

**Village of Kekoskee Board Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**With Call-In Access Available for The Public**  
**August 18, 2020**

1. The Village of Kekoskee regular Board meeting was called to order by presiding officer, President Donald Hilgendorf at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall, W3275 County Road TW, Dodge County. The Board Meeting was held with virtual (remote) call-in access available for the public on Zoom due to (Covid-19) public safety recommendations.
2. Also present were Trustees, Loris Geschke and Allen Schellinger; Treasurer, Cindy Fredrick; Clerk, Mary Dessereau and Deputy Clerks, Judith Blodgett, and Nicole Margelofsky. The meeting date was not published but the agenda was posted according to Section 985.02(2)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes. Roll call and proof of notice were given.
3. Public input: Deputy Matthew Mayer with the Dodge County Sheriff's Department introduced himself to the Village Board. Deputy Mayer will be available to the northeast section of Dodge County (particularly the Kekoskee/Leroy areas) in a community relations role essentially replacing a liaison officer from the Sheriff's Department. Deputy Mayer is available to attend community events so that he can hear concerns of the citizens.
4. Allen Schellinger moved and motion was seconded by Loris Geschke to approve the agenda of the August 18, 2020 Board meeting. Voting in favor of the motion were Allen Schellinger, Loris Geschke, and Don Hilgendorf. Motion approved.
5. Loris Geschke moved and motion was seconded by Allen Schellinger to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting on July 21, 2020. Voting in favor of the motion were Loris Geschke, Allen Schellinger, and Don Hilgendorf. Motion approved.
6. Loris Geschke moved and motion was seconded by Allen Schellinger to reappoint Rick Roll as a volunteer Ambulance Advisory Committee member whose new two year term will end on August 31, 2022. Voting in favor of the motion were Allen Schellinger, Loris Geschke, and Don Hilgendorf. Motion approved.
7. Allen Schellinger moved and motion was seconded by Loris Geschke to reappoint Trish Roll as an Ambulance Advisory Committee member whose new two year term will end on August 31, 2022. Voting in favor of the motion were Allen Schellinger, Loris Geschke, and Don Hilgendorf. Motion approved.
8. Kristine Schroeder, RBDG Administrator, gave a report of a new business loan application received from Fox Den, LLC for \$59,000. Closing for the loan is scheduled for the end of September. Allen Schellinger moved and motion was seconded by Loris Geschke to approve the loan of RBDG funds to Fox Den, LLC in the amount of \$59,000. Voting in favor of the motion were Allen Schellinger, Loris Geschke, and Don Hilgendorf. Motion approved. This loan will use up the remainder of USDA RBDG grant money. More funds can be applied for in 2021 as community interest is growing in the program.
9. Village Clerk, Mary Dessereau, reported that there was nothing new to report concerning the Status of the Cooperative Plan.
10. Don Hilgendorf gave the Kekoskee LeRoy Joint Sanitary Commission report. He provided a reminder that there is an opening on the committee for any interested party. The cleaning of the lift stations done jointly with LeRoy is complete. No problems were found with the Kekoskee lift stations.
11. Loris Geschke moved and motion was seconded by Allen Schellinger to sign a Letter of Support for the Dodge County PSC Broadband Expansion Grant Application. Voting in favor of the motion were Loris Geschke, Allen Schellinger, and Don Hilgendorf. Motion approved.
12. Mary Dessereau gave a report of the August 11, 2020 election results:
  - a. There was 25% voter turnout.
  - b. 151 people total voted. 61 of these were absentee.
  - c. There were 5 new voter registrations.
  - d. The scholarship awardees helped with sanitizing.
  - e. New Driver's License readers were used.
13. Allen Schellinger moved and motion was seconded by Loris Geschke to approve Resolution 2020-09 Amending the 2020 Adopted Budget of the Village of Kekoskee to move \$22,000.00 from Public Works to General Government. The Slag Road project is under-budget and these funds will be used to cover the hiring of a second Village Deputy Clerk/Treasurer and the parking lot lighting. Voting in favor of the motion were Allen Schellinger, Loris Geschke, and Don Hilgendorf. Motion approved.

14. Possible budget items for 2021 were discussed by the Board. Among the items discussed were:
  - a. Budgeting for furnace replacement
  - b. Sound system upgrades
  - c. Budgeting for a new multi-function office copier/printer to replace old machine
  - d. Budgeting for the eventual replacement of the Water Meter Reader tool and Village water meters that will take place in 2025.
  - e. Park:
    - i. Maintenance expenses
    - ii. Shelter roof repair
    - iii. Mold remediation
    - iv. Small pier for kayaks and fishing
    - v. Playground equipment
  - f. Website upgrade
15. Allen Schellinger moved and motion was seconded by Loris Geschke to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$77,273.72. Voting in favor of the motion were Allen Schellinger, Loris Geschke, and Don Hilgendorf. Motion approved.
16. The Treasurer's report was received for July 31, 2020:
  - a. Beginning balance of short-term money of \$372,518.28. Receipts of \$93,205.84. Disbursements of \$49,693.42. Ending balance is \$416,030.70
  - b. Long-term interest received from CD's is \$0.
  - c. Landfill Standing Account beginning balance of \$5,006.45. Receipts of \$0.00. Disbursements of \$1,182.42. Interest of \$0.04. Ending Balance is \$3,824.07
  - d. Tax Collections beginning balance \$5.04 Receipts of \$0.00. Disbursements of \$0.00. Interest of \$0.00. Ending balance is \$5.04.
  - e. CDBG beginning balance of \$67,879.85. Receipts of \$0.00. Disbursements of \$0.00. Interest of \$5.75. Ending balance is \$67,885.60.
  - f. Kekoskee Sanitary Department beginning balance was \$5,209.02. Receipts of \$14,486.60 Disbursements of \$4,786.89. Interest of \$1.20. Ending balance is \$14,909.93.
  - g. RBDG beginning balance of \$1,493.50. Receipts of \$493.25. Interest of 0.25. Ending balance of 1,987.00.
17. Announcements- Don Hilgendorf announced the following:
  - a. The September Regular Village Board Meeting is set for September 15, 2020 at 6:30 PM.
  - b. A Flea to the Park Working session is scheduled for September 15 at 6:00 PM before the regular Board Meeting.
  - c. The Slag Road project has been pushed back to September. Waiting for Northwest Asphalt.
  - d. Tree trimming in the Village is underway.
  - e. The 2<sup>nd</sup> road mowing is complete.
  - f. A virtual Pipeline Safety Meeting is scheduled for August 24, 2020 at 5:30 PM. Interested parties need to sign up beforehand.
  - g. The in-person WTA Convention has been cancelled and will go virtual for 2020.
  - h. ATV/UTV trails: there have been no complaints except for a small section that was shutdown due to wet/muddy conditions for 3 weeks. There are new ATV/UTV trail maps available from the Dodge County Sheriff's office that will be posted to the Village website and Facebook page when available for posting.
  - i. The Village will keep applying for grant money to offset the expense of re-doing Hwy Y in the downtown. The Board needs to get more answers from Ken on this project.
  - j. The Village of Kekoskee population is now at 919.
18. Loris Geschke moved and motion was seconded by Allen Schellinger to adjourn at 7:53 PM.

Minutes recorded by Judith Blodgett, Deputy Clerk