contact with Mr. Wilson regarding providing incentives to other banks/credit unions. Mr Wilson stated at this time we don't meet the criteria related to the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act. Board asked K. Weaver, J. Schafer, and self to start contacting different financial institutions to recommend which bank/CU would be most appropriate for Village to transfer funds into. Motion made by E. Dufresne, seconded by J. Frizzell. Motion carried.

Reports:

Fire: no report

Streets: MDOT is looking for projects for fiscal years 2023-2026. These roads would be funded 60/40 by state grants. Roads south of 9 mile and Industrial are in greatest need. There is a new product to put on roads that can help extend life of roads being effected by water project. This will be further looked into by E. Dufresne.

DPW: Trees over roadways will be trimmed next week. The snow shields will be going on next week. Village received \$2500 donation which was used to by gravel to repair alleyways. Littering signs have been purchased for walkways. Due to arrive this week. It was asked by Ms. Durant that the signs by recycling center be changed to be more positive and remind people that the cardboard recycling funds go to help the school.

Water: Controller broke, it was sent back for repair. The company can't fix so it is being sent back. R. Schafer will send off to another company. If they can't repair then a new one will have to be purchased.

September 27 will be flow test on new well. If all goes well then 2nd well will not be necessary.

R. Schafer had 107 homes/businesses to visit checking for piping entering home. At this time 95 are done.

Preapproval application for Standard and Poors Financial being done by K. Mlcek.

Zoning: no question on report. Questions were brought to board relating to splitting land owned by M. Omar. Board will hold approval until more is known.

Planning Committee: meeting 22 September, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. in village office.

Old business: Verison has still not gotten phones for village use. Decision made to find alternatives. AT&T or Nextel will be looked into.

New Business: Medical Insurance for M. Hamilton. Waiting for information to be provided by Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

Motion made to adjourn by J. Frizzell, seconded by D. Grossnickle. Motion carried.


Karen Dufresne
Village Clerk

Corrected *KND*

