

**Village of Kaleva
Regular Council Meeting
May 20, 2024
Maple Grove Township Community Center**

Present: D. Holtz, R. Schafer, D. Grossnickle, T. Covell, D. Howes, J. McKinley, L. Beldo

Absent: K. Dufresne

Visitors: T. Hasselbach, A. McKinley, J. Schafer, A. Kuutilla, W. Beldo, T. Covell, M. Rawlings

The meeting was called to order by President Holtz at 6:00 p.m.

1. The pledge of Allegiance was led by President Holtz.
2. Review and approval of meeting minutes from April 15, 2024 regular council meeting. R. Schafer motioned, T. Covell seconded, motion carried.
3. Review and approval of meeting minutes from April 15, 2024 special meeting. J. McKinley motioned, T. Covell seconded, motion carried.
4. Review and approval of meeting minutes from April 15, 2024 budget meeting. J. McKinley motioned, D. Howes seconded, motion carried.
5. Review and approval of financial statements through May 20, 2024. D. Howes motioned, D. Grossnickle seconded, motion carried.
6. Reserved Time
 - a. Carol & Ralph Mortensen, a member of the Manistee County Library presented changes happening at library
7. Unreserved Time:
 - a. Alin Kuutilla, a member of the village, expressed that she will be running for county commissioner for district 2 and will be attending most council meeting to keep aware of what is going on in the Village.
 - b. T. Hasselbach noted concerns with a neighbor continuing.
8. Other Business:
 - a. Fire: J. McKinley noted two fires in the past week.
 - b. Park:
 - i. The Kaleva Lions Club is willing to give the cook shack at the park over to the Village.
 - ii. There are community members who are willing to update the inside of the cook shack.
 - iii. The roof on the cook shack needs to be replaced and the Village would like it to match pavilion that was recently re-roofed. D. Grossnickle suggested the Village purchases the

steel from Don Biddle and DPW employees replace existing shingles with the new steel. J McKinley motioned. D. Grossnickle seconded. Motion carried.

- iv. The engineers provided a drawing of the new bathrooms to be built at the park, included would be two bathrooms and two bathrooms with showers. Once finalized it will be provided to Katie at the recreation committee for her to work on other grants to complete project.
- v. The Village is still seeking a camp host.

c. Streets: President Holtz commented on current road construction being done by Ron Brown.

d. Zoning:

- i. Requesting the lawyer to resume action on old church on the corner of Sampo and Kauko house for failure to respond to multiple clean up citations if T. Covell is unable to get a hold of property owner.
- ii. The trailer on the corner of Tavi and Metsola has been sold and there is visible clean up being done, will hold off on any action for now.

e. Water:

- i. Wells 3 & 4 are now in service, and all council members are invited to look at the new well house.
- ii. R. Schafer expressed concerns of multiple existing properties never connecting water service that was available over 30 years ago, at which time, a discounted rate of \$150 as construction was already taking place. As some of these existing properties are now in need of water service, should the fee be at the discounted rate or the regular rate of \$650? It is estimated there are at least 6 properties that did not pay. D. Grossnickle made a motion to charge the discounted rate of \$150 for all existing properties and \$650 for all new construction. T. Covell seconded. Motion carried.

f. DPW: NONE

g. Kaleva Heritage Days – NONE

9. Old Business:

- a. New F250 should be ready to pick up very soon, just waiting on light package to be installed. M. Hamilton is willing to drive down to Detroit to pick up.
- b. Burned house on Tapio St – The county has repossessed the property from landowner as of April 1, 2024, due to failure to pay property taxes from landowner and it is scheduled to be auctioned off on August 14, 2024.

10. New Business: NONE

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Kylee Weaver
Village Treasurer