

Village of Kekoskee Board Meeting
Minutes
With Call-In Access Available for The Public
September 15, 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 published and 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: [Please note that the phone connection to call-in access was lost at the beginning of public comments per Village Clerk Mary Dessereau. Steps were immediately taken to re-establish the phone connection.] A resident asked several questions of the Board regarding Rural Business Development Grant money and the recent WI Appeals Court ruling regarding the Cooperative Plan.
4. Loris Geschke moved and motion was seconded by Allen Schellinger to approve the agenda of the September 15, 2020 Board meeting. Voting in favor of the motion were Allen Schellinger, Loris Geschke, and Don Hilgendorf. Motion approved.
5. Allen Schellinger moved and motion was seconded by Loris Geschke to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting on August 18, 2020 and the minutes of the special Board Meeting on September 8, 2020. Voting in favor of the motion were Loris Geschke, Allen Schellinger, and Don Hilgendorf. Motion approved.
6. President Don Hilgendorf gave a report on the USDA Rural Business Development Grant funds.
 - a. Fox Den LLC loan closing was held September 15, 2020.
 - b. There has been an increase in interest from Village businesses in the RBDG program.
 - c. The Village of Kekoskee will be applying for another grant in 2021 to accommodate the increased interest in utilizing the program.
7. Don Hilgendorf gave an update of the status of the Cooperative Plan appeal. The WI Court of Appeals ruled against the Village. A decision will be made by the Board shortly on the options available to the Village.
8. Don Hilgendorf gave the Sanitary Department and Kekoskee LeRoy Joint Sanitary Commission report.
 - a. Allen Schellinger moved and motion was seconded by Loris Geschke to approve an increase in the Pay Schedule for the Sanitary Wastewater Operator from \$20/hr. to \$25/hr. Voting in favor of the motion were Allen Schellinger, Loris Geschke, and Don Hilgendorf. Motion approved.
 - b. Mary Dessereau gave an overview of the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program per a request from Leroy to consider bringing in municipal water as a possible solution to our shallow wells. The DNR flyer stated that:
 - i. "...we would need to 'Identify and define the drinking water problem that needs to be corrected or prevented.'
 - ii. This process generally involves a joint effort of the municipality, a consulting engineer, and the DNR engineer in your area."
 - c. A resident in attendance recommended contacting the county for well tests.
 - d. The Board recommended pursuing an initial consultation with an engineering firm.
9. Mary Dessereau gave a report on the August 11, 2020 election.
 - a. There were 7 Election Support Workers that worked the August 11th election under Resolution 2020-07. Two of those workers were the 2020 scholarship awardees.
 - b. Another "Help Wanted" ad is being placed in the Sept. 17, 2020 edition of The Pionier seeking election workers for the November 2020 election.
10. Discussion was held on the Notice for Proposals on winter road maintenance needs that will be published. A 10-20-2020 return date for proposals was agreed on.
11. Don Hilgendorf reported on the Wisconsin DOT Local Road Certification of 2020 summer road projects. A map for work done in the Village needs to be submitted to the DOT.
 - a. Slag Road work starts Monday, Sept. 21, 2020.
12. Mary Dessereau presented the contract proposal for Village Animal Shelter needs from the Dodge County Humane Society and compared it to costs incurred while contracting with the Green Lake Area Animal Shelter and Dale

- Clueger. Allen Schellinger moved and motion was seconded by Loris Geschke to stay with the services provided by Green Lake and Dale Klueger. Voting in favor of the motion were Allen Schellinger, Loris Geschke, and Don Hilgendorf. Motion approved.
13. Mary Dessereau discussed funding of COVID-related expenditures for the current public health emergency and asked for authorization to make such expenditures, per the spreadsheet attachments, of up to \$15,054.00 for Routes to Recovery and up to \$861.00 for Election expenses. This is federal money that will be reimbursed to the Village by the State. Allen Schellinger moved and motion was seconded by Loris Geschke to approve up to \$15,054.00 for Routes to Recovery and up to \$861.00 for Election expenses in COVID-related expenditures that will be reimbursed to the Village by the State. Voting in favor of the motion were Allen Schellinger, Loris Geschke, and Don Hilgendorf. Motion approved.
14. Mary Dessereau led the discussion on suggested budget needs and/or changes for 2021. A decision of items to be included in the 2021 budget will be made in November. Items of interest or need that were highlighted and discussed were:
- a. updating the Village website
 - b. playground equipment for the park
 - c. Village Hall furnace/ac updates
15. Loris Geschke moved and motion was seconded by Allen Schellinger to approve the payment of bills in the amount of ~~\$75,451.89~~ \$74,155.99. Voting in favor of the motion were Loris Geschke, Allen Schellinger, and Don Hilgendorf. Motion approved.
- a. Mary Dessereau noted that the Village would not be deferring payroll taxes from Sept. 1, 2020 through Dec. 31, 2020. A notice will be included with each paycheck sent to Village employees
16. The Treasurer's report was received for August 31, 2020:
- a. Beginning balance of short-term money of \$416,030.70. Receipts of \$75,650.98. Disbursements of \$77,630.39. Ending balance is \$414,051.29.
 - b. Long-term interest received from CD's is \$3,213.72.
 - c. Landfill Standing Account beginning balance of \$3,824.07. Receipts of \$0.00. Disbursements of \$0.00. Interest of \$0.03. Ending Balance is \$3,824.10.
 - d. Tax Collections beginning balance \$5.04 Receipts of \$1,039.54 (delinquent tax assessment from Dodge County Treasurer-Bartelt). Disbursements of \$0.00. Interest of \$0.00. Ending balance is \$1,044.58.
 - e. CDBG beginning balance of \$67,885.60. Receipts of \$0.00. Disbursements of \$0.00. Interest of \$5.75. Ending balance is \$67,891.35.
 - f. Kekoskee Sanitary Department beginning balance was \$14,909.93. Receipts of \$6,909.33 Disbursements of \$1,401.15. Interest of \$.96. Ending balance is \$20,419.07.
 - g. RBDG beginning balance of \$1,987.00. Receipts of \$493.25. Disbursement of \$1,000.00 (money repaid to the Village for startup money in MM acct.) Interest of 0.23. Ending balance of \$1,480.48.
17. Announcements- Don Hilgendorf announced the following:
- a. The October Regular Village Board Meeting is set for October 20, 2020 at 6:30 PM.
 - b. There is a Kekoskee/Leroy Joint Sanitary Committee meeting on September 16, 2020 at 5:00 PM.
 - c. The Standing Committee will meet on October 15, 2020 at 2:00 PM at the Village Hall.
18. Loris Geschke moved and motion was seconded by Allen Schellinger to adjourn at 8:00 PM.

Minutes recorded by Judith Blodgett, Deputy Clerk