

## CORPORATION PROCEEDINGS

Board of Trustees  
Village of Kenmore

Municipal Building  
January 18,2022

PRESENT:	Hon. Patrick Mang	Mayor
	Hon. Paul Catalano	Trustee
	Hon. Katherine Bestine	Trustee
	Hon. Joseph DeCecco	Trustee
	Hon. Andrea Czopp	Trustee

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Patrick Mang.

Because of COVID 19 restrictions, this meeting was held via phone conference, with call in instructions provided to the public.

The Mayor started the meeting by welcoming Andrea Czopp to the Board. Ms. Czopp has been appointed to fill a vacancy created by the departure of Trustee Burd. He wished Trustee Czopp well and said that he is looking forward to working with her.

### **BOARD APPROVED THE 2021 ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE KENMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

Trustee Bestine moved to approve the 2021 Annual Report for the Kenmore Police Department. A copy of the Annual Report is attached to these minutes for record purposes.

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

### **BOARD APPROVED AND GAVE PERMISSION TO BUFFALO MOTORAMA TO CONDUCT THE 2022 SUPER CRUISE EVENT.**

Trustee Catalano moved to approve and give permission to Buffalo Motorama to conduct the 2022 Cruise Into Kenmore Super Cruise event on Sunday, August 21, 2022, from 10 AM until 3 PM on Delaware Avenue, between Victoria and Tremaine.

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

**BOARD APPROVED A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE KENMORE MUNICIPAL BUILDING 2022 CALENDAR**

Trustee DeCecco moved to approve a resolution concerning the Kenmore Municipal Building holiday calendar. A copy of this Resolution is attached to these minutes for record purposes.

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

**ABSTRACT OF AUDITED VOUCHERS.**

Trustee Catalano 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 January 18, 2021 in the amount of: General Fund \$216,321.26; Water Fund \$89,083.51; Sewer Fund \$147,203.17; Community Development Fund \$16,886.65 Capital Fund \$57,368.76 to direct the Treasurer to pay each of the listed claimants in the amount appearing opposite his/her name.

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

**INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTIONS**

The Mayor asked if anyone wished to be heard.

Ellen Little of 61 Marquette, stated that she spoke to Building Inspector Michael Berns earlier and that she is concerned with the property behind her, which is vacant. She stated that this property has been a long-time problem to the neighborhood. Since the owner passed away, the bank, she understands, has placed the property in foreclosure, but has failed to maintain the

property. She says that the sidewalks are in a dangerous condition. They are not shoveled, which is making it difficult for people, especially children, to walk. She says that the property is not maintained, with trash and rats present. She is very angry and frustrated that there are 3 empty houses on Hiler, and wants to know what the process is to address these vacant homes.

The Mayor stated that he had talked with Mr. Berns earlier in the day. He knows this property is a problem and that the Village had hoped that the foreclosure process would have moved forward by now.

Charles Malcomb, Esq., attorney for the Village, said that there are certain laws in place to hold the bank accountable. He'll check on the status of the foreclosure to see if these laws apply. He asked Ms. Little to contact the Clerk/Treasurer.

Kathleen Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer, gave Ms. Little her email address.

Ms. Little was happy to hear this would be done. She is very concerned that the property presents a condition where an accident is likely to happen. She also noted that there are windows open and lights on in the property, so she is concerned about squatters. She is very disappointed that the bank has failed to maintain the property.

Trustee DeCecco asked if she knew the property address. It was determined that the property is 58 Hiler.

Ms. Little said that she and her husband have done basic maintenance on the property – trimming bushes, shoveling. She also noted that this property was a problem even when the owner was alive, stating that he was aggressive and problematic and that the police were often contacted. Mayor Mang said that he would contact the Police Chief to make sure that they

looked into the lights and windows to see if there are any squatters. He would also talk with Mr. Berns.

Ms. Little said that she finds it difficult to speak directly with the Mayor. She has had conversations with Mr. Berns and Ms. Johnson in the past. She also stated that Mr. Berns had suggested that she call in to discuss the matter with the Board this evening.

As there were no other questions, the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Mang thanked everyone for calling in and offered his wish that everyone stays healthy. He hopes that we can resume in-person meetings soon.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on February 1, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

Kathleen P. Johnson  
Village Clerk/Treasurer