

**Village of Kirkland  
Kirkland, Illinois 60146  
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting  
November 3, 2014**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

- I. Call to Order. President Bellah called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked for a roll call.
- II. Roll Call. Members answering present as follows: Ford, Ziegler, McMurray Wanda, Newberry, Pierce, McMurray, David. Also in attendance were Chief Lindstrom, Public Works Supt. Paul Naugle, village attorney Scott Puma, Village engineer Jim Sparber, and village treasurer David Jepson. Special guests included Carol “Punky” Strom, and John Blake. The pledge of allegiance was then said.
- III. Comments From Floor
  1. None heard.
- IV. Approval of Minutes. Minutes of General Board meeting held on October 6, 2014 were presented for approval. Motion by McMurray, D. and seconded by Ziegler to approve as read.. On a roll call vote Ford, Ziegler, McMurray, W., Newberry, McMurray, D., Pierce voted yes. Motion carried.
- V. Approval of Warrant. The following Warrant for monthly expenditures was presented for authorization. Motion by Ford, and seconded by McMurray, W. to authorize. On a roll call vote Ziegler, McMurray, W., Newberry, McMurray, D., Pierce, Ford voted yes. Motion carried.
- VI. Financial Report
  1. 2015 Tax Levy Review – Treasurer Jepson reviewed tax levy amounts with board and mayor. Village to levy \$205,000 which represents a 6.3% increase, and library to levy \$49,665 which represents a 4.98% increase. Public hearing scheduled for December 1, 2014 at 6:45pm.
- VII. Reports
  1. Police - See report dated November 2014. Chief Lindstrom suggested amending village code to include e-cigarettes policy. Trustee Pierce commended police department for volunteering at Sycamore Pumpkin Fest.
  2. Public Works – See report dated October 2014. Repair to grinder to cost approximately \$2000 - \$5000. Lift at pump station #2 has failed also. Preliminary quotes for replacement are \$8500 and \$500 to rebuild. Sixth street is finished, with patching still ongoing.
  3. Zoning – No Report. Tattoo parlor has been approved by Plan Commission. Building permits still needed for work going on inside shop.

4. Pioneer Park – No Report.
5. Economic Development – No Report. Tasty Dawg shop has closed permanently. Pizza Parlor scheduled to open in March 2015.
6. TIF and Revolving Loan – No Report.
7. Committee Reports
  - Police Committee – No Report.
  - Ordinance Committee – No Report.
  - Finance Committee – No Report.
  - Water & Sewer Committee – No Report.
  - Streets & Alleys Committee – No Report.
  - Parks – No Report. Still waiting on DNR for reports regarding trail grant.

VIII. Scheduled Speakers

1. Carol “Punky” Strom – Ms. Strom gave a brief history of family in town, and thanked the board for recognizing Strom’s Hill with the historical marker sign.

IX. Unfinished Business

1. Water Main Break at Route 72 and First Streets – Trustee McMurray, D. has been unsuccessful in contacting anyone at Fire Department to discuss main break. McMurray is planning on attending next Fire Department meeting to discuss directly. Item moved to agenda for next general board meeting.
2. Employee Drug Policy – After much discussion, board consensus was to have Attorney Puma draft updates to Employee Policy to include drug testing policy. Item moved to agenda for next general board meeting.
3. Hickory Ridge Building Moratorium – Lots are being sold without notification to buyers about moratorium. After much discussion, board consensus was to have Attorney Puma follow up with similar lawsuits filed in other villages. Item moved to agenda for next general board meeting.

X. Resolutions, Ordinances, and Miscellaneous Business

1. Building Permit – Stop work order issued for property on Fifth Street for roof work without a permit.

XI. New Business

1. Right of Way Request-Blake Leasing Co. and Geo-Think, LLC – Attorney Puma reviewed contract and recommends the board approve. Mr. Blake has requested right of way from the railroad but has not yet received a response. Requested to define limits of groundwater contamination. Motion by Ford and seconded by McMurray, D., to approve request as presented. On a roll call vote McMurray, W., Newberry, McMurray, D., Pierce, Ford, and Ziegler voted yes. Motion carried.
2. Blackboard Connect Contract Renewal – Motion by McMurray, D., and seconded by Ziegler to authorize Mayor Bellah to enter into contract renewal for one year with Blackboard Connect. On a roll call vote Newberry, McMurray, D., Pierce, Ford, Ziegler, McMurray, W. voted yes. Motion carried.

3. Municipal Utility Taxes Contract with Azavar Audit Solutions and Cozen O'Connor, P.C. –Motion by Newberry and seconded by McMurray, D., to accept contract as presented. On a roll call vote McMurray, D., Pierce, Ford, Ziegler, McMurray, W., and Newberry voted yes. Motion carried.
4. New Furniture for Village Hall Conference Room – After discussion, board consensus was to have Mayor Bellah research options and costs and report back to board. Item moved to agenda for next general board meeting.
5. Tree Removal at 115 South Street – Supt. Naugle shared lowest quote of \$3500 to remove trees that village is unable to remove. Board consensus was to proceed with tree removal.
6. Property at 419 Main Street – Quote to repair entire building with necessary structure repairs came to \$80,477 which doesn't include plumbing, and heating/air conditioning repairs. Mayor Bellah has also fielded requests for purchase of building. Item moved to Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for November 24, 2014 at 7:00pm.

XII. Executive Session

Motion by McMurray, D. and seconded by Newberry to move to Executive Session to discuss Personnel under Section 2(c) (1). On a roll call vote Pierce, Ford, Ziegler, McMurray, W., Newberry, and McMurray, D. voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Newberry and seconded by McMurray, D., to return to General Session. On a roll call vote Ford, Ziegler, McMurray, W., Newberry, McMurray, D., and Pierce voted yes. Motion carried

XIII. Second Meeting of the Month

None called.

Adjournment

Motion by Ford and seconded by McMurray, D. to adjourn meeting. Aye voice vote carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

ATTEST:

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Theresa A. D'Amato  
Village Clerk

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Les Bellah  
Village President