

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board of Trustees
Village of Kenmore

Municipal Building
August 6, 2024

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO FOUR (4) FINANCIAL AND TWO (2) CONTRACTUAL MATTERS.

Trustee Czopp moved to go into Executive Session to discuss four (4) financial and two (2) contractual matters.

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

Trustee Catalano moved to end the Executive Session.

Seconded by Trustee Jones 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.

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

**BOARD CONDUCTED A HEARING PERTAINING TO SECTION 14-20:
ABANDONED JUNKED, ETC. VEHICLES AT 80 KINSEY AVENUE.**

Trustee Czopp moved to open the hearing.

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

The Clerk advised that this was the time and place to conduct a hearing under Section 14-20: Abandoned Junked, Etc. Vehicles at 80 Kinsey Avenue.

The Mayor asked if there was anyone present from 80 Kinsey Avenue. Mark Isklewicz stated that he has recently received his letters appointing him Executor of the owner's estate. He met with an attorney who is helping him with how to get title to the vehicles through the DMV and also to move forward with listing the house. Since the owner's death, he has been maintaining the property from the outside. Since receiving notice of the violation from the Village, he's been trying to get one of the cars going, but it will need a new battery. The other two will be junked.

Mayor Mang asked if there was a timeframe to shelter or remove the cars.

Mr. Isklewicz responded that the car is locked and he doesn't have the keys and can't find the titles. He will need to get titles from the DMV.

Building Inspector Michael Berns noted that there is a 2-car garage on the property and that 2 of the vehicles can be moved into the garage and that that will bring two of the vehicles into compliance while waiting for the DMV paperwork. He also noted that two of the vehicles appear to be chewed through. Mr. Isklewicz said that he didn't see any evidence of rodents in the cars. Mr. Berns replied that he has received several complaints from the neighbors who observed rats in and around the cars. He said that rats like to chew on the wires and most likely are using the cars as a shelter.

Mayor Mang stated that the DMV will take at least a month to respond, and that the Village can't wait that long. He is willing to give Mr. Isklewicz two weeks to either remove or shelter the vehicles in an enclosed structure.

Mr. Isklewicz replied that he understands that cars have been sitting in the driveway for a year or more. He feels the Board is being reasonable in granting him two weeks to remove the vehicles. He is meeting with his attorney on Thursday and will try and get this addressed as soon as possible.

There were no other comments or questions brought to the Board's attention.

Trustee Jones moved to close the hearing.

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

**BOARD APPROVED A RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO SECTION 14-20:
ABANDONED JUNKED, ETC. VEHICLES AT 80 KINSEY AVENUE.**

Trustee Catalano moved to approve a Resolution finding that the vehicles at 80 Kinsey are in violation of Section 14-20 of the Kenmore Municipal Code. A copy of this Resolution is attached to these minutes for record purposes.

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

A Roll Call Vote was taken as follows:

Trustee Catalano	Voting	Aye
Trustee Czopp	Voting	Aye
Trustee Jones	Voting	Aye
Mayor Mang	Voting	Aye

**BOARD APPROVED A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR
VILLAGE OF KENMORE BUDGET POLICE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL PROJECT
GRANT.**

Trustee Czopp moved to approve a Resolution regarding 2024-2025 fiscal year Village of Kenmore budget Police Department Capital Project Grant. A copy of this Resolution is attached to these minutes for record purposes.

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

**BOARD APPROVED AND GRANTED PERMISSION TO A FIREFIGHTER TO
ATTEND A TRAINING COURSE.**

Trustee Jones moved to approve and grant permission to Firefighter Frank Cutrona to attend a course entitled “Fire and Emergency Service Instructor I” on August 9-18, 2024 in Cheektowaga, New York, with expenses.

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

BOARD APPROVED AND GRANTED PERMISSION TO TWO FIREFIGHTERS TO ATTEND A TRAINING COURSE.

Trustee Catalano moved to approve and grant permission to Firefighter Frank Cutrona and Firefighter Daniel Zeller to attend a course entitled “General Medical Emergencies CME” on August 14, 2024 in Lockport, New York, with expenses.

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

BOARD APPROVED AND GRANTED PERMISSION TO THE RESIDENTS OF EAST HAZELTINE AVENUE TO HOLD A BLOCK PARTY.

Trustee Czopp moved to approve and granted permission to the residents of East Hazeltine Avenue, between Charleston Avenue and Colvin Boulevard, to hold a block party on Sunday, August 18th, 2024, with a rain date of Saturday, August 17th, 2024, at the request of Christopher Ritz.

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

BOARD APPROVED AND GRANTED PERMISSION TO THE RESIDENTS OF WARDMAN ROAD TO HOLD A BLOCK PARTY.

Trustee Jones moved to approve and grant permission to the residents of Wardman Road, between Myron Avenue and Delaware Road, to hold a block party on Saturday, September 7th, 2024, at the request of Mark Roundtree.

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

BOARD APPROVED AND GRANTED PERMISSION TO THE RESIDENTS OF ARGONNE DRIVE TO HOLD A BLOCK PARTY.

Trustee Catalano moved to approve and grant permission to the residents of Argonne Drive, between Colvin Blvd. and Rowley Avenue, to hold a block party on Saturday, August 24th, 2024, at the request of Kathryn A. DeCecco.

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

BOARD APPROVED A RESOLUTION REGARDING A BORROWING FOR EQUIPMENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Trustee Jones moved to approve a Resolution regarding a Bond Anticipation Note which provides funding for equipment for the Department of Public Works. A copy of this Resolution is attached to these minutes for record purposes.

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

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 August 6, 2024, in the amount of \$996,999.68; General Fund \$322,719.96; Water Fund \$7,183.18; Sewer Fund \$23,651.49; Community Development Fund \$20,738.69; Capital Fund \$622,706.36; 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.

Greg Kuhaneck, residing at 173 East Hazeltine Avenue, inquired about the Kenmore Presbyterian church property, which he says has deteriorated and is not kept up.

Mayor Mang responded that the property has been purchased and the new owner is developing plans. He said that they are planning on demolishing the church.

The Building Inspector, Mike Berns, stated that the Village has been notifying the owners of any complaints, and that they have been addressing these complaints.

Mr. Kuhaneck wanted to know who is responsible for sidewalks.

The Mayor replied that the owner is responsible for the sidewalk in front of their property.

Mr. Kubaneck asked why sometimes the Village is replacing sidewalks, not the owner.

The Mayor replied that the Village will sometimes replace sidewalks as part of a major project, and that we've also replaced sidewalks in CDBG-eligible areas. He explained that these areas are determined by the federal government, based on income.

Mr. Kubaneck asked why some of the new ADA curb ramps have two ramps/curb and others only have one.

The Mayor replied that these curb ramp projects are also paid for using our CDBG funding, and that engineers make that determination.

Marjorie Murray, Village Historian, wanted to let the Board know that the TKHS has developed a guided bicycle tour, which will take place on September 11 at 6 PM and on September 15th at 3 PM. She said that this is being done to celebrate the Village's 125th

Anniversary which will be September 18th. She said that this would coordinate with Kentoberfest.

Trustee Czopp noted that the Kentoberfest event had been cancelled and that we are looking for another date to celebrate the 125th Anniversary.

Ms. Murray also expressed her sadness that the Kenmore Presbyterian Church will be torn down. She said that church is nearly 100 years old and has classic art deco features. The land, on which the church stands, was donated by Louis Eberhardt. She feels that the Village has already lost so much of Mr. Eberhardt's vision.

The Mayor noted that the Church sold the property and the new owners can't use the church building. He noted that the church is very large and that a prior party, interested in using the property as apartments, found the cost to convert the church and address all of its needed code updates too prohibitive.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on August 20th, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

Kathleen P. Johnson
Village Clerk/Treasurer