

**Village of Kaleva**  
**Minutes of Council Meeting**  
September 6, 2017  
(Adjourned from August 21, 2017)

**PRESENT:** Kim Somsel, Jim Draze, Rick Schafer, Grossnickle, Tony Covell, Also: Karla Kasten, Sonya Potts, Judy Schafer & Joel Asiala.

**GUESTS:** Carl Towne

**MINUTES:** T. Covell motion to approve J. Draze seconded. MC

**ORDERS:** D. Grossnickle Motion to approve; T. Covell seconded. MC

**RESERVED TIME:** None

**UNRESERVED TIME:** None

**REPORTS:**

**Fire** – accidents and rescue calls

**Streets** – Need a plow truck driver. Have a few guys interested. Need to get this resolved soon.

**DPW** – Getting rid of scrap. \$280 so far to Padnos. Vac trailer isn't being used. It is at Watt's. Sell it along with Orange Truck.

**Park** – J. Asiala is on it.

**Water** – Rick went over his report. Presented list of issues. Tank will be painted around the 20<sup>th</sup> of September and will be out of service approximately 2 weeks. Had 8 overdue water bills this past quarter. All but two have paid. Discussed assistant water superintendent position. Alan Gray at Lake Ann too expensive. R. Schafer made motion to appoint J. Nyrkkanen as assistant superintendent making \$100 a month. D. Grossnickle seconded. MC

**Zoning** – Lots of mowing due to noxious weed ordinance. In process of attorney Wilson sending out letters to more than 20 residents for blight issues. Some residents believe they can use village as their mowing service. Discussed how to contain it. May need to raise cost.

**Planning Commission** – Meeting September 13<sup>th</sup>. Meeting quarterly. Has two vacancies, possibly 3.

**Rental Standards** – Discussed hiring Mark Niesen as new rental inspector. D. Grossnickle made a motion to accept Mark Niesen as new rental inspector with a new inspection fee of \$100. New fee taking effect January 1, 2018. Fee will be \$75 until December 31<sup>st</sup>. D. Grossnickle amended motion to leave out the wording about the inspection fee. T. Covell seconded. MC T. Covell and D. Grossnickle will meet with Mark Niesen to discuss program details and ho

w to proceed.

**Correspondence:** Letter from Putneys discussing the state of their neighbor's yard. Attorney Wilson is sending letter to the neighbor.

**Old Business:**

Library repairs – Unknown if it is finished.

Mark Niesen's proposal – discussed above in Rental Standards.

**New Business:**

J. Draze's resignation – Resigning from counsel. Will stay on PC as liaison to council. T. Covell made a motion to appoint J. Draze to a 3 year position on Planning Commission. D. Grossnickle seconded. MC J. Draze accepts. J. Draze discussed importance of having someone from the council attend township, county, and other community meetings. Council should request the County Commissioner to attend a village meeting. D. Grossnickle motion to accept D. Draze's resignation and thanked him for his service. T. Covell seconded. MC T. Covell made a motion to approve Jim Frizzell as council member serve remained of D. Peters' term. D. Grossnickle seconded. MC Need to check on whether Karla Kasten can be on the board and be zoning administrator. Karla Kasten will be removing herself as Zoning Administrator. Knows of a couple people interested in the position. J. Draze's replacement will be looked at at the next meeting.

Savings/Checking in Water Fund – Checking account is getting more interest than the savings account. Law says there must be a savings account separate from checking.

Omar's quote for purchasing orange truck – discussed above

Joel's to do list – many things have been crossed off. CDL license was part of position. Need employee procedures and policies. Get other communities that are the same size as Kaleva. Planning Commission will work on this.

Stump grinding – table until budget meetings

Cameras in campground – Signs are up

MEDC Redevelopment Communities Certification - Important to look at this. Meetings on September 21 and September 26 – council member should attend.

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