

Wednesday, January 10, 2024
 Village of Kinderhook Regular Board Meeting
 Minutes

Present: Mayor Mike Abrams Clerk/Treasurer Nicole Heeder	Trustees: Dorene Weir James Mark Browne Susan Patterson Quinn Murphy - absent
Attendees: Kristy Silva, Astrid Montagano, Matt Cohn, Trevor Bean, Bill Mancini, Tina Lang, Paul Calcagno, Billy Murphy, Sabine Murphy, Ellen Sullivan, Peter Santamaria, Dave Bartlett, Amber Van Moessner	

Mayor Abrams opened the Regular monthly board meeting at 7:01 pm. All stood for Pledge of Allegiance

1. Clerk/Treasurer

Minutes of December 13, 2023, Village Board Meeting

Motion to approve the December 13, 2023, minutes was made by Trustee Patterson, seconded by Trustee Weir. All voted ‘Aye.’

Budget Amendments

Motion to approve all budget amendments was made by Trustee Browne, seconded by Trustee Weir. All voted ‘Aye.’

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
A.1670.4 Central Printing and mailing	A.1680.4 Central Data Processing	\$ 1,238.96
A.3410.411 Fire Chief Vehicle	A.3410.41Fire truck, Generator Repair	\$ 1,313.76
A.3410.43 Firemen Equipment Maintenance	A.3410.41Fire truck, Generator Repair	\$ 1,056.22
A.3410.2 Equipment Maintenance	A.3410.41Fire truck, Generator Repair	\$ 409.24
A.1460.1 Records Management	A.8020.1 Planning Personal Services	\$ 315.00

Water Fund

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
F.8330.1 Purification Personal Services	F.8340.1 Transportation Distribution Personal Services	\$ 2,109.00

Abstract

Motion to approve the abstract in the amount of \$87,846.27, General Fund \$58,995.56 Water Fund \$2,795.71 Albany Ave. water \$26,055as read was made by Trustee Browne, seconded by Trustee Weir. All voted ‘Aye.’

Treasurer’s Report

Motion to approve treasurer’s report was made by Trustee Patterson, seconded by Trustee Weir. All voted ‘Aye.’

Village Election

Mayor Abrams read aloud the Polling Place Resolution and the Registration and Election Inspector Resolution:

WHEREAS the General Village Election of the Village of Kinderhook will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024,

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the polling place for such election will be at the Village Hall, 6 Chatham Street in the Village of Kinderhook and that the polls will be open from noon until nine o’clock in the evening.

Motion to approve the Polling Place resolution made by Mayor Abrams, seconded by Trustee Patterson. All voted 'Aye'

RESOLVED THAT: The following persons are appointed inspectors for the village election to be held on the 19th day of March, 2024.

Geraldine Smith, Chair
Susanna Lauster
Mary Longacker
Nataly D. Jones

Susan Pulver, Alternate

WHEREAS, Registration Day is required to accomplish this action, **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Registration Day will be held for the Village of Kinderhook General Election on March 9, 2024, 12 noon to 5 PM at the Village Hall.

Inspectors of Election will meet at the foregoing place to prepare a register for the Village Election.

Motion to approve the Registration date and elections inspectors was made by Trustee Browne, seconded by Trustee Weir. All voted 'Aye.'

2. Code Enforcement Officer (Trevor Bean)

Monthly Report

\$193,061 in improvements, closed out the year with 109 new projects, and had 0 violations in December.

3. DPW (David Booth – absent)

4. Fire Department (Matt Cohn)

8 calls, 2 drills, 1 detail. Total of 94 calls responded to in 2023. The truck payment needs to be made by end of February or early March to receive the discount. It was requested for the village to receive an invoice for the amount requested to receive the discount. He will let the Board know when the invoice is received and whether the preference would be to pay by wire or check. Lights were changed to LEDs in firehouse.

Point system for LOSAP

The Mayor shared the updated point document with all trustees whereby two edits were made: 1) firefighters would earn 2 points for every drill; and 2) due to amount of work involved the president role as a leadership role and an officer position would earn 10 points for that role. The President is elected every year. The point system is on a yearly basis.

Mayor Abrams moved to accept the LOSAP point system edits, Trustee Weir seconded. All voted 'Aye.'

5. Water & Sewer Commissioner (Dale Leiser – absent)

Clerk/Treasurer Heeder read the amount for unpaid Water of \$13,577.36 and noted that sewer was just billed.

6. KBPA

7. Economic Development Director (Renee Shur)

Monthly EDC Report

Reported there's a bus company interested in bringing tours here. Hopes to be the first municipality to advertise in Columbia County Stay and Explore. Asks public for promotional ideas.

8. Trustee Weir

Recreation Commission

Met Monday evening and requested a change to the six-week summer program start date, Monday, July 8th through Friday August 16th, 2024.

Mayor motioned to approve summer program start date change, seconded by Trustee Patterson. All voted 'Aye.'

Summer camp pay raise rates for 2024 will be added into flyers announcing positions. Last year Counselors made \$15.20/hour. Asks board to consider paying Counselors \$16.20/hour. Last year Assistant Director made \$17/hour. Asks board to consider paying Assistant Director \$18/hour.

Trustee Browne motioned to approve summer camp pay rates, seconded by Trustee Patterson. All voted 'Aye.'

Event calendar was discussed including:

Egg Hunt – Saturday, March 30th.

Pride Event – June 29th.

Halloween Party – October 26th.

Dates yet to be determined: Juneteenth date tbd, and Summer Jam tbd, possibly May 17 or 31st or 1st Saturday in June (evening). Considered moving location back to Rothermel Park due to Albany Ave. project. Discussed name change for Easter Egg Hunt. Mayor asked how was name change communicated to the public? Per Trustee Weir it came up in conversation, two years ago they made the change on the flyer, but there was no resolution and was not brought to the board. Mayor stated residents need to be notified in advance of changes so they can participate in conversation. The village will keep the name as Easter Egg Hunt so all can weigh in prior to any changes. The Recreation Commission can discuss at a public meeting and make a recommendation to the village board who will decide. Trustee Weir will make sure it's emailed out to members so it's on the agenda to address for next month.

9. Trustee Murphy - absent

Climate Smart Task Force update (Bill Mancini)

NYSERDA program uses point system based on different efficiencies and clean energy programs. Submitted an application for a grant based on the installation and ownership of our solar arrays. Was advised by Tara Donadio of the CDRPC that if the application recently submitted under the CEC program is accepted by NYSERDA, we will be eligible for a \$10,000 grant. Additionally, under the new criteria the Village has accumulated 3,200 points and may also be eligible for an additional \$50,000 award.

10. Trustee Patterson

Planning Board did not hold a January monthly meeting as there was no new business. General Code Review of Code Redaction draft progress. The review of draft will require attention from village attorney. The board may need to meet to discuss. Responses need to be submitted by February 26th, 2024. Suggests a workshop meeting to include Rob Fitzsimmons.

11. Trustee Browne

Albany Avenue Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvement Project

Special meeting is now scheduled for Tuesday, January 16th, 2024, at Van Buren Hall with HVEA. They will have drone pictures with overlays and updated designs. Draft resolutions prepared with SEQRA for preliminary design. Although board approved change to lower speed limits, still need an amendment to where the speed will change. Three resolutions are now with legal counsel and will be presented on the 16th. Cost to date \$175,802.35 Approaching estimate of \$200,000 with \$50,000 reserve. Asked Trustee Murphy to have HPC weigh in on brick design at crosswalks at Rt. 9 & Albany Ave. and AHET hump for continuity. Trustee Murphy will bring to next HPC meeting and make a recommendation to board.

Albany Avenue Water Main Upgrade Project

Met this week with EFC who is willing to loan money for water portion of the project. Created preliminary design and bid package to put out in February. Will hold meetings on the 12th, 19th and 26th of this month to discuss.

On the design side for water main, we're paying bill tonight for \$26,055, and have expended \$81,255 to date using American Rescue Funds to finance initial design.

12. Mayor Abrams

Volunteer Firefighters LOSAP Points (discussed above)

13. Applications

a. Kinderhook Runners Club is requesting Van Buren Hall on the following dates and times:

Jan. 20th – Annual meeting 8am – 11:30 am; Jan. 21st – yoga 9:30am – 11:30 am; January 28th – Board mtg. 7pm – 8:30pm; February 11th – yoga 9:30am – 11:30 am; and February 25th – Board mtg. 6pm – 8pm.

b. Columbia County Historical Society requested use of Van Buren Hall on February 3rd, 2024 from 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm.

Trustee Patterson made a motion to approve both requests, seconded by Trustee Weir. All voted 'Aye.'

14. Taxpayer Time

Resident Ellen Sullivan posed questions about the former Carolina House restaurant and provided a copy of her comments (see attached).

Resident and business owner Paul Calcagno posed questions regarding the village goals to attract businesses and the goals of the farmer's market. Inquired if the Village Board is open to discussions regarding parking, products sold and inquired who runs the market. Mayor replied the KBPA runs the market, and the village is open to discussing the issues posed.

Mayor motioned to adjourn the regular village board meeting at 7:37 p.m. and enter executive session to discuss sewer, land acquisition and staffing. Trustee Weir seconded the motion. All voted 'Aye.'

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sue Pulver.

Executive Session

No motions made

Trustee Browne motioned to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:07 p.m. Trustee Weir seconded the motion. All voted 'Aye.'

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole H. Heeder
Village Clerk