

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE KIMBERLY VILLAGE BOARD

AUGUST 10, 2009

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 Street Commissioner Vander Velden, Engineer Werner and one citizen.

The Village Board discussed the budget parameters for 2010. Administrator Hermus noted that spending will not be the issue, but rather the loss of revenues will drive this budget. Uncontrollable costs like the state imposed increase in tipping fees, utility increases, etc. are also driving factors. Administrator Hermus noted that he is recommending that wages for full time personnel be increased by only 1%, and all seasonal part-time wages be frozen. Mid-year adjustments were also discussed, as this affects both full-time and part-time. The Board felt mid-year and step increases should not change. Spending is being held to 2%. The levy cap from the state is 3%. After some discussion it was agreed to set the budget goal at the 3% levy cap established by the State of Wisconsin. It was also agreed to hold the Joint Budget Reviews on October 5, 2009. This is the business meeting, but we will hold the joint budget reviews prior to the Board Meeting.

Engineer Werner was present to review the most recent data received regarding the Sunset Pond, and the apparent leak in the liner. Based on the best information available, it appears that there is a very small leak. It may be curing itself as it seems to not have had a negative effect on the pond level over the past month. It was also clarified that the wetland plantings can be dry from time to time. This is actually healthy as it allows seeds to drop and germinate new plants to thicken the area. After a short discussion, it was agreed to proceed with planting this year. If there is a small leak that would require repair, it would only involve a small area of the pond wall, and a small area of the wetland and slope plantings. Engineer Werner will continue to monitor the pond levels and see if the situation fully resolves itself.

The bill from RVT to install the well was discussed. After some discussion, the Board requested that the utility assume ½ of the bill, with the Engineer and Contractor sharing the other ½. This will be presented to the contractor and engineer for resolution.

The Board reviewed the issues regarding the 2008 Papermaker Drive street paving project, being the shirking of the pavement and the driveway apron lips. Street Commissioner Vander Velden and Engineer Werner noted that the shirking issue is being discussed by staff in all communities to develop a uniform response to Vinton. It was requested that the issue be tabled until there is a uniform resolution to the issue which can be presented to Vinton.

There was a great deal of discussion regarding the driveway aprons. The measurements taken by Engineer Werner were discussed, with an attempt to reach a goal that would be acceptable to both the residents and the contractor. As there is no "contract standard" we are working on the word of the contractor which is proven by past experience. After a long discussion, it was

agreed to write the property owners asking if they would like their aprons ground down to meet the standard ½ inch height. The letter would include a note that we are continuing to work with the neighboring communities to reach a consensus settlement with the contractor regarding the pop-out issue.

Administrator Hermus informed the Board that he has agreed to serve on the Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce “Leadership Fox Cities Steering Committee”. He has participated in this event over the years to help bring a government perspective to the panels.

Street Commissioner Vander Velden noted that the recycling containers we agreed to buy last Monday were not available on Monday morning. They are now working to obtain the 2,400 we need at the same price. He has some leads and will be contacting us soon. We are also looking at other avenues.

President Kuen noted that he and Administrator Hermus met with Representative Nelson, Al Ott and members of the USW Regional office. The meeting was called by Representative Nelson, and there was no agenda. There was really nothing accomplished at the meeting.

Trustee Trentlage moved, Hammen 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. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the Board.

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

Rick J. Hermus  
Administrator/Clerk