

# VILLAGE OF KALEVA BUDGET MEETING

15 APRIL, 2024 at 5:30 P.M.

Call to Order.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: D. Holtz, D. Howes, R. Schafer, T. Covell L. Beldo, K. Weaver, J. McKinley, K. Dufresne, J. Schafer

General account: The act 51 non motorized requirements for 2023 were not met and must be done plus 2024 requirements. K. Weaver is going to discuss with accountant how much must be spent to remain in good standing. And what areas of Osmo St sidewalk need to be fixed.

Water: Budget increased \$10,000.00 to pay for water tower cleaning.

Major: Bid was submitted by Ron Brown to do work on Roads this would include work on Local Streets also. Increase budget \$90,000.00 to cover.

Park: Village would like to expand available water in park. Supplies are already available.

ARPA funds report is due and distribution has been marked.

Audit was good. Suggestion since there is no longer any land in Industrial to be sold Ren account be closed and funds transferred to a sub account titles Equipment fund for future purchase. Board approved.

Motion made to adjourn by T. Covell, seconded by R. Schafer. Motion carried.



Karen Dufresne, Village Clerk



# VILLAGE OF KALEVA PUBIC MEETING

## 15 APRIL, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

Public Meeting called to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council members present: D Holtz, R. Schafer, D. Howes, L. Beldo, J. McKinley, T. Covell

Absent: D. Grossnickle

K. Mleck presented the Project Plan Fact Sheet.

Primary action reason is to change aging components so the Village has to:

- 1) No action so no improvement and components continue to age
- 2) optimizing, just repairing as breaking occurs and components continue to age.
- 3) regionalization would attach to another water system. None available.
- 4) replacement and new construction

Estimated cost is \$13,927,000.00. It is believed that Kaleva will be classified as a Significantly Overburdened community. This would qualify for 40 year term at 1-2% interest rate.

The project plans must be submitted by 1 June, 2024. And the Village will receive the financial terms the fall of 2024.

This does not mean the Village has to accept the terms.

There was discussion if we have to pay for this funding application. K. Mleck was able reassure that it was much the same as last year so no need for major change. We missed cut off last year by 5 points but the Village has been making changes that will allow for more points. Question was asked about change to current bill if we don't receive a grant. Basically it would double current bill.

Public meeting was closed at 6:16 P.M. Motion made by T. Covell, seconded by J. McKinley. Motion Carried.

  
Karen Dufresne  
Village Clerk



# VILLAGE OF KALEVA MEETING MINUTES

15 APRIL, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.

Call to order

Present: D. Holtz, D. Howes, R. Schafer, L. Beldo, T. Covell, J. McKinley, K. Weaver, K. Dufresne

Missing: D. Grossnickle

Visitors: J. Schafer, W. Beldo, T.C. Covell, M. Rawlings, T. Hasselbach, K. Knoper, K. Mleck

Resolution to apply for water grant made by J. McKinley, seconded by T. Covell. Roll call.

D. Holt - aye

D. Howes - aye

R. Schafer - aye

J. McKinley - aye

L. Beldo - aye

T. Covell - aye

Missing: D. Grossnickle

Resolution passes.

Review and approval of meeting minutes. Motion made by J. McKinley, seconded by T. Covell. Motion carried.

Review and approval of financial report. Motion made by J. McKinley, seconded by T. Covell. Motion carried.

Reserved time: K. Mleck on Contract 1 there are 13 meters left to installed and all are pits. Change order to extend contract until 1 June. Motion made by T. Covell, seconded by J. McKinley. Motion carried.

K. Mleck presented a USDA Draw. Motion made by R. Schafer, seconded by D. Howes. Motion carried.

K. Knoper from the Dirt Birds club visited to answer any questions. 140 miles of trails has been mapped out. They will be printing maps but Kaleva is an ORV friendly village. They asked for a letter of support. Board will send.

Unreserved: no questions from guests.

Reports; Fire - there has been some brush fires.

Streets - spring sweeping will be happening in advance of hydrants being flushed.

DPW - need another part time employee to help keep up with demands. Advert will be placed.

Water - Flushing will begin 6 May. Estimate a full week due to changes in requirements.

The new generator failed testing. A new control board is needed.

A snowbird who's water had been turned off had a meter placed while gone. They turned water on to check and didnt turn off. Customer found a small leak when they returned.

J. Asiala will be eligible to take first test for water assistant in February 2025.

Park - talk of expanding water supply to west side.

Roof on Lyons Building is in rough repair. L. Beldo will discuss different options with Lyons club.

Time to power wash pavilion and Lyons club building.

KHD - Fireworks is under contract. They will be using same site and trail must be blocked off.

C. Asiala is working with Manistee Dial a ride to be here to shuttle people around.

Zoning - T.C. Covell met new owner of Larrys. He has agreed to put up fence.

2 more areas were brought to attention. More information will be collected.

5 people received 2nd letters of non compliance. Next step their information will be sent to lawyer.

New Business - They are projecting 1 August Public Hearing for the joint Zoning.

Should T.C.Covell be getting paid to attend council and planning committee meetings?  
Motion made by R. Schafer, seconded by L. Beldo to approve with back pay. Motion carried.

Does the council want to look at policies for the village office. What do others in area have? The auditor asked about capitalizing assets policy. Will consult with surrounding communities and MML.

Old Business: Thank you cards were received from K. Somsel and J. McKinley.

Correspondence: Email from M. Eipperle requesting a response in meeting minutes to her concerns. See attachment.

1) PFAS in our drinking water. We are very happy to report that no PFAS has ever been found in Kaleva water supply. We are aware of its health hazards and will continue to monitor as per state requirements.

2) All piping used within Kaleva are approved by the State of Michigan and meets Federal Guidelines. And as per federal and state guidelines will be tested to ensure micro/nano plastics are not being released.

3) When the Village first embarked on this journey to update our village water system the State did several studies on our usage and potential expansion. The State determined the rate needed to be increased to fall within their guidelines and to qualify for grants and loans. Because of Covid and increasing costs the grants and loans we did receive wasn't able to cover as much as we had projected. Which is why last year and this year we applied for more grant money to expand and fix more of the villages water. While the Council is aware of grants available, very few of them actually apply to us.

As to the meters, we still do not have them all installed at this time. The goal is to have them in by 1 June 2024. Only then can we set rates. How many gallons will be the basic rate of \$48 per month? How much will be charged per gallon for use of more water? Only then can we start looking at using the meters.

4) The new pipes were checked for bacteria and flow before use. Chlorine is added at the towers and is checked daily as per State law. If you have problems with pressure please contact the office and we will have someone come out to check. The new wells have passed all water tests and while not ready for use due to mechanical problems we are looking forward to them coming on line. They are much deeper and have a higher flow capacity.

5) Gerber Construction has been present in the village for a year. There will always be some disputes but can be handle respectfully. A copy of your complaints were given to K. Mleck. As our Engineer of Record he can discuss with the different companies your concerns. If you have problems going forward it would help to have specific dates and times to go with your complaints.

Since we are hoping to expand our water system we hope they will be back to make Kaleva better.

Motion made by T. Covell to adjourn, seconded by L. Beldo. Motion carried.

*Karen M Dufresne*

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Village Clerk



## Water Project

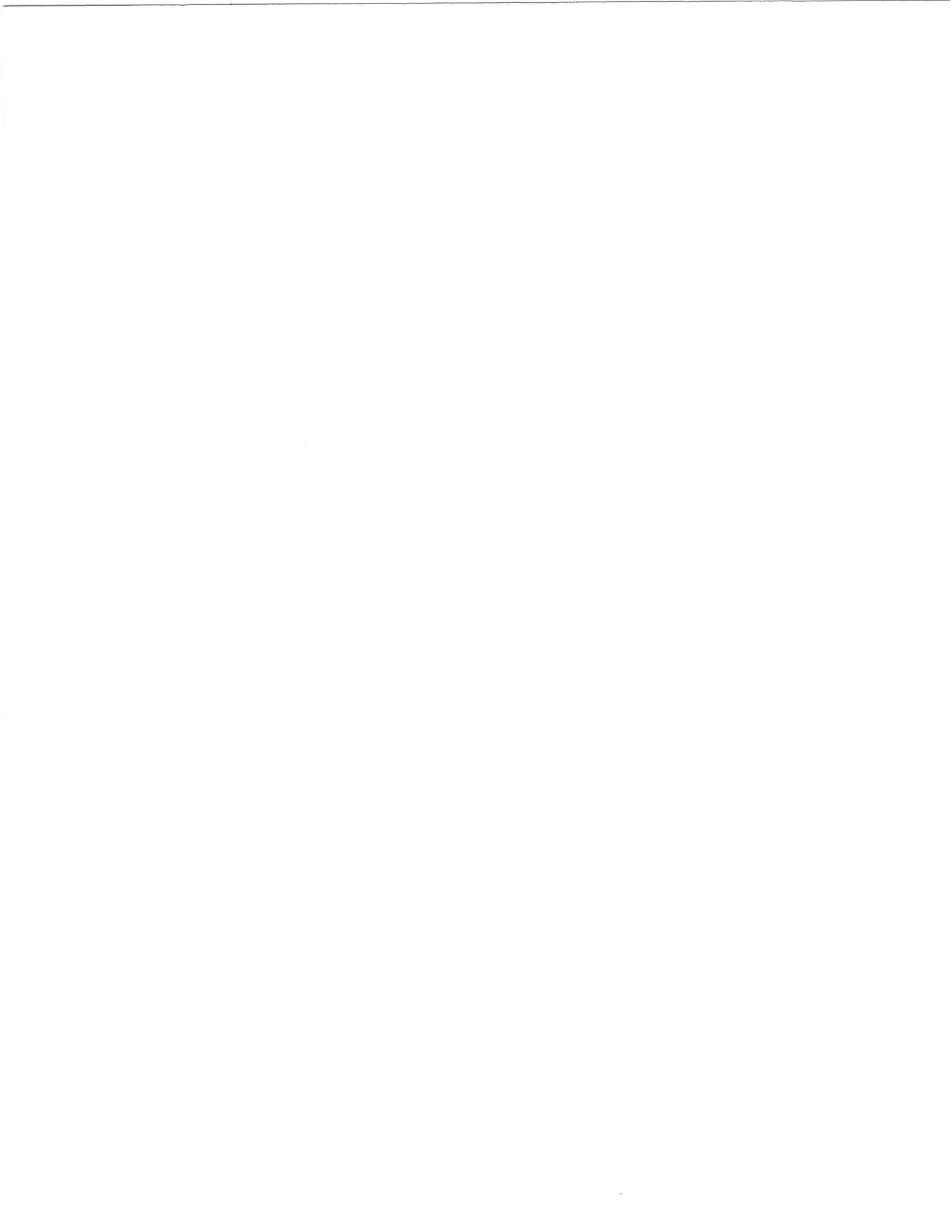
From: marilyn@jackpine.com (marilyn@jackpine.com)

To: villageofkaleva@yahoo.com

Date: Monday, April 15, 2024 at 03:57 PM EDT

Concerns regarding the water project that need to be effectively addressed with plans and accountable monitoring:

1. PFAS preventive safeguards and monitoring. PFAS is a toxic “forever” chemical, so this issue should not be tabled. What protections are in place now and will be further implemented?
2. Use of plastic piping. Risks from microplastics and nano-plastics were deflected by R. Schafer in past. Current research shows these to have significant health risks (appearing in carotid artery plaque in 30% of people undergoing endarterectomy) and other end-organ damage. The exposure risk from plastic pipe increases with degradation that becomes evident in 10 years for some type, but occurs in all types in approximately 20 years. For infants and children, this is especially significant. What type of piping was used last time? What type is planned for next phase? What protections are in place now and will be further implemented?
3. Metering. I was assured by R. Schafer prior to the implementation of the water project (have notes) that meter installment “was required by the state” but that “we will not be going to metered use anytime in the near future.” The current water rates were stated as being implemented to cover costs for water use and the project costs not covered by grant and/or stat funds. The Stat of Michigan has had unused grant monies for such projects. If the Village Council members are unable to cannot complete forms or applications, then assistance should be obtained to do so. Being unwilling is not an option. Metered-use billing is a slippery slope wherein rates can be increased without the voice of residents (vote) and additional fees can be attached to water bills.
4. Water quality. Water taste, smell, and flow pressure have all deteriorated since new piping was placed. Water wither smells rank or highly of chlorine. Tastes of chlorine despite filtering, regardless of purported readings within acceptable range. Water flow pressure noticeably reduced.
5. Gerber behavior. Project managers and workers need to conduct themselves as guests in our community. This is our home. It is not an entitlement program. Nor is it simply their workplace or job. Their presence and activities and actions impact our daily lives and quality of life while ensconced for a job they are being paid to do (they are not paying us or doing us any special favors). To wit:



- a. Arriving at 0600 to unload and place equipment. Quiet hours are from 0700 to 2300. We are entitled to those hours of rest and undisturbed quiet. Clanking, banging, talking, and engine noise do not constitute quiet.
- b. Departing late. Working until 1030 at night leaves very little time to enjoy being outdoors in the evening, especially (but not solely) for people who work away from home. Leaving by 7:00 PM would be ideal, 8:00 at latest.
- c. Equipment removal during overnight hours. On more than one occasion, equipment was started up and loaded in the middle of the night (after 0200). This unacceptable and must not occur again.
- d. Parked personal vehicles. These need to be parked in a central location away from residences and businesses. They further obstruct traffic and add to the already increased noise, intrusion, and fumes generated by the work being done.
- e. Smoking. Stepping off the curb to smoke in the gutter does not protect residents from experiencing toxic tobacco fumes. This is a flagrant disregard for the wishes and welfare of those who have requested No Smoking on or near their property. Tobacco smoke is a health hazard that should not be forced upon anyone. Smoke at your own risk, on your own time, in your own vehicles, not on or near homes (as described).
- f. Holes and trenches. These need to be dug only on the date and within the timeframe agreed upon with the property owner unless otherwise arranged. All open holes and trenches need to be clearly marked with brightly colored markers for safety. If unattended, regardless of length of time, holes and trenches need to be covered with brightly covered tarps as well as markers, unless filled instead.
- g. Trimming. ANY trimming of trees or shrubbery needs to be pre-arranged with the property owner with more than sufficient notice (no less than 2 weeks) for protections and/or other arrangements to be implemented. There is plenty of time to engage and be credibly transparent about such actions.
- h. Picnicking and trash. At no time should workers use properties as picnic grounds during breaks without obtaining expressed permission of property owners. Under no circumstances should trash (cups, packaging lids, napkins, containers, etc., or cigarette wrappers or butts) be left on the grounds.

I formally request these issues be reflected in detailed minutes of the meeting being held 4/15/2024 regarding the water project.

Sincerely,

Marilyn K. Eipperle

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