

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Board of Trustees  
Village of Kenmore

Municipal Building  
May 21, 2024

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| PRESENT: | Hon. Patrick Mang   | Mayor   |
|          | Hon. Paul Catalano  | Trustee |
|          | Hon. Joseph DeCecco | Trustee |
|          | Hon. Andrea Czopp   | Trustee |
|          | Hon. Brittany Jones | Trustee |

**EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS FIVE (5) FINANCIAL MATTERS.**

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Trustee Catalano moved to go into Executive Session to discuss five (5) financial matters.

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

Trustee DeCecco moved to end the Executive Session.

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

Kathleen P. Johnson  
Village Clerk/Treasurer

**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 THE YEAR END BUDGET TRANSFERS AND AMENDMENTS.**

Trustee DeCecco moved authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to make needed year-end budget transfers and amendments.

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

**BOARD APPROVED A RESOLUTION RE: A BUDGT AMENDMENT FOR CHIPS.**

Trustee Jones moved to approved a Resolution re: a budget amendment for funds received from the Consolidated Highway Improvement Project (CHIPS). A copy of the Resolution has been appended to these minutes for record purposes.

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

**BOARD APPROVED AN AGREEMENT WITH ERIE COUNTY CONCERNING A GRANT FOR THE ELMWOOD AVENUE PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.**

Trustee Czopp moved to approve an agreement with Erie County concerning a grant for the Elmwood Avenue Pedestrian Improvement Project. A copy of the agreement has been appended to these minutes for record purposes.

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

**BOARD APPROVED THE HIRE OF A SUBSTITUTE CROSSING GUARD.**

Trustee DeCecco moved to approve the hire of Lynette Calandra as a substitute crossing guard, with a start date of May 23, 2024

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

**BOARD APPROVED THE HIRE OF A SEASONAL EMPLOYEE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.**

Trustee Jones moved to approve the hire of Cassidy Pierce as a Seasonal Employee for the Department of Public Works, with a start date of May 22, 2024.

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

**BOARD APPROVED TRAVELER'S INSURANCE FOR THE 2024-2025 INSURANCES.**

Trustee Catalano moved to approve Traveler's Insurance as the Village's carrier for its 2024-2025 general liability, law enforcement, public entity management, equipment floater, crime, property, commercial auto, and umbrella/excess liability insurances.

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

**BOARD APPROVED A GRANT WRITER FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.**

Trustee Czopp moved to approve J. Potter as the Grant Writer for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. A copy of the agreement is attached to these minutes for record purposes.

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

**ABSTRACT OF AUDITED VOUCHERS.**

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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 May 21, 2024, in the amount of \$1,611,887.59; General Fund \$794,861.40; Water Fund \$150,776.47; Sewer Fund \$369,615.42; Community Development Fund \$91.10; Capital Fund \$296,543.20; 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**

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The Mayor asked if anyone wished to be heard.

A resident, requesting to be identified as a “Kenmore Resident”, read a letter to the board. He stated that dog walkers allow their dogs to defecate anywhere, including the front lawns of people’s homes. He said that the 1979 Village Code imposes three restrictions on dog owners. First, to control their dogs. Second, to keep dogs leashed. Third, to pick up after their dogs.

He would like to the Board to pass another restriction – requiring dogs to be walked only on the side of the dog owner and that they only be allowed to walk on the side of sidewalk that is next to the right of way (the area between the curb and the sidewalk). He believes this would prevent the dog from defecating on the front lawns of residential properties. He wants this new law posted on the KVIS on website.

He says that he spoke to the Dog Warden, who recommended placing a sign on his lawn.

The resident is concerned that such a sign would result in attacks and criticism on social media. He suggests that lawn flags be developed, with a nice symbol, which would alert dog owners not to let their dogs defecate on the home's front lawn.

He also would like to see the Village open a dog park, which would be the only place for dogs to be walked.

Mayor Mang asked the resident for a copy of the letter, and requested he place his name and address on the letter.

Dan Ratka, residing at 70 Enola, is present with his wife, Deborah, to complain about 66 Enola. The property has been in disrepair for years. The property is currently vacant and the condition is not only unsightly, it is attracting rats and there are fly infestations. He says the weeds in the back are over a foot high.

The Mayor stated that he believes the owners are in prison and asked the Building Inspector for the status.

Michael Berns, Building Inspector, noted that a hearing is scheduled for next month for the property, as well as a hearing to address an abandoned car, located on the property. Mr. Ratka gave permission for the Building Inspector to come onto his property for purposes of seeing the condition of the back yard. Mr. Berns thanked Mr. Ratka for the permission, noting that otherwise we can only send violation notices for what can be seen from the sidewalk, as we are not allowed to enter property.

Mayor Mang stated that he understands and agrees with the Ratkas, stating that it's very frustrating for the Village to see these properties and have so little control to address the problem.

The Rafkas believe someone is collecting the mail at the residents.

Mayor Mang encourages the Rafkas to call the Village if they see anyone at the property. He stated that it's very difficult for the Village to contact someone to address violations. He said it's very frustrating for the Village to deal with these properties, and that he knows how difficult it is for those who live on the street, especially those who live next door.

Mrs. Rafka notes that the house is not secure. A door is open.

Police Chief Phillips stated that the KPD will look into it.

Eric Nagel of 119 Knowlton Avenue is the organizer of Porch Fest. This year's event will take place on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. They have 282 musicians, and 86 bands performing at various locations throughout the Village.

Mayor Mang thanked Mr. Nagel for organizing the event and for bringing it to Kenmore. He noted that it's very successful and a lot of fun. He congratulated Mr. Nagel on a great job and thanked him again for his efforts.

There were no further questions or comments.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on June 4, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

Kathleen P. Johnson  
Village Clerk/Treasurer