

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board of Trustees
Village of Kenmore

Municipal Building
February 21, 2023

PRESENT:	Hon. Patrick Mang	Mayor
	Hon. Paul Catalano	Trustee
	Hon. Andrea Czopp	Trustee
	Hon. Louis Cercone	Trustee
ABSENT:	Hon. Joseph DeCecco	Trustee

**EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS TWO (2) FINANCIAL, ONE (1) CONTRACTUAL
AND ONE (1) PERSONNEL/DISCIPLINARY MATTER**

Trustee Czopp moved to go into Executive Session to discuss two (2) financial, one (1) contractual, one (1) personnel/disciplinary matter.

Seconded by Trustee Catalano and adopted by a full vote in the affirmative.

Trustee Cercone moved to end the Executive Session.

Seconded by Trustee Czopp and adopted by a full vote of all members present.

Kathleen P. Johnson
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CORPORATION PROCEEDINGS

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The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Mang. The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD APPROVED AND GAVE PERMISSION FOR TWO POLICE DETECTIVES TO ATTEND A TRAINING COURSE.

Trustee Catalano moved to approve and give permission for Detective Michael Wells and Detective Justin Breitnauer to attend the “Mid-Level Narcotics Investigation Training” on March 9-10, 2023 at Hilbert College in Hamburg, N.Y., with expenses.

Seconded by Trustee Czopp and adopted by a full vote in the affirmative.

BOARD APPROVED AND GAVE PERMISSION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT TO ATTEND “ADVOCACY DAY”.

Trustee Czopp moved to approve and give permission to Department of Public Works Superintendent David Root to attend the “2023 Advocacy Day, in Albany, N.Y. on March 7 and 8, 2023, with expenses.

Seconded by Trustee Cercone and adopted by a full vote in the affirmative.

BOARD APPROVED AN AGREEMENT WITH TROUTMAN & ASSOCIATES.

Trustee Cercone moved to approve an agreement with Troutman and Associates to engineer the Kenmore Police Department expansion and to develop specifications. A copy of the agreement is appended to these minutes for record purposes.

Seconded by Trustee Catalano and adopted by a full vote in the affirmative.

BOARD APPROVED AND GRANTED PERMISSION TO THE KENMORE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION TO CONDUCT VARIOUS COMMUNITY EVENTS.

Trustee Catalano moved to approve and granted permission to the Kenmore Business Association to conduct Concert #1 on July 21st, Discover Kenmore on July 29th, Concert #2 on August 18th, and the 2023 KBA Stop, Sip and Shop on December 7, 2023.

Seconded by Trustee Czopp and adopted by a full vote of all members present.

BOARD APPROVED AND GAVE PERMISSION TO BUFFALO MOTORAMA TO CONDUCT THE “2023 CRUISE INTO KENMORE CRUISE” EVENT.

Trustee Czopp moved to approve and give permission to Buffalo Motorama to conduct the 2023 “Cruise Into Kenmore Cruise” event on Sunday, August 20, 2023, from 10 AM until 3 PM on Delaware Avenue, between Victoria and Tremaine.

Seconded by Trustee Cercone and adopted by a full vote in the affirmative.

BOARD APPROVED AND GAVE PERMISSION FOR AN EASTER EGG HUNT.

Trustee Cercone moved to approve and give permission to Erik Arneth to conduct an Easter Egg Hunt on April 1, 2023, from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm on the Village Green.

Seconded by Trustee Catalano and adopted by a full vote in the affirmative.

BOARD APPROVED A REVISED PUD P CONCERNING ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL.

Trustee Catalano moved to approve a revised Planned Unit Development (PUD) plan concerning St. Paul's School. A copy of the Planned Unit Development Plan is appended to these minutes for record purposes.

Seconded by Trustee Czopp and adopted by a full vote of all members present.

ABSTRACT OF AUDITED VOUCHERS.

Trustee Czopp offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLVED, that the mayor be and he hereby is authorized to sign the Abstract of Audited vouchers dated February 21, 2023, in the amount of \$510,293.56; General Fund \$186,930.22; Water Fund \$47,081.29; Sewer Fund \$68,386.05.00; Capital Fund \$207,896.00; to direct the Treasurer to pay each of the listed claimants in the amount appearing opposite his/her name.

Seconded by Trustee Catalano and adopted by a full vote in the affirmative.

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTIONS

The Mayor asked if anyone wished to be heard.

Sam Guarino of 221 Keller Avenue wanted to discuss the new owner account fee for his property. He states that this property has been in his family for many years and that his mother only recently paid the new owner fee. This property is a double, so there is a new owner fee attached to both units. He feels it's unfair that he has to pay this fee again, when it was just paid. His mother recently transferred the property to him and he wants this fee waived.

Clerk/Treasurer Johnson noted that she had previously talked with Mr. Guarino about this matter. Under the Village Code, there is no exception for intra-family transfers. All new owners

have to have the new owner fee attached. She noted that when the new owner fee goes on the bill, no surcharges are added to the bill. The difference between the new owner fee and the surcharges is approximately \$30. She further noted that, while she couldn't recall the exact date, his mother had taken title some time ago, but failed to place the account into her name until only recently. The New Owner fee for his mother was her responsibility, not Mr. Guarino's, and the delay in placing the account into her name is resulting in 2 successive new owner fees. She also noted that, while the Code exempts intra-family transfers for \$1 and no more from Sump Pump Inspection and certificates, as well as Tax Certificate acquisition, there is no such exemption for New Owner fees.

The Mayor noted that he is aware that this is a family transfer, but that the law doesn't give exemption to the new owner fee. That said, the Mayor stated that he and the Board would look into it.

As no one else wished to be heard, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on March 7, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

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