

VILLAGE OF KALEVA

COUNCIL MEETING 17 JULY, 2023 AT 6:00 PM

Call to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: R. Schafer, T. Covell, J. McKinley, D. Holtz, K. Weaver, D. Grossnickle, K. Dufresne

Absent: D. Howes

Visitors: J. Schafer, S. Potts, K. Mleck, Jack and Crystal Yoder, Gary and Valerie Thompson, W. Beldo, J. Rawlings, T. Hasselback, A. McKinley J. Hawkins

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes. Motion made by D. Grossnickle, seconded by T. Covell. Motion carried.

Review and approval of financial statement. Motion made by J. McKinley, seconded by L. Beldo. Motion carried.

Reserved: K. Mleck presented a draw for Contract 1 for meter work done. Draw for Contract 2 for work on new wells. And Draw for payment to Fleis & Vandenberg. Motion made by R. Schafer, seconded by T. Covell. Motion carried. There was a discussion about the space being ready for new generator and cover being ready.

K. Mleck presented a change order with no change in cost just extension of time with contract 1 being finished by 31 October 2023, and Contract 2 by 12 October 2023. Motion made by R. Schafer, seconded by D. Grossnickle. Motion carried.

K. Mleck presented a draw for EGLE to pay for PowerVac and Fleis & Vandenberg. Motion made by R. Schafer, seconded by T. Covell. Motion carried.

Unreserved: A. McKinley asked about brush pile that was created when site was cleared for new well site. Village asked that it be left for firewood so now up to village to take care of. J. McKinley said the fire dept may use for a controlled burn in training.

The old school house/Wesleyan church across road from MGCC is dangerous with one of the metal roof panels loose and near power lines when wind is blowing, plus there's a hole in wall that birds and cats going in and out. Sadly W. Beldo is still attempting to find legal owner to get answers and bills for clean up.

Would like to say Thank You to the Rawlings for donation towards fireworks next year.

J. Yoder offered his services to Village as Camp Host. D. Grossnickle thanked them, but said he had contacted Christine Bash to take over those duties.

J. Hawkins asked about a pay raise. She felt it was unfair that a new hire started at a higher salary than her after working for the village for 17 years. D. Holtz said this would be addressed in November when the board addresses raises. J. Hawkins then left the meeting.

S. Potts then addressed the problem of the house that burned down. Question also surrounds ownership and until that is resolved, not much can be done. Will probably end up in court for resolution. She also discussed the problem with wildlife in village - especially skunks. Live capture is best outcome.

With the lack of rain, there has been an increase in water usage and well 2 has been active which is sending out discolored water. Once new wells come on line, this should eliminate the problem.

Reports:

Fire-House fire in Copemish with no injury. Fireworks went well.

Streets-Scott Brown has been asked for a quote for some skid paving. Will present at next months budget meeting. There is no weight Limit signs posted. This will be looked into.

Water-Bill sent to Grossnickle Farm for use of water. They have sent payment but R. Schafer is looking for guidance from Council. The number don't match nor does the amount. We didn't have a meter attached to prove who used or how much was used. A meter has been purchased and will be used from now on. And an upfront agreement will be used with all bulk sale of water. Accept check was decision. There was a break in service due to a line leak. The entire line had to be replaced and inspected by EGLE. M. Hamilton will now take position of Water Supervisor, while R. Schafer will be Assistant. Motion made by D. Grossnickle, seconded by T. Covell. Motion carried.

Chatterbox at tower failed. New one will use cellular for notification. Once installed the land line will be canceled.

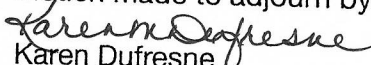
Park-looked good for Kaleva Heritage Days. Web site for reservations is now active. Discussion will need to be have about activating payment on line.

Planning-Joint Zoning is being worked on. The County presented a workshop about doing zoning for both township and village. Questions included - will they represent in court if needed? Yes. Any complaints will need to come from board so individuals will need to bring to council attention. There was discussion about Joint Zoning, W. Beldo stated this had already been approved by Council. Discussion related to cost for county enforce zoning and planning. The council is requesting more information.

Old Business: Conflict of interest letter distributed last month. D. Holtz to discuss with lawyer. Payroll procedure and benefits for updated employee handbook need to be reviewed. L. Beldo, T. Covell and D. Holtz to meet and present to Council with updates.

New Business: Discussion about rebuying lots industrial from SEC. There are empty lots available now. Costs of those lots would be \$7500 each.

Motion made to adjourn by T. Covell, seconded by J. McKinley. Motion carried.


Karen Dufresne
Village Clerk