

Village of Kewaskum
Village Board
Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2024, 7:00 PM

The Kewaskum Village Board, Washington County, Wisconsin met in regular session at the Fire Station, 1106 Fond du Lac Ave.

Board Members Present: Martin, Parse, Wright, Schlitt, Knoebel and Weninger

Excused Absent: Hovland

Staff Members Present: Gitter, Butz, Groeschel, Bishop, Aupperle, Carter and Kreis

Martin called the meeting of the Village Board to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by roll call and a reading of the Affidavit of Posting for the meeting. A moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance were observed.

Motion by Wright, seconded by Weninger to approve the November 4, 2024 meeting minutes, voice vote, motion carried.

Butz administered Oath of Office for Officer Maritato and Officer Hicks.

PUBLIC HEARING – Martin opened the public hearing on the proposed 2025 Budget for the Village of Kewaskum. R. Olenchek, 800 Prairie Gdns; M. Cornell, 714 Prairie Gdns; B. Miller, 806 Prairie Gdns; D. Walls, 927 Roseland #4; J. Schiebel, 864 Prairie Gdns #17 inquired on tax roll process, mill rates and increases due to revaluation. Motion by Knoebel, seconded by Wright to close the public hearing, carried by roll-call vote: Weninger – aye, Knoebel – aye, Schlitt- Aye, Wright – aye, Parse- aye, Martin – aye (6-0).

APPEARANCE BY CITIZENS - none

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT HEADS

Administrator – Gitter reported on the Municipal Building project

Assistant Administrator/Clerk – Butz reported on General Election and utility billing

Treasurer – Carter provided the October Cash on Hand & Investment report

Fire Chief – Groeschel reported on Fire & EMS activities in October

Police Chief – Bishop reported on Police activities in October.

Director of Public Works – Aupperle reported on parks closing, 20 lead laterals replacement, Christmas décor and leaf collection

Library Director – Kreis provided her October report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative Committee – Knoebel reported that the Administrative Committee met earlier this evening and recommended the approval of the following:

Motion by Weninger, seconded by Schlitt to approve October Accounts Payable, voice vote, motion carried.

Motion by Knoebel, seconded by Weninger to approve October Payroll, voice vote, motion carried.

Motion by Knoebel, seconded by Schlitt to approve the Civic Systems Customer Portal with Custom Forms, voice vote, motion carried.

Protection & Public Safety – No report

Public Works and Public Services – No report

Plan Commission – Next meeting is November 26, 2024

Park & Recreation – No report

Library Board – Next meeting is November 11, 2024

Mid-Moraine – No report

ED/AC – No report

EMS – No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Wright, seconded by Knoebel to approve the 2025 Budget, voice vote, motion carried.

Motion by Wright, seconded by Weninger to approve EMS Contract & Level of Service agreement with the City of West Bend as presented, voice vote, motion carried.

Motion by Knoebel, seconded by Parse to offer Letter of Support for change in EMS, voice vote, motion carried.

Motion by Knoebel, seconded by Parse to approve Resolution 2024-18 to Adopt the Washington County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, voice vote, motion carried.

Discussion only on winter parking, no action taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT – D. Walls, 927 Roseland #4 inquired on starting a senior facility and C. Lipenski, 717 Prairie Gardens commented on payment processor fees

Motion by Martin, seconded by Knoebel to convene into Closed Session at 8:26 p.m. pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(e) to discuss Kewaskum Police Association Collective Bargaining, and TID #6 Developer Agreement carried by roll call vote: Weninger – aye, Knoebel – aye, Schlitt – aye, Wright – aye, Parse – aye, Martin - aye (6-0)

Motion by Knoebel, seconded by Schlitt to reconvene into Open Session at 8:50 p.m. pursuant to Section 19.85(2), voice vote, motion carried.

Motion by Knoebel, seconded by Parse to approve the Kewaskum Police Association Collective Bargaining Agreement as stated by Administrator, voice vote, motion carried.

Motion by Knoebel, seconded by Schlitt to adjourn at 8:51 p.m., voice vote, motion carried.

Tammy Butz
Assistant Administrator/Clerk

Approved: December 2, 2024