

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board of Trustees
Village of Kenmore

Kenmore Municipal Building
May 20, 2025

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	Hon. Paul Catalano	Trustee
	Hon. Brittany Jones	Trustee
	Hon. Christopher Ring	Trustee

ABSENT:	Hon. Donna Genesky	Trustee
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EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS ONE (1) LITIGATION AND TWO (2) FINANCIAL MATTERS.

Trustee Catalano moved to go into Executive Session to discuss one (1) litigation and two (2) financial matters.

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

Trustee Jones moved to end the Executive Session.

Seconded by Trustee Ring 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 CONDUCTED A HEARING PERTAINING TO LOCAL LAW #3, 2025: REGULATE OUTDOOR EVENTS ON COMMERCIAL PROPERTY.

Trustee Jones moved to open a hearing pertaining to proposed Local Law #3: Regulating Outdoor Events on Commercial Property.

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

Clerk Johnson read the legal notice, which summarized the proposed local law.

Eric Nagle of 119 Knowlton Ave and President of Porch Fest asked what the cost will be for the permit. The Clerk/Treasurer replied that the permit cost has not been set.

Mr. Nagle asked when the local law would be effective. The Clerk/Treasurer replied that it is effective immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State, and that that usually occurs within 2 weeks from when the local law is approved by the Board.

Mr. Nagle stated that he feels that this local law is being pushed through and that there is a lack of transparency. He stated that the documents for tonight's agenda were not on-line until Monday morning. He feels that this lack of transparency violates the open meetings law. He

also feels that this local law is targeting Fattey's and Porchfest, and that there is a conspiracy against both.

Mayor Mang stated that there is no conspiracy and that the local law has no impact on Porchfest. The law is designed to set up parameters for commercial businesses wanting to hold outdoor events. It's designed to balance the needs of the businesses and the residents, and to provide more direction and guidance for everyone, including Village officials.

The Mayor stated that it will establish rules, and that as long as businesses follow those rules, there will be no problems. He noted that the Board received numerous complaints last year and that the surrounding residents are not in favor of outdoor events held on commercial property. The Board is trying to strike a balance between the resident and business needs through this local law.

Chris Discesare from Fatteys stated that he feels the local law is too harsh toward businesses. He specifically takes issue with the "Intent" section of the law. He also feels that the requirement of 1.5 outdoor toilets for every 25 people is too restrictive.

Trustee Ring stated that the purpose of the local law is to eliminate the grey area that currently exists. He said that currently there is nothing in place to address commercial outdoor events. He said the Board wants everyone to have a clear understanding of what the expectations and rules are. He hopes that businesses and residents will embrace the local law going forward.

Trustee Catalano said that he understands what businesses want to do and he also respects the needs of the residents. The Board wants businesses to continue having outdoor events, but the local law will establish the rules they need to follow.

Mayor Mang reiterated that the local law is needed to clarify everything. Last year, he said, there were problems because there was no clear plan. Mayor Mang said that the Board can table the approval while they consider the comments made.

There were no other questions or comments.

Trustee Ring moved to close the Hearing

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

BOARD APPROVED A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR CHIPS.

Trustee Catalano moved to approve an amendment to the 2024/2025 budget to address funding in the amount of \$61,010.87 received from the Consolidated Highway Improvement Program (CHIPs).

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

BOARD APPROVED AN AGREEMENT WITH KENMORE FARMERS MARKET.

Trustee Jones moved to approve an agreement with Kenmore Farmers Market to conduct the Farmer's Market on the Village Green every Sunday 9 AM – 1 PM, beginning June 15, 2025 and running through the last Sunday in October, 2025. Seconded by Trustee Ring and adopted by a full vote in the affirmative.

BOARD APPROVED A RESOLUTION FOR THE 2024-2025 BUDGET FUND TRANSFERS.

Trustee Ring moved to approve and give permission to the Clerk/Treasurer to make fiscal year-end fund transfers to the 2024-2025 budget.

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

BOARD APPROVED THE WAGE SCHEDULE FOR NON-NEGOTIATING PERSONNEL FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR.

Trustee Catalano moved to approve the wage schedule for non-negotiating personnel for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

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

BOARD APPROVED THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF TWO ZONING BOARD MEMBERS.

Trustee Jones moved to approve the re-appointment of Gerry Catalano and Herbert Flemming as Zoning Board Members, with 3 years terms to expire June 2028.

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

BOARD APPROVED VARIOUS INSURANCES FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR.

Trustee Ring moved to approve General Liability, Property, Crime, Business Auto, Law Enforcement, Public Entity Management Liability, Employment Related Practices Liability, Worker's Compensation and Umbrella Liability insurances for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

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

BOARD GAVE PERMISSION A POLICE OFFICER TO ATTEND A COURSE.

Trustee Catalano moved to approve and grant permission to Police Officer Shawn Amann to attend "Field Training", on May 27-30, 2025 at the Erie County Law Enforcement Training Academy, with expenses.

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

BOARD GAVE PERMISSION TO A LIEUTENANT TO ATTEND A COURSE.

Trustee Jones moved to approve and grant permission to Police Lieutenant Jared Pierce to attend “Field Training”, on May 27-30, 2025 at the Erie County Law Enforcement Training Academy, with expenses.

Seconded by Trustee Ring and adopted by a full vote in the affirmative

BOARD GAVE PERMISSION TO THE RESIDENTS OF ARGONNE DRIVE TO HOLD A BLOCK PARTY.

Trustee Ring moved to approve and grant permission to the residents of Argonne Drive, to hold a block party on Saturday, June 21, 2025, between Hiler Avenue and Colvin Boulevard, at the request of Sarah Gower.

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

BOARD GAVE PERMISSION TO THE RESIDENTS OF STILLWELL AVENUE TO HOLD A BLOCK PARTY.

Trustee Catalano moved to approve and grant permission to the residents of Stillwell Avenue, to hold a block party on Sunday August 3, 2025 with a rain date of Saturday, August 2, 2025, between Delaware Road and Burritt Avenue, at the request of John Lougen.

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

BOARD GAVE 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, to hold a block party on Saturday, June 14, 2025 with a rain date of Saturday, June 21, 2025, between Colvin Boulevard and Rowley Avenue, at the request of Erik Arneth.

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

BOARD APPROVED A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE HARRIET TUBMAN UNDERGROUND RAILROAD BYWAY NOMINATION.

Trustee Ring moved to approve a Resolution in support of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway Nomination.

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

BOARD APPROVED A PUBLICATION OF A LEGAL NOTICE FOR A PROPOSED INCREASE TO WATER AND SEWER RATES.

Trustee Catalano moved to approve the publication of a legal notice for a proposed increase to water and sewer rates. A hearing will be held on Thursday, May 29th at 4 PM. The proposed rates would increase the charge for water above the minimum to \$6.10/1000 gallons. The sewer rate would increase to \$3.54/1000 gallons. There would be no change to the water minimum, the UTS or DEC surcharges. The rate increases would take effective June 1, 2025.

Seconded by Trustee Jones 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 May 20, 2025 in the amount of \$14,658,826.68; General Fund \$576,530.81; Water Fund \$295,650.69; Sewer Fund \$368,674.61; Debt Service Fund \$876,923.18; Capital Fund \$12,541,047.39; to direct the Treasurer to pay each of the listed claimants in the amount appearing opposite his/her name.

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

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTIONS

The Mayor asked if anyone wished to be heard.

There were no questions or comments.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on June 3, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

Kathleen P. Johnson
Village Clerk/Treasurer