

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE KIMBERLY VILLAGE BOARD

MARCH 8, 2010

President Kuen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present for roll call were Trustees Gaffney, Hammen, Hruzek, Opsteen, Trentlage, Weber and President Kuen. Also present were four citizens.

The Tower Lease with U. S. Cellular as recommended by the Kimberly Water Commission was reviewed. There were no questions regarding the proposed lease agreement. This will be placed on the next Agenda for official action.

The amendment to Ordinance 9-1-52(c), as recommended by the Kimberly Water Commission, was reviewed. There were several questions regarding the implementation of the inspections and how the plan was developed. Administrator Hermus explained the intention of utility staff to conduct residential and small commercial; however they do not have the expertise to inspect large, complicated water systems. The fee to the larger customers would be the cost of the inspection by an independent inspector/plumber to complete the inspection and file the report with the utility regarding compliance. It was noted that this is a mandate of the DNR to comply with Wisconsin Public Service Commission requirements for backflow prevention. This will be placed on the next Agenda for official action.

The Committee reviewed the sewer backup claim of Tim Raether at 718-720 Railroad Street. The reports of staff, the recommendation of CVMIC, and the recommendation of Administrator Hermus were all reviewed. Mr. Raether explained his claim, noting that he did not hire an expensive firm to complete the cleanup, but rather had his own company do the work to save money. Mr. Raether also noted that staff originally gave him the impression that the claim would be approved, although it was noted in the report from Sheila Schultz that she did contact him prior to the cleanup to inform him that she may have given him the wrong impression. It was acknowledged that the clog was in the sewer main near Kennedy Avenue and Railroad Street, and Mr. Raether must be the low spot on that line. Mr. Raether was informed that the Board will consider the claim as presented, and take formal action at the next Village Board meeting to approve or deny the claim.

President Kuen noted that he and Mr. Hermus are working on a script for next Tuesday's Centennial Village Board Meeting. Trustees will have the information in their packets for the meeting, with everyone having a part. This will be an official meeting, so the minutes will carry this event into history. Males are encouraged to dress in white shirts, bow ties and vests if possible. Mr. Hermus has some ties and hats if needed. Females are encouraged to wear dresses from the era. The room will be lit by gas lanterns, with Trustee Hammen gathering quill pens for our use (although they may not be operational). We will be sitting around a table in the center of the room, as opposed to our normal desks. A town crier will be announcing the meeting in the Village Hall just prior. Family and friends are welcome to join in the historic event.

It was noted that there will be no meeting next Monday evening.

Trustee Hammen moved, Gaffney seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the Board.

Rick J. Hermus
Administrator/Clerk