

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE KIMBERLY VILLAGE BOARD**

**APRIL 12, 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 was one citizen.

President Kuen congratulated the three incumbents on their re-election last Tuesday. He looks forward to working with them for the next two years.

Administrator Hermus reviewed the financial position of TIF #3, noting that all debt has been retired as of March 15, 2010 with the State Trust Fund loan. It is being recommended that the TIF be formally dissolved, and the remaining cash of approximately \$21,000 be distributed back to the various taxing jurisdictions. The resolution to accomplish this was included in the packet for review, and will be on the May 3<sup>rd</sup> Agenda for official action. He will continue to work with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue. It was noted that this TIF was planned for 18 years, and is being dissolved after only 10 years.

Administrator Hermus announced the meeting scheduled for May 5 at 4:00 at the Outagamie County Highway Department regarding the County Highway CE/Eisenhower Drive intersection project. The meeting is being planned for later in the day to allow elected officials from Kimberly and Buchanan to attend. It was questioned if Kimberly is being asked to participate even though there is no issue with Eisenhower Drive traffic lanes. They are being realigned only due to the round-a-bout, not traffic concerns. This has already been relayed to the County Highway Commissioner. It was further noted that the right-in/right-out at Cobblestone could eliminate the westbound right turn near Capital Credit Union, reducing the project costs.

The Board reviewed the response from the Wisconsin Department of Revenue regarding the complaint of Dr. John Palarski regarding his property assessment and Board of Review action. The DOR found no wrong doing on behalf of the Assessor or the Board of Review in its investigation, and they consider the case closed. It was clarified that Mr. Palarski was not objecting to his assessment, but rather the process used and how he was treated. He can still appeal his assessment to the Circuit Court. It was also noted that we did not incur a lot of costs, as staff prepared the exhibits for the Department of Revenue. There were not legal fees incurred.

Administrator Hermus announced the League Regional Dinner Meetings. League Executive Director Dan Thompson will be presenting updates on proposed state legislation and the Wisconsin Way Project. Elected officials were asked to contact Administrator Hermus if they are interested in attending.

Trustee Hammen noted a compliment he received, which was asked to be shared with the entire Village Board, regarding how well Tri-Angle Park has been developed. He was one of the residents opposed to the development, and wanted to share his appreciation for the final project.

President Kuen noted the article in the League Magazine regarding water conservation rates. Administrator Hermus noted that the Kimberly Water Commission did pursue the conservation rates, but were rejected by the PSC due to the large increase being requested at this time. However, conservation rates are a priority for the Commission in the future.

Trustee Hammen moved, Weber seconded the motion to adjourn into Closed Session per the posted Agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the Board.

Trustee Hammen moved, Gaffney seconded the motion to reconvene into Open Session per the posted Agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the Board.

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

Rick J. Hermus  
Administrator/Clerk